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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
SRIVATHSA C. VEERARAGHAVAN, M.D.,	:	FOR REMEDIAL EDUCATION
LICENSEE.	:	ORDER 0008871

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 22 MED 405

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

Srivathsa C. Veeraraghavan, M.D.
Las Vegas, NV 89128

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

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On May 19, 2023, the Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department), Division of Legal Services and Compliance, filed a Notice of Hearing and Complaint with the Department of Administration, Division of Hearings and Appeals (DHA) which alleged that Licensee engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § Med 10.03(2)(b). On June 7, 2023, Licensee filed an Answer which denied that Licensee had committed unprofessional conduct. On June 23, 2023, a prehearing conference was held by the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) at which time a hearing date was set for November 27 and 28, 2023, and deadlines for filing motions, conducting discovery and naming witnesses were established.

The parties in this matter agree to enter into stipulated resolution in lieu of participating in an evidentiary hearing. The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation and agree that the Board may issue a Final Decision and Order. The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable. Accordingly, the Board adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Srivathsa C. Veeraraghavan, M.D. (Licensee), (Year of Birth 1980) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 62749-20, first issued on August 12, 2014, with registration current through October 31, 2025. Licensee's most recent address on file with the Department is in Las Vegas, Nevada 89128.

2. Licensee is also licensed to practice medicine and surgery in Nevada.

3. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Licensee practiced as a radiologist in Las Vegas, Nevada.

4. On October 13, 2019, a 48-year-old male patient (Patient A) presented to the hospital emergency department with complaints of pain and swelling to his right hand after a fall. Licensee read seven x-rays that were taken of Patient A's right hand and wrist and opined that no fracture or dislocation was identified.

5. Subsequent treatment of Patient A identified that Patient A had a dislocation relative to the 4th and 5th metacarpal of his right hand and wrist.

6. In February 2021, Patient A filed a complaint in Clark County District Court, Nevada, naming Licensee as a defendant and alleging that Licensee failed to accurately read and opine on the seven x-rays. In July of 2022, the parties reached settlement and the lawsuit was dismissed. The dismissal did not contain findings of wrongdoing nor admissions of liability.

7. Dislocations of the carpometacarpal joints are rare injuries which often have subtle radiographic findings. Licensee asserts that his read and interpretation of the seven x-rays at issue was a competent read.

8. This Final Decision and Order for Education does not constitute professional discipline and the Board has made no finding that Licensee engaged in unprofessional conduct.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The 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 ninety (90) days of the date of this Order, Licensee shall at his own expense take and successfully complete six (6) hours of education on the topic of radiographic appearance of acute fractures and/or dislocation of the wrist and hand 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. The following courses are approved: An Overview of the Named Wrist Fractures – Vol. 44, No. 24 offered by Lippincott CME Connection, and Emergency Radiology Virtual Course—MSK (Upper Extremity Focusing on Shoulder Trauma) Case Review offered by the American College of Radiology.
- c. 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.
- d. The Board or its designee may change the number of credit hours and/or education topics in response to a request from Licensee. The Board or its designee may consider the topic availability and/or hours of education when determining if a change to the ordered education should occur.

3. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Licensee shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$9400.00.

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
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: Clarence Chau (M.D.)
A Member of the Board

11/15/2023
Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

SRIVATHSA C. VEERARAGHAVAN, M.D.,
LICENSEE.

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STIPULATION

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 22 MED 405

Srivathsa C. Veeraraghavan, M.D. (Licensee) 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 James Gutglass.

4. Licensee 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. 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.

7. Licensee 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. Licensee 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 Licensee in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.



Srivathsa C. Veeraraghavan, M.D., Licensee
Las Vegas, NV 89128
License No. 62749-20

10/31/23

Date

Electronically Signed by James R. Gutglass
James Gutglass, Attorney for Licensee
Gutglass Erickson Larson and Schneider, S.C.
735 N. Water St., Ste 1400
Milwaukee, WI 53202

11/01/23

Date



Gretchen Mrozinski, Prosecuting Attorney
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11/2/2023

Date