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A Newsletter of the  
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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**MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD**

After a long hiatus, we are proud to bring to you this edition of the Regulatory Digest. Even though many changes have occurred since the last Digest was published in 2004, the work and the mission of the Board have remained the same. We continue to strive to safeguard the citizens of Wisconsin from unscrupulous practice of medicine as well as rehabilitate licensees as and when possible. The mission of the Board is:

*To protect the health, safety and well being of Wisconsin citizens by ensuring the safe and competent practice of licensed professionals.*

The Digest will be published twice a year, every July and January. This will be in an electronic version and so it is very important that we have everyone's e-mail on file.

We would like to use the Digest as a way to communicate with you with the intent of keeping you abreast with the disciplines as well as changes in the regulatory environment. We would love to hear from you and encourage you to contact us with questions, complaints and of course compliments too. Our contact information is on the last page of this digest.

**MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR**

The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board, the membership of which is described elsewhere on this page, is involved in several current initiatives, an example of which is the return of the Regulatory Digest. We hope to use it as a

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vehicle to communicate our actions and more importantly as an educational tool to help licensees to avoid the errors made by others.

Other projects currently being worked on by the Board include:

- The most promising project of all is working its way through the legislature. As proposed by the Governor and endorsed by the Joint Finance Committee, all functions of the Medical Examining Board would be segregated within the Department, allowing clarity regarding how our licensing fees are used. The semi-annual renewal rate would be increased from the current level of \$112 to \$144 to allow a modest increase in Board-related personnel, in turn to allow more rapid and effective resolution of cases brought before us.
- Simplifying the process of obtaining a Wisconsin license for physicians already licensed in Minnesota. The board has also participated in a National Governors Association project to facilitate licensing for telemedicine and is an applicant for a grant to assist in this process among several states in the upper Midwest.
- Recommending to the legislature that criminal background checks be required of all new applicants for licensure.
- Reviewing current Graduate Medical Education requirements for licensure (currently one year). Options such as an increase in the residency requirement period and a new resident credential are under consideration.
- Participating in a task force created by Department Secretary Celia Jackson to explore possible revisions to the Impaired Professionals Procedure (IPP).
- A review of current continuing medical education (CME) requirements for license renewal.

**Gene Musser, MD, Chair**

### **COMPLAINTS TO THE BOARD**

The Board receives over 400 complaints about physician practice per year. Complaints can be as little as an anonymous phone call but are usually much more detailed. Around 50 percent come from patients and/or their families, around 10 percent from the National Practitioner Data Bank, around 10 percent either self-reported or by another licensee, and the remainder from various other sources. Complaints are reviewed

monthly by a screening panel made up of three Board members who have before them the complaint a response from the physician, and the relevant medical records. Around 70 percent of complaints are not pursued beyond this stage, generally because there's no evidence of a violation of the practice act or insufficient evidence to allow prosecution. Around half of the complaints involve allegations of negligent practice. Almost 20 percent involve either alcohol or drug use or drug diversion. A few percent are sexual in nature, so called "boundary violations."

Complaints involving allegations of negligence run the entire gamut of medical practice. The most frequent are various failures in the emergency room, surgical misadventures (especially wrong site, wrong procedure and inadequate management of post-operative complications), failure to follow up on laboratory and x-ray findings (abnormal PSAs, mammograms, incidental findings on films ordered for other reasons).

Of complaints opened for further investigation one third result in some formal Board action, examples of which are administrative warnings, remedial education orders, reprimands, often including limitations on license, or suspension or revocation of the license. There are currently 210 open cases.

### **NEW WISCONSIN LAWS THAT IMPACT MEDICAL PRACTICE**

#### **2007 Wisconsin Act 102**

Effective March 28, 2008, 2007 Wisconsin Act 102 requires a hospital that provides emergency services to a sexual assault victim to: (1) provide the victim medically and factually accurate and unbiased written and oral information about emergency contraception and its use and efficacy; (2) orally inform the victim of: (a) her option to receive emergency contraception at the hospital; (b) her option to report the sexual assault to a law enforcement agency; and (c) any available options for her to receive an examination to gather evidence regarding the sexual assault; and (3) immediately provide the victim, upon her

request, emergency contraception in accordance with instructions approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration. If the medication is taken in more than one dosage, the hospital must provide all subsequent dosages to the victim for later self-administration.

## **2007 Wisconsin Act 202**

Act 202 provides an exception to the general requirement that pharmacists dispense prescription drugs at licensed pharmacies (remote dispensing). Under the exception created by the Act, a pharmacist may dispense at a location not licensed as a pharmacy pursuant to rules promulgated by the Pharmacy Examining Board. The Act limits the locations at which remote dispensing may occur to health care facilities, the office or clinic of a practitioner, correctional, detention, rehabilitation and residential care centers. Effective April 15, 2008, the Act requires the Board to promulgate rules within 24 months. In the interim, the Board may grant variances for remote dispensing sites. In the interim, the Board's guidelines can be located at: <http://drl.wi.gov/prof/phar/pebremotedispensingguidelines>.

## **SPECIAL NOTE TO PHYSICIANS AND OTHER PRACTITIONERS CONCERNING NATIONAL PROVIDER IDENTIFIERS (NPIs)**

If you voluntarily surrender your license or retire and you will no longer be furnishing health care in this or any other State, please remember to deactivate your National Provider Identifier (NPI) in the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES). Deactivating your NPI will help ensure that your NPI is not used fraudulently by others. If you do not know how to deactivate your NPI, you may contact the NPI Enumerator at 1-800-465-3203.

## **ONLINE PRESCRIBER EDUCATION NETWORK (OPEN)**

The Attorney General Consumer and Prescriber Education Grant Program was created as part of the 2004 consumer protection settlement with

Warner-Lambert because of defective off-label marketing of the drug Nerontin. As one of the recipients, the Federation of State Medical Board Foundation developed and implemented a Web-based portal that will provide educational programs to practicing physicians about pharmaceutical industry marketing techniques and their effect on prescribing practices. Most programs are free of charge and can be taken for continuing medical education credit. The courses can be accessed at [www.fsmb.org/RE/Open/modules](http://www.fsmb.org/RE/Open/modules)

## **NEW BOOK HELPS PHYSICIANS BETTER MANAGE ACUTE AND CHRONIC PAIN**

*Responsible Opioid Prescribing: A Physicians Guide*, offers a real-world explanations and practical strategies that address issues of under-treatment of pain, risk of prescription drug abuse and improved patient care.

*Responsible Opioid Prescribing* recommends steps for:

- Ensuring effective patient evaluation
- Creating and maintaining clear, consistent, transparent and detailed documentation
- Creating a function-based treatment plan with actionable patient goals
- Obtaining a written patient-physician agreement that includes informed consent
- Overseeing periodic review that focuses on progress toward functional goals
- Making specialist referrals and managing difficult patients

*Responsible Opioid Prescribing* is available at [www.fsmb.org](http://www.fsmb.org)

Medical Examining Board's Position Statement on Pain Management can be found at <http://drl.wi.gov/prof/doct/painstatement.pdf>

## DISCIPLINES

### **JANUARY 2008**

**William L. Gerard** – Physician, Milwaukee. The Medical Examining Board ordered Dr. William L. Gerard to complete remedial education in the use and interpretation of electronic fetal monitoring and to take a course titled “Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics,” and to pay costs of \$3,428.

Dated: January 23, 2008. Chap. 448, Wis. Stat. § 448.02.

### **MARCH 2008**

**Frederick J. Bartizal** – Physician, Neenah. The Medical Examining Board limited the license of Frederick J. Bartizal to practice as a physician in that he may not perform any surgical procedure. The Board also ordered Bartizal to pay costs of \$500. This order is based upon the findings of the Florida Board of Medicine that Bartizal failed to disclose required information including a medical malpractice case and that he suffered from sleep deprivation epilepsy, resulting in the issuance of a limited license.

Dated: March 19, 2008. Chap. 448, Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3)(e) and Wis. Admin. Code § MED10.02(q).

**Dwight H. Brown** – Physician, Oconomowoc. The Medical Examining Board limited the license of Dwight H. Brown to practice medicine and surgery in that he shall not perform any surgical procedure. The Board also ordered Brown to pay costs of \$1,900. Brown’s postoperative care of a patient’s ophthalmic condition constituted negligence within the meaning of the Wisconsin Administrative Code and Wisconsin statutes.

Dated: March 19, 2008. Chap. 448, Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3).

**Sheila F. Hockman** – Physician, Hardeeville, SC. The Medical Examining Board accepted the surrender of Sheila F. Hockman’s license to practice medicine and surgery. The Board further ordered that Hockman not reapply for such license at any time in the future. Dr.

Hockman is being investigated by the Board for allegations that she failed to properly perform various surgical procedures to correct urinary difficulties in three patients, and to promptly and appropriately treat postoperative complications following these procedures.

Dated: March 19, 2008. Chap. 448, Wis. Stat. § 448.02.

**Michael S. Curtiss** – Physician, Minocqua. The Medical Examining Board accepted the surrender of Michael S. Curtiss’s license to practice medicine and surgery, and ordered him to pay costs of \$3,400. Curtiss failed to fully report his past work history on his application for licensure, failed to chart his treatment of a patient’s visit, failed to timely respond to the Department’s request for proof of completion of continuing education requirements, and suffers from a disabling physical impairment.

Dated: March 19, 2008. Wis. Admin. Code § MED 10.02(2)(c), (h), (za) and (zc).

### **APRIL 2008**

**Ann Grunwald** – Medicine and Surgery, Prairie du Chien. The Medical Examining Board reprimanded Ann Grunwald, M.D. and ordered her to pay costs of \$4,000. Grunwald’s license to practice medicine and surgery is limited in that she may not schedule a vaginal birth after cesarean section (VBAC) at a hospital which has a success rate of VBAC deliveries of less than 65%, nor at a hospital that does not have personnel immediately available to begin a cesarean section within 30 minutes of onset of fetal heart rate abnormalities, nor at a hospital that does not have personnel available who are certified in neonatal resuscitation. Grunwald also may not induce labor in an intended VBAC delivery by use of a prostaglandin, and may not induce electively in any intended VBAC delivery. Grunwald has completed remedial education in fetal monitoring, neonatal resuscitation, and advanced life support obstetrics. Grunwald’s failure to order a timely cesarean section exposed a patient and fetus to unacceptable risks of harm.

Dated: April 23, 2008. Wis. Admin. Code § MED 10.02(2)(h).

**Fredric L. Hildebrand Jr.** – Physician, Neenah. The Medical Examining Board reprimanded Fredric L. Hildebrand Jr. M.D., and ordered him to pay costs of \$486. Hildebrand failed to discuss pre-operative radiographic findings with a patient or the patient’s primary care physician to ensure that appropriate measures were taken to follow up on an abnormal report.

Dated: April 23, 2008. Wis. Admin. Code § MED 10.02(2)(h).

**S. Paul Kuwayama** – Physician, Hales Corner. The Medical Examining Board accepted the surrender of the license to practice medicine and surgery of S. Paul Kuwayama effective August 30, 2008. An investigation of Kuwayama’s practice is pending.

Dated: April 23, 2008. Chap. 448, Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3).

**Thomas A. O’Connor** – Physician, Cudahy. The Medical Examining Board reprimanded Thomas Anthony O’Connor, and ordered him to pay costs of \$4,000. O’Connor’s license to practice medicine and surgery is limited in that, among other things, he shall complete remedial education in universal precautions and sanitation in the medical office and in making and keeping patient health care records, and he shall not order, prescribe, or administer any opioid, including any product containing tramadol, for any patient for more than 30 days in any 12 month period, nor practice in any setting in which he is responsible for overseeing billing. O’Connor was found to have fraudulently billed the Medicare and Medicaid programs by the Department of Health and Human Services. O’Connor also refused to permit a Department investigator to enter his office after an allegation was made that the office was kept in unsanitary and unclean conditions. In addition, allegations have been made that O’Connor prescribed opioid medications for patients whose charts do not adequately document the need for the medications as prescribed.

Dated: April 23, 2008. Chap. 448, Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3), and Wis. Admin. Code §. MED 10.02(2)(m) and (zc).

**Eric Bernard Schwietering** – Physician, Milwaukee. The Medical Examining Board suspended the license to practice medicine and surgery of Eric Bernard Schwietering, M.D. until the entry of a Final Decision and Order on the Notice of Hearing and Complaint filed by the Division of Enforcement. Schwietering has been charged with sexual assault of a child under the age of 16 years.

Dated: April 23, 2008. Chap. 448, Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3).

**Bin Yang** – Medical Examining Board, Encino, CA. The Medical Examining Board denied the application for a license to practice medicine and surgery of Bin Yang. Bin Yang failed to provide evidence that she possessed the education and training, and to achieve a passing grade in the required examinations for granting a license to practice medicine and surgery in Wisconsin.

Dated: April 23, 2008. Chap. 448, Wis. Stat. § 448.06(2).

## **MAY 2008**

**John Gregory Hoffman** – Physician, Waupaca. The Medical Examining Board ordered John Gregory Hoffmann, M.D., to undergo an assessment to evaluate his abilities to practice medicine, and to pay costs of \$2,600. If the results of the assessment show a deficiency in Hoffman’s abilities, he shall complete remedial education as indicated by the assessment. Hoffman may not order, prescribe or administer any opioid or opiate for more than 30 days in any twelve month period for any patient. A review of a sample of Hoffman’s charts suggests that there may be deficiencies in current medical knowledge, practice standards, or charting standards.

Dated: May 21, 2008. Chap. 448, Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3).

**Michael G. Karos** – Physician, West Bend. The Medical Examining Board accepted the surrender of the license to practice medicine and surgery of Michael G. Karos, and ordered him to pay costs of \$350. Karos shall also never apply or reapply for any credential from the Board. Karos failed to follow proper wasting policies and inaccurately recorded his use of controlled substances during surgeries. There is no evidence that Karos diverted medications for his own use.

Dated: May 21, 2008. Chap. 448, Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3) and (5), and Wis. Adm. Code § MED 10.02(2)(h).

**Leo M Ognen** – Physician, Warren, Michigan. The Medical Examining Board accepted the surrender of the license of Leo M. Ognen to practice medicine and surgery. Ognen plead guilty of dispensing and distributing a controlled substance outside the usual course of medical practice and for other than a legitimate medical purpose in Counts 2 through 26 of a federal indictment in the United States District Court in the Western Division of the Northern District of Ohio.

Dated: May 21, 2008. Chap. 448, Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3), Wis. Adm. Code § 10.02(2)(r).

## **JULY 2008**

**John H. Hicks III, M.D.** – Physician, Delevan. The Medical Examining Board ordered John H. Hicks, M.D. to provide notice to all his patients, their parents or guardians prior to any appointment and incurring of any financial obligation or travel costs as follows: “Notice to Patients: Dr. John H. Hicks III, M.D. routinely utilizes the services of a ‘medical intuitive’ when assessing patients. There is no scientific research to support the validity of the medical intuitive’s contribution to your care. If you would prefer that the medical intuitive not be involved in your care, you have a right to inform Dr. Hicks and he will treat you without the involvement of the medical intuitive.” Hicks must also pay costs of \$1,800.

Dated: July 16, 2008. Chap. 448, Wis. Stat. § 448.02.

**Romeo Soriano** – Physician, Lancaster. The Medical Examining Board ordered Romeo Soriano, M.D. to not practice between the date of the order and October 31, 2009. On November 1, 2009 Soriano’s license to practice medicine and surgery will change from active to inactive status, and Soriano will not register for an active license after October 31, 2009. However, Soriano may petition for reinstatement.

Dated: July 16, 2008. Chap. 448, Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3).

**Josef F. Vosmek** – Physician, Strum. The Medical Examining Board accepted the surrender of Josef F. Vosmek’s license to practice medicine and surgery, and ordered him to pay costs of \$500. However, if Vosmek petitions for reinstatement, he must pay the balance of the actual costs in the amount of \$6,500. Subsequent to his surrender of his United States Drug Enforcement Administration registration Vosmek issued prescription orders for patients for controlled substances. Vosmek denies any unprofessional conduct.

Dated: July 16, 2008. Chap. 448, Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3), Wis. Adm. Code § MED 10.02(2)(g), (p) and (z), and 21 USC s. 841(a) and 21 USC 802(10).

## **AUGUST 2008**

**David A. DeAngeles** – Physician, Madison. The Medical Examining Board ordered David A. DeAngeles, M.D. to pay costs of \$2,976. DeAngeles failed to ensure that a patient was informed of the need for follow-up with another specialist. The Board recognized that the conduct of DeAngeles in working on a system wide basis to prevent any recurrence of a loss of continuity of care was a significant mitigation of the need for discipline to be imposed against him.

Dated: August 20, 2008. Chap. 448, Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3), and Wis. Adm. Code § MED 10.02(2)(h).

**Michael A. Dehner** – Physician, Boscobel. The Medical Examining Board limited the license to practice medicine and surgery of Michael A. Dehner, M.D., and ordered him to pay costs of \$12,548.31. Dehner’s license is limited in that,

among other things, he must complete remedial education in obstetrics with an emphasis on the recognition and management of obstetrical emergencies, participate in a mentoring program in obstetrics, and must permit his practice to be monitored for one year by an obstetrician approved by the Board. Dehner may continue to perform all aspects of his obstetrical practice provided that another physician with obstetrical privileges at the clinic and hospital where Dehner practices is present and assists him with all labors and deliveries of his patients, and Dehner may not provide obstetrical coverage for any other physician's obstetrical patients during the pendency of his limited license. Dehner's handling of a pregnant patient fell below the minimum standards of competence and created unacceptable risks for the mother and fetus.

Dated: August 20, 2008. Chap. 448, Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3) and 440.22, and Wis. Adm. Code § MED 10.02(2)(h).

**Michael C. Dussault** – Physician, Burlington. The Medical Examining Board limited the license to practice medicine and surgery of Michael C. Dussault, M.D., and ordered him to pay costs of \$22,457.50. Dussault's license is limited in that he must, among other things, complete continuing medical education in the evaluation and diagnosis of post-operative complications associated with surgical ACL reconstructions and in current techniques for performing surgical ACL reconstructions, and perform two arthroscopically assisted ACL reconstructions on patients while being observed by a Board-approved proctor who may make recommendation on how to alter the procedures. Dussault will not perform any ACL reconstructive surgeries while the terms of the limited license remain in effect except in the presence of the Board-approved proctor. Dussault, during an ACL reconstruction, malpositioned the graft by placing the femoral tunnel too far anteriorly in the distal femur and failed to timely obtain an x-ray a patient's knee in the post-operative period when the patient was not progressing in her physical therapy as anticipated.

Dated: August 20, 2008. Chap. 448, Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3) and 440.22, and Wis. Adm. Code § Med 10.02(2)(h).

**James A. Lindblade** – Physician, Madison. The Medical Examining Board accepted the surrender of the license to practice medicine and surgery of James A. Lindblade, M.D., and ordered him to pay costs of \$430. Lindblade did not meet the minimum standard of care when he failed to order additional diagnostic testing for a patient who persistently complained of a palpable breast abnormality, with abnormal palpatory findings by a physician.

Dated: August 20, 2008. Chap. 448, Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3) and (5), Wis. Adm. Code § MED 10.02(2)(h).

**Charles D. Morgan** – Physician, Oshkosh. The Medical Examining Board in an Interim Order suspended the license of Charles D. Morgan to practice medicine and surgery until he provides evidence that all criminal counts filed or to be filed in Winnebago County Circuit Court have been dismissed or the Board issues a Final Decision and Order in this matter. Morgan engaged in sexual contact with a patient and has been charged with two counts of Sexual Exploitation by a Therapist, and two counts of 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Sexual Assault.

Dated: August 8, 2008. Chap. 448, Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3), 940.22 and 940.225(3), and Wis. Adm. Code § Med 10.02(2)(h) and (zd).

## SEPTEMBER 2008

**Thomas E. Goodrich** – Physician, Racine. The Medical Examining Board suspended for a period of no less than twelve (12) months, and ordered him to pay the full costs of the proceeding. Goodrich's suspension is initially stayed for three (3) months. He may petition for additional three month stays which shall be granted upon compliance with recommendations by his Doctor that, among other things, he continue with his medications for treatment of depression and anxiety, continue counseling as needed and refrain from having sexual relationships with his patients. Goodrich had sexual contact with a patient during the course of his treatment of the patient.

Dated: September 17, 2008. Chap. 448, Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3), and Wis. Admin.. Code § MED 10.02(2)(h) and (zd).

## OCTOBER 2008

**Laurie Lynn Benson** – Physician, Wauwatosa. The Medical Examining Board reprimanded Laurie Lynn Benson, and ordered her to pay costs of \$1,385. Dr. Benson made untrue statements to physicians and other staff in the emergency department and made false entries in patients' charts where she was employed.

Dated: October 15, 2008

## NOVEMBER 2008

**Abdul Q. Arif** – Physician, Libertyville, Illinois. The Medical Examining Board reprimanded Abdul Q. Arif, and ordered him to pay costs of \$1,000. Arif must also complete remedial education in risk management. Arif failed to review the results of a PSA test or to inquire about or mention the test results at a subsequent appointment with the patient.

Dated: November 12, 2008. Wis. Admin. Code §. MED 10.02(2)(h).

**Brian J. Eggener** – Physician, Mosinee. The Medical Examining Board reprimanded Brian J. Eggener, and ordered him to pay costs of \$500. Eggener provided prescription refills for a controlled substance from August 2001 to February 2006 without seeing the patient.

Dated: November 12, 2008. Wis. Admin. Code § MED 10.02(2)(H).

**David S. Haskell** – Physician, Milwaukee. The Medical Examining Board reprimanded David S. Haskell, M.D., and ordered him to pay costs of \$5000. Haskell must also complete remedial education in, among other things, determining correct operative levels during lumbar laminectomy procedures, patient ethics and communications, including discussions of post operative complications. Haskell performed surgery during which he inserted a component at a 180 degree rotation from the correct placement.

Dated: November 12, 2008. Chap. 448, Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3), and Wis. Admin. Code § Med 10.02(2)(h).

**Scott G. Powley** – Physician, Neenah. The Medical Examining Board reprimanded Scott G. Powley, M.D., and ordered him to pay costs of \$850. Dr. Powley failed to correctly compute the proper dosage when he changed a patient's medication from an oxycodone product to methadone. The medical examiner determined the cause of death to be methadone toxicity.

Dated November 12, 2008. Chap. 448, Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3), and Wis. Admin. Code § MED 10.02(2)(h).

## DECEMBER 2008

**Anne Marie Fagan** – Physician, Greenfield. The Medical Examining Board reprimanded Anne Marie Fagan, M.D. and ordered her to pay costs of \$800. Fagan must also complete remedial education in non-invasive monitoring of an anesthetized patient. Fagan, an anesthesiologist, did not notice that an alarm system on an oxygen monitor had been turned off, an as a result, delayed recognition of an anoxic event.

December 10, 2008.

**Ravikant Maski** – Physician, Platteville. The Medical Examining Board limited the license of Ravikant Maski, M.D. to practice medicine and surgery to exclude specified surgical procedures. Maski voluntarily agreed to revise the scope of his practice of medicine and surgery.

Dated: December 10, 2008.

**Paul J. Samo** – Physician, Grundy Center, Iowa. The Medical Examining Board suspended indefinitely the license of Paul Samo, M.D. to practice medicine and surgery, and ordered him to pay costs of \$1,600. Samo may petition for termination of the suspension upon, among other things, undergoing assessments which provide sufficient proof to the board that Samo can practice with reasonable skill and safety of patients and the public. Respondent, a psychiatrist, has a medical condition that has caused behavioral changes, leading him to

commit inappropriate boundary violations with a patient.

Dated: December 10, 2008

**Amy J. Stolarski** – Physician, Brookfield. The Medical Examining Board reprimanded Amy J. Stolarski, M.D. and ordered her to pay costs of \$2,750. Stolarski failed to recognize from the low length and weight measurements of a 15-month old patient that further diagnostic procedures should be performed or that the patient should have been referred to a specialist for further work-up.

Dated: December 10, 2008.

**Susan E. Pattis** – Physician, Shorewood. The Medical Examining Board summarily suspended for 30 days the license of Susan E. Pattis, M.D., to practice medicine and surgery. There is probable cause to believe, among other things, that Pattis practices medicine and surgery when unable to do so with reasonable skill and safety to patients because she is impaired by psychiatric conditions.

Dated: January 21, 2009.

**Thomas T. Weisenburger** – Respiratory Care Practitioner, Germantown. The Medical Examining Board reprimanded Thomas T. Weisenburger, and ordered him to pay costs of \$400. Weisenburger failed to notify a patient's physician as ordered by the physician of changes in the patient's condition.

Dated: January 21, 2009.

**William J. Ubbink** – Respiratory Care Practitioner, Random Lake. The Medical Examining Board reprimanded William J. Ubbink, and ordered him to pay costs of \$400. Ubbink must also complete remedial education in respiratory failure and communication and documentation. Ubbink failed to notify a patient's physician as ordered by the physician of changes in the patient's condition.

Dated: January 21, 2009.

## **FEBRUARY 2009**

**Rodolfo S. Beer** – Physician, Maryville, Tennessee. The Medical Examining Board accepted the surrender of Rodolfo S. Beer's license to practice medicine and surgery, and ordered him to pay costs of \$430. Beer's ability to practice medicine and surgery could be impaired by drug and alcohol dependence based on information from Tennessee and the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice.

Dated: February 18, 2009.

**Michael S. Frontiera** – Physician, Madison. The Medical Examining Board ordered Michael S. Frontiera, M.D., to take and pass the Wisconsin jurisprudence examination for physicians, to complete remedial education in treating cancer patients with fatigue and related conditions, and the appropriate use of stimulants, and to pay costs of \$600. Frontiera prescribed a Schedule II stimulant for a condition not specified in Wisconsin Administrative Codes. 10.02(2)(s).

Dated: February 18, 2009.

For Discipline summaries from 2004-2007, go to:

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**CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS?**

Please send changes to the Department. Confirmation of changes is not automatically provided. **WIS. STATS. S. 440.11 ALLOWS FOR A \$50 PENALTY TO BE IMPOSED WHEN CHANGES ARE NOT REPORTED WITHIN 30 DAYS.**

**TELEPHONE DIRECTORY**

To contact the Department, just dial (608) 266-2112, then follow the instructions for the service you need:

For renewal questions, say 'renewal'  
For a new license including exam and education requirements, say 'licensing'  
For complaint information, say 'complaint'  
For legal questions or interpretations, say 'legal questions'  
For exam administration, say 'exam'  
For continuing education, say 'education'  
For your pin, say 'obtain pin'  
For license verifications, say 'verify license'  
For the agency staff directory, say 'staff directory'  
For all other questions, say 'operator'

**VERIFICATIONS**

Verifications are now available online at [www.drl.state.wi.us](http://www.drl.state.wi.us). On the Department Web site, please click on "Look Up License Holders". If you do not use the online system, all requests for verification of licenses/credentials must be submitted in writing. There is no charge for this service. Requests should be sent to the Department address or may be faxed to (608) 261-7083 - ATTENTION: VERIFICATIONS. Requests for endorsements to other states must be made in writing – please include \$10 payable to the Department.