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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF :  
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 : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER  
 : FOR REMEDIAL EDUCATION  
 ABD G. EL-KHATIB, M.D., :  
 LICENSEE. : **ORDER 0008024**

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 19 MED 252

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

Abd G. El-Khatib, M.D.  
Eau Claire, WI 54701

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 Abd G. El-Khatib, M.D., (Year of Birth 1950) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 25187-20, first issued on May 23, 1983 with registration current through October 31, 2023. Licensee's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54701.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Licensee practiced as a physician specializing in internal medicine and cardiology at a hospital located in Eau Claire, Wisconsin (Facility).

3. On June 3, 2019, Licensee's privileges at the Facility were terminated after an internal investigation found Licensee's care and treatment below the acceptable standard of care.

4. On February 20, 2018, a 69-year-old male patient (Patient A) was admitted to the Facility's medical unit on the fifth floor as a transfer from another institution, at the request of his wife, complaining of dizziness and headache. He arrived at the Facility more than seven hours after symptom onset. Licensee ordered all the medications, diagnostic and therapeutic orders on the patient. Licensee ordered confirmatory neurology and ENT consults on February 22, 2018, and a head MRI on February 24, 2018. The neurology consult later reviewed the MRI result and did not change the course of treatment or medications.

5. Licensee failed to timely order a neurological consult and to properly document the care and treatment that he provided to Patient A.

6. On June 20, 2020, Licensee successfully completed *Risk Management Consult: Documentation, 2nd Edition*, for a total of 6.00 AMA PR Category 1 credits.

7. Licensee currently has an internal medicine and cardiology practice in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, where he is the owner and sole practitioner.

8. Licensee intends to retire from the practice of medicine on or before September 30, 2022.

9. Licensee denies that his care and treatment fell below the standard of care but he consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order in resolution of this matter.

#### 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, Licensee shall at their own expense take and successfully complete four hours of education in the diagnosis and work up of stroke 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 and may not be used in any future attempt to upgrade a credential.

- c. The Board's monitoring liaison may change the number of credit hours and/or education topics in response to a request from Licensee. The monitoring liaison may consider the topic availability and/or hours of education when determining if a change to the ordered education should occur.

3. Within 90 days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$1,555.00.


4. Any requests for course approval, proof of course completion, payment of costs (made payable to Department of Safety and Professional Services), and any 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

Licensee may also submit this information online at: <https://dspsmonitoring.wi.gov>.

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

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

By:   
A Member of the Board

6/15/2022  
Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF :  
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ABD G. EL-KHATIB, M.D., : STIPULATION  
LICENSEE. :  
 : **ORDER 0008024**

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 19 MED 252

Licensee Abd G. El-Khatib, 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. 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 Lawrence Schaefer.

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 or Licensee'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 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. Licensee is further informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order for Remedial Education will be reported as required by the National Practitioner Databank (NPDB) Guidebook and as otherwise required by any licensure compact or any other state or federal law.

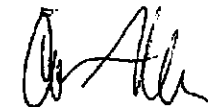
9. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Licensee in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order for Remedial Education.

  
Abd G. El-Khatib, M.D., Licensee  
Eau Claire, WI 54701  
License No. 25187-20

05-25-2022  
Date

  
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5/25/2022  
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