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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
JEFFREY B. SHOVERS, M.D.,	:	
RESPONDENT.	:	ORDER 0 0 0 8 58 🗅

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case Nos. 20 MED 464

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

Jeffrey B. Shovers, M.D. Wauwatosa, WI 53222

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

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Jeffrey B. Shovers, M.D., (Year of Birth 1958) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 30083-20, first issued on March 22, 1989, 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 Wauwatosa, Wisconsin 53222.

2. At all times relevant to these proceedings, Respondent practiced as an orthopedic surgeon at a facility located in West Allis, Wisconsin (Facility).

3. On August 4, 2020, Respondent performed left anterior hip replacement on Patient A (female born in 1952). Patient A was discharged home on August 6, 2020, with a walker and referral for physical therapy.

4. On August 13, 2020, Patient A's physical therapist referred her to the emergency department for evaluation due to concern regarding lack of rotation and possible dislocation.

5. On August 13, 2020, Respondent examined Patient A and a dislocation was confirmed. Respondent performed revision surgery to remove the femoral head and place a larger acetabular cup. During surgery, Respondent did not detect any arterial or vascular compromise or injury.

6. Later that evening, Patient A's left foot felt cold and she experienced numbness and pain. An arteriogram and CT scan demonstrated a popliteal clot and femoral artery clotting. Patient A was emergently transferred to another hospital for vascular intervention.

7. On August 16, 2020, a vascular surgeon performed repair of Patient A's femoral artery which required a fasciotomy and inter-positional graft. Intraoperative findings included, *inter alia*:

Complete occlusion of the left common femoral artery from the thrombus, through and through large perforation injury, most likely iatrogenic, with significant damage to the vessel wall, about 60% of the circumference, requiring interposition bypass popliteal artery thrombus, viable muscle in all four compartments, but ischemic.

8. On May 31, 2023, Respondent retired from the practice of surgery at the Facility.

9. Respondent does not hold surgical privileges at any hospital and has represented to the Board that he will no longer perform surgery in any capacity.

10. 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 these matters 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 as defined in Wis. Admin. Code § Med 10.03(2)(b) by departing from or failing to conform to the standard of minimally competent medical practice which creates an unacceptable risk of harm to a patient or the public whether or not the act or omission resulted in actual harm to any person.

3. As a result of the above violation, Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3).

<u>ORDER</u>

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent is REPRIMANDED.

3. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$3,399.00.

4. Any 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

Department Montor 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.

5. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's license and registration (number 30083-20) or Respondent's right to renew his license and registration to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Wisconsin, 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.

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

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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A Member of the Board

6/21/23

Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	•	STIPULATION
JEFFREY B. SHOVERS, M.D., RESPONDENT.	•	ORDER 000 858 2

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case Nos. 20 MED 464

Respondent Jeffrey B. Shovers, M.D., and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services, stipulate as follows:

This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division 1. of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.

Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily 2. 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.

Respondent is aware of Respondent's right to seek legal representation and has 3. been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation. Respondent is represented by Attorney Sean Gaynor.

Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the 4. 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.

If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not 5. 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 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.

8. Respondent is further informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order 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 Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

Jeffrey B. Shovers, M.D., Respondent Wauwatosa, WI 53222 License No. 30083-20

Sean Gaynor, Attorney for Respondent Leib, Knott & Gaynor, LLC 219 N. Milwaukee St., Ste. 710 Milwaukee, WI 53202

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

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6/8/23

Date