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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF :
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 : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
 : FOR REMEDIAL EDUCATION
 :
 AMY L. GROFF, D.O., :
 LICENSEE. :
 : **ORDER 0006673**

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 19 MED 081

The parties to this action for the purposes of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Amy L. Groff, D.O.
Waunakee, WI 53597

Wisconsin Medical Examining Board
P.O. Box 8366
Madison, WI 53708- 8366

Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190
Madison, WI 53707-7190

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Medical Examining Board (Board). The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Licensee Amy L. Groff, D.O. (DOB xx/xx/1976), is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 50162-21, first issued on March 15, 2007, with registration current through October 31, 2021. Licensee's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Waunakee, Wisconsin 53597.

2. In October of 2017, Licensee assumed the primary care of Patient A, a female born in 1941, who had a history of chronic pain and fibromyalgia.

3. Before treating with Licensee, Patient A had abdominal CT performed on April 26, 2017, which demonstrated a pancreatic lesion, reported by the radiologist as follows:

The tail of the pancreas shows a small cystic lesion, measuring 1.9 x 1.2 cm. This should be followed up by MRI in one year.

4. On October 3, 2017, Licensee provided Osteopathic Manipulative Therapy (OMT) to Patient A for her chronic pain complaints.

5. On November 7, 2017, Patient A reported to Licensee that she had been experiencing abdominal pain for months:

Left stomach pain. Unsure if related to left low back pain. Left side of her abdomen feels like a burning acid sensation. Present for months. Improves when she drinks milk.

6. On November 7, 2017, Licensee increased Patient A's Prilosec dosage and provided OMT. Licensee failed to perform an abdominal examination or order any diagnostic testing to address Patient A's abdominal pain.

7. On December 12, 2017, Licensee provided OMT to Patient A. A follow-up visit was scheduled with Licensee for January 26, 2018.

8. On January 19, 2018, Patient A contacted the clinic and reported continued stomach pain with bloating. Patient A was offered an earlier appointment with a physician assistant on January 23, 2018. The physician assistant ordered a CT scan which demonstrated pancreatic cancer invading the stomach wall and an increase in the size of the pancreatic lesion found in April of 2017.

9. Patient A died on February 23, 2018.

10. Licensee denies engaging in any unprofessional conduct, but consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order in resolution of this matter. The Board has not made a finding that Licensee engaged in unprofessional conduct and the entry of this Final Decision and Order for Remedial Education does not constitute professional discipline.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Within six (6) months of the date of this Order, Amy L. Groff, D.O. shall at Licensee's own expense take and successfully complete six (6) hours of education in the area of the treatment and diagnosis of pancreatic cancer and/or pain management in the cancer patient as follows:

- a. Each course attended in satisfaction of this Order must be pre-approved by the Board or its designee. Licensee shall be responsible for locating course(s) satisfactory to the Board and for obtaining the required approval of the course(s) from the Board or its designee. Licensee must take and pass any exam offered for the course(s).
 - b. Licensee shall submit proof of successful completion of the education in the form of verification from the institution providing the education to the Department Monitor at the address stated below. None of the education completed pursuant to this requirement may be used to satisfy any continuing education requirements that have been or may be instituted by the Board or Department.
3. Requests for course approval and proof of successful course completion shall be sent by Licensee to the Department Monitor at the address below:

Department Monitor
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

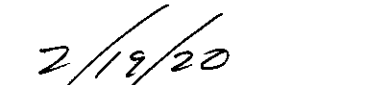
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4. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

by:


A Member of the Board


Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF :

AMY L. GROFF, D.O., :
LICENSEE. :

STIPULATION

ORDER 0006673

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 19 MED 081

Licensee Amy L. Groff, D.O. and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services, stipulate as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Licensee consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.
2. Licensee understands that by signing this Stipulation, Licensee voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:
 - the right to a hearing on the allegations against Licensee, at which time the State has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
 - the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Licensee;
 - the right to call witnesses on Licensee's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
 - the right to testify on Licensee's own behalf;
 - the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision;
 - the right to petition for rehearing; and
 - all other applicable rights afforded to Licensee under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.
3. Licensee is aware of Licensee's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation. Licensee is represented by Attorney Amy Scholl.
4. Licensee agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order for Remedial Education by the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board (Board). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order for Remedial Education without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Licensee waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.
5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division

of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

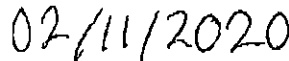
6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Board ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of Licensee, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Board may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Board should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order for Remedial Education.

7. Licensee is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order for Remedial Education is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Licensee in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order for Remedial Education.




Amy L. Groff, D.O., Licensee
Waunakee, WI 53597
License no. 50162-21



Date



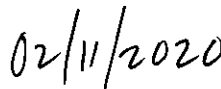
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