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# STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ALEKSANDAR V. ROSICH, M.D., RESPONDENT.

ORDER 0007755

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 20 MED 272

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

Aleksandar V. Rosich, M.D. Milwaukee, WI 53202

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. Respondent Aleksandar V. Rosich, M.D., (Year of Birth 1963) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 43071-20, first issued on March 5, 2001, and with registration current through October 31, 2023. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202.
- 2. At all times relevant to this matter, Respondent was working as an internal medicine physician in Wisconsin.
- 3. The Department received a complaint from a pharmacy (Pharmacy) alleging that Respondent repeatedly submitted prescriptions without legally-required information, and that

Respondent's interactions with Pharmacy staff were unprofessional. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance (Division) opened Division case number 20 MED 272 to investigate the allegations.

- 4. Between January and June 2020, Respondent routinely submitted prescription orders, including prescription orders for Schedule II controlled substances such as oxycodone, to the Pharmacy without legally-required information such as strength, dosage form, patient address, physician address, and physician printed name.
- 5. Between January and June 2020, Respondent was verbally abusive and unprofessional, to Pharmacy staff and used vulgar profanity directed at pharmacists and Pharmacy technicians, called Pharmacy staff "feeble minded" and "incompetent", and stated that he hoped that the Pharmacy's building would burn down.
- 6. On August 25, 2021, at the request of the Division, Respondent underwent a neuropsychological evaluation by a Board-certified clinical neuropsychologist who concluded that Respondent was able to safely practice as an internist, but recommended that Respondent undergo psychotherapy to help develop more effective coping skills to manage stress and improve professional interpersonal interactions.
- 7. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3), and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).
- 2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct within the meaning of Wis. Admin. Code § Med 10.03(2)(c) by prescribing, ordering, dispensing, administering, supplying, selling, giving, or obtaining any prescription medication in any manner that is inconsistent with the standard of minimal competence.
- 3. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct within the meaning of Wis. Admin. Code § Med 10.03(2)(h) by engaging in repeated or significant disruptive behavior or interaction with physicians, hospital personnel, patients, family members, or others that interferes with patient care or could reasonably be expected to adversely impact the quality of care rendered.
- 4. As a result of the above conduct, Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § 448.02(3).

#### ORDER

- 1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
- 2. Respondent is REPRIMANDED.

- 3. Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Wisconsin (license number 43071-20) is LIMITED as follows:
  - a. Respondent shall, at his own expense, enter into and continue psychotherapy with a treater acceptable to the Board or its designee (Treater). Tatiana Vukotic, Psy.D., is pre-approved as a treater acceptable to the Board.
  - b. Respondent shall participate in, cooperate with, and follow all recommendations by Treater.
    - i. The psychotherapy should focus on providing Respondent with more effective coping skills to manage stress and improve professional interpersonal interactions.
    - ii. Psychotherapy should take place at a frequency to be recommended by Treater.
    - iii. Psychotherapy should continue for a duration of not less than one (1) year.
    - iv. Prior to psychotherapy, Respondent shall provide a copy of this Order to the Treater, as well as a copy of the neuropsychological evaluation report referenced in paragraph 6 of the Findings of Fact above.
    - v. If Treater is unable or unwilling to serve as required by this Order, Respondent shall immediately seek approval of a successor Treater by the Board or its designee.
    - vi. Treater shall submit written reports to the Department Monitor on a quarterly basis, confirming Respondent's participation and progress in psychotherapy.
    - vii. Respondent shall execute all releases necessary to permit disclosure of the Treater's reports to the Board or its designee.
    - viii. Respondent is responsible for ensuring that the Treater's quarterly reports are sent to the Department Monitor.
    - ix. Treater shall report to the Board or its designee any concerns regarding Respondent's fitness to practice as a physician. The Board or its designee may limit Respondent's license in a manner to address any concerns the Board or its designee has as a result of a report from the Treater, including, but not limited to:
      - (a) Additional professional education in any identified areas of deficiency.

- (b) Restrictions on the nature of practice, practice setting, or requirements for supervision of practice by a professional approved by the Board, with periodic reports to the Board by the supervisor.
- c. Respondent may petition the Board to modify the terms of this Order and remove the psychotherapy limitation; however, no such petition for modification shall occur earlier than one year from the date of this Order. Any petition for modification shall be accompanied by a written recommendation from Respondent's Treater expressly supporting the specific modification sought. Denial of a petition in whole or in part shall not be considered a denial of a license within the meaning of Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a), and Respondent shall not have a right to any further hearings or proceedings on the denial.
- 4. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$1,023.00.
- 5. Any reports, requests, petitions, payments of costs (made payable to Department of Safety and Professional Services), and other information required by this Order shall be submitted 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) 266-2112; Fax (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

Respondent may also submit this information online at: https://dspsmonitoring.wi.gov.

- 6. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's license (43071-20), or Respondent's right to renew his license, may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied 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 further investigation and action.
  - 7. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

By:	Stefler H. Waranu, Ms	15 December 2021
Dy.	A Member of the Board	Date

# STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

STIPULATION

ALEKSANDAR V. ROSICH, M.D., RESPONDENT.

**ORDER 0007755** 

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 20 MED 272

Respondent Aleksandar V. Rosich, M.D., 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. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.
- 2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:
  - the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondent, 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 Respondent;
  - the right to call witnesses on Respondent's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
  - the right to testify on Respondent'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 Respondent under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.
- 3. Respondent is aware of Respondent's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation. Respondent is represented by Attorney Paul Erickson.
- 4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board (Board). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent 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.
- The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division 6. 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 Respondent or Respondent's attorney, 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.
- 7. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.
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8. The Division of Legal Services and recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue		
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Aleksandar V. Rosich, M.D., Respondent	Date	
Milwaukee, WI 53202		
License No. 43071-20		
Paul Erickson, Attorney for Respondent Gutglass Erickson Larson and Schneider, SC 735 N. Water St., Ste. 1400 Milwaukee, WI 53202	Date	
Carley Peich Kiesling, Prosecuting Attorney Department of Safety and Professional Services	Date	
Division of Legal Services and Compliance		

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- 7. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.
- 8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

Aleksandar V. Rosich, M.D., Respondent Milwaukee, WI 53202 License No. 43071-20	Date
Paul Erickson, Attorney for Respondent Gutglass Erickson Larson and Schneider, SC 735 N. Water St., Ste. 1400 Milwaukee, WI 53202	<u>//-/9-202  </u> Date
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