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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION FOR :
LICENSURE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND :
SURGERY :

MICHAEL PEREZ RODRIGUEZ, M.D. :
APPLICANT. :

ORDER GRANTING
LIMITED LICENSE

ORDER 0007173

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

MICHAEL PEREZ RODRIGUEZ
WAUSAU, WI 54401

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD (BOARD)
P.O. BOX 8366
MADISON, WI 53708-8366

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Michael Perez Rodriguez (Applicant) filed an application (#663037) for a license to practice medicine and surgery in Wisconsin.
2. Information received in the application reflects the following:
 - a. Applicant met all requirements for licensure except the requirement for 24 months of ACGME/AOA accredited post-graduate training.
 - b. Applicant was licensed to practice medicine as a House Physician by the State of Florida.
 - c. Applicant successfully completed 8.5 years of post-graduate training outside of the United States, including:
 - i. Comprehensive General Medicine Residency
 1. PGY1: 09/01/2002 – 08/30/2003
 2. PGY2: 09/01/2003 – 08/30/2004
 3. PGY3: 09/01/2004 – 03/22/2005Family Practice Assignment in Maisi, Guantanamo, Cuba
General Practitioner Assignment in L' Artibonite, Haiti
 - ii. Cardiovascular Surgery Residency (6/1/2005 – 5/24/2011)
 1. PGY 1&2: General Surgery Rotation
 2. PGY3: Cardiology Rotation
 3. PGY4-6: Cardiovascular Surgery RotationHospital Clinico Quirurgico – Hermanos Ameijeiras, La Habana, Cuba
 - iii. Cardiovascular Surgeon (06/01/2011 – 11/25/2013)

Hospital Clinico Quirurgico – Hermanos Ameijeiras, La Habana, Cuba

- d. Applicant practiced as a heart surgeon in Cuba from 2005 to 2013.
 - e. Applicant is certified by the American Board of Surgical Assistants (ABSA) and worked for Aspirus, Inc. as a First Surgical Assistant in cardiothoracic surgery at Aspirus Wausau Hospital from March 2014 to present.
3. On December 17, 2020, Applicant appeared before the full Board for an interview to provide additional information about Applicant's education, training and past practice. The Board concluded that:
- a. Applicant has extensive post-graduate education and training, however, that training was not obtained in a program approved by the board.
 - b. Applicant's 8.5 years of post-graduate training in a jurisdiction outside the United States and his other professional experience (including practice as a cardiothoracic surgeon) is substantially equivalent to 24 months of approved postgraduate training.
 - c. Applicant has limited practice as a physician in the United States.
 - d. Applicant intends to continue practicing for Aspirus, Inc.
4. Based on considerations of public health and safety related to Applicant's training and limited practice history as a physician in the United States, limiting Applicant's license to practice medicine and surgery is necessary and appropriate.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§15.08(5)(c) and 448.02(1) and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).
2. The Board has authority to issue this Order pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.06(1m).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
2. Now, therefore, IT IS ORDERED that MICHAEL PEREZ RODRIGUEZ, M.D. is GRANTED A LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY subject to the following LIMITATIONS, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS.
3. The license issued to MICHAEL PEREZ RODRIGUEZ to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin is LIMITED as follows:
 - a. Applicant may only practice medicine and surgery in conjunction with his employment with the Aspirus healthcare network, Aspirus Network, Inc.
 - b. Applicant shall provide Applicant's employer with a copy of this Order before engaging in any employment as a physician. Applicant shall provide the Department of Safety and Professional Services Monitor (Department Monitor)

with written acknowledgment from Applicant's employer that a copy of this Order has been received. Such acknowledgment shall be provided to the Department Monitor within fourteen (14) days of beginning new employment and/or within fourteen (14) days of the date of this Order for employment current as of the date of this Order.

4. Applicant shall report to the Department Monitor any change of employment status, residence, address or telephone number within five (5) days of the date of a change.
5. Applicant is responsible for compliance with all of the terms and conditions of this Order.
6. Applicant shall notify Department Monitor within 48 hours of any suspected violations of any of the terms and conditions of this Order.
7. The Department Monitor is the individual designated by the Board as its agent to coordinate compliance with the terms of this Order. Any requests, petitions, reports and other information required by this Order shall be mailed, emailed, faxed or delivered to:

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

You may also submit this information online via DSPS' Monitoring Case Management System, here:

<https://app.wi.gov/DSPSMonitoring>

8. In the event that the Applicant violates any term of this Order, Applicant's license may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be **SUSPENDED**, without further notice or hearing, until Applicant has provided proof, which is determined by the Board or its designee to be sufficient, that Applicant is in compliance with the terms of the Order. The Board may, in addition and/or in the alternative, refer any violation of this Order to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for investigation and action.

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

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin this 22nd day of December, 2020.

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

By: _____

A Member of the Board

STATE OF WISCONSIN
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IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION FOR
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MICHAEL PEREZ RODRIGUEZ, M.D.
APPLICANT.

STIPULATION

ORDER 0007173

It is hereby stipulated between the above-referenced Applicant and the State of Wisconsin Medical Examining Board (Board) as follows:

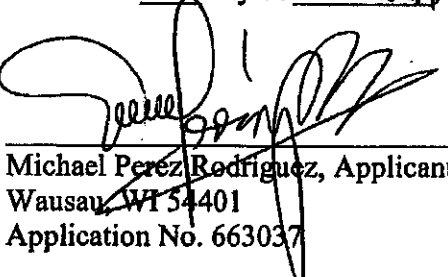
Applicant has filed an application for a license to practice Medicine and Surgery. Information received by the Board in the application process reflects that Applicant has had little practice as a physician in the United States and as such, has not demonstrated adequate education, training, or past practice to qualify for full licensure. Based upon considerations of public health and safety, the Board agrees to issue, and Applicant agrees to accept a non-disciplinary Limited License to practice Medicine and Surgery subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Order adopting the Stipulation.

Applicant agrees to the adoption of the attached Order Granting Limited License by the Board. The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Order Granting Limited License without further notice, appearance, or consent of the parties.


Applicant waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's Order, if adopted in the form as attached.

Applicant is informed that the Order Granting Limited License is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department of Safety and Professional Services procedure.

Dated this 21 day of DECEMBER, 2020


Michael Perez Rodriguez, Applicant
Wausau, WI 54401
Application No. 663037

Dated this 22nd day of December, 2020


A Member of the Medical Examining Board
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