

STATE OF VERMONT
SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS

IN RE:

DOCKET NO. OS03-0404

LAURIE HULSMAN, D.O.
License No. 032-0000505

STIPULATION

State of Vermont, by its state prosecuting attorney, Edward G. Adrian, Esq., and Respondent, Laurie Hulsman, D.O., by her attorney, Peter B. Joslin, Esq., hereby stipulate as follows regarding the above captioned matter.

Board Authority

The Board of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (the "Board") has jurisdiction to investigate and adjudicate allegations of unprofessional conduct committed by Osteopathic Physicians pursuant to 3 V.S.A. §§ 129 and 192a; 26 V.S.A. §§ 1792, 1842 and 1843; the Board's and the Office of Professional Regulation's Administrative Rules.

Facts

1. Laurie Hulsman, D.O. ("Respondent") is licensed by the State of Vermont as an Osteopathic Physician under license number 032-0000505, which license was originally issued on August 19, 2002 and is currently set to expire on September 30, 2006.

2. On July 30, 2003, patient C.B. was admitted into the Woodridge Nursing Home ("WNH") located in Berlin, Vermont. Respondent wrote the initial admitting orders for C.B.'s admission, and for

the period of July 30, 2003 through March 22, 2004, was C.B.'s primary physician.

3. Respondent visited C.B. in WNH on September 26, 2003. On this occasion Respondent prescribed antibiotics for treatment of a bladder infection.

4. Over the ensuing five months C.B. developed three more bladder infections. On each occasion Respondent prescribed antibiotic treatment.

5. On February 20, 2004, Respondent met with C.B.'s daughter to discuss several issues of concern regarding C.B.'s care. On this occasion Respondent ordered medication for C.B. in response to concerns voiced by C.B.'s daughter. The medication order was communicated to WNH.

6. Respondent went to visit C.B. in WNH on March 7, 2004. At the time of visit C.B. was eating lunch and Respondent opted not to disrupt C.B.'s lunch and to return at a later date. The Respondent did not see C.B. between September 26, 2003 and March 22, 2004. Long term care regulations require residents to be seen by a physician every 30 days for the first 90 days and every 60 days thereafter. Prevailing osteopathic practice in Vermont required the Respondent to see C.B. with greater frequency.

7. Nursing staff called Respondent's office and left messages on several occasions. Respondent did not return some of the calls.

8. During the period of C.B.'s admission to WNH from July 30, 2003 through March 23, 2004, C.B. had no emergent conditions requiring admission to a hospital. During this same period C.B. had not problems of an urgent nature requiring a physician visit.

9. During the period of C.B.'s admission to WNH while Respondent was C.B.'s primary physician C.B.'s overall condition was not ill-effected as a result of the lack of frequency of Respondent's

visits to see C.B. in WNH and/or Respondent's compliance with return of phone calls from staff at WNH.

Charges

10. The above acts, circumstances and/or omissions, alone or in combination, constitute unprofessional conduct pursuant to:

- i. 3. V.S.A. § 129a(a)(3); and
- ii. 3 V.S.A. § 129a(b)(2).

CONSENT ORDER

Based on the above stipulation, it is **ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** as follows:

A. By failing to see C.B. between September 26, 2003 and March 22, 2004, the Respondent violated:

- i. 3. V.S.A. § 129a(a)(3); and
- ii. 3 V.S.A. § 129a(b)(2).

B. The Board of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons hereby issues a **WARNING** against the Respondent's license to practice as an Osteopathic Physician.

C. This Stipulation and Consent Order is a matter of public record and may be reported to other licensing authorities as provided in 3 V.S.A. § 129(a).

D. This Stipulation and Consent Order will remain part of the Respondent's licensing file and may be used for purposes of determining sanctions in any future disciplinary matter.

AGREED TO:

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont this 29th day of March, 2005.

LAURIE HULSMAN, D.O.
RESPONDENT

By: [Signature]
Laurie Hulsman, D.O.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont this 30th day of March, 2005.

THERIAULT & JOSLIN, P.C.
Attorneys for Laurie Hulsman, D.O.

By: [Signature]
Peter B. Joslin

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont this 4th day of April, 2005.

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By: [Signature]
Edward G. Adrian
State Prosecuting Attorney

APPROVED AND ORDERED

VERMONT BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS
AND SURGEONS

Dated: 4/28/05

By: [Signature]
Chairperson

Date of Entry: 5/4/05

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SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES

NOW COMES the State of Vermont and makes the following Charges against the Respondent, Laurie Hulsman, D.O.:

Board Authority

1. The Board of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons ("the Board") has jurisdiction to investigate and adjudicate allegations of unprofessional conduct committed by Osteopathic Physicians pursuant to 3 V.S.A. §§129 and 129a; 26 V.S.A. §§1792, 1842 and 1843; the Board's and the Office of Professional Regulation's Administrative Rules.

Facts

2. The Respondent, Laurie Hulsman, is licensed by the State of Vermont as an Osteopathic Physician under license number 032-0000505. The Respondent's license was originally issued on August 19, 2002 and it is currently set to expire on September 30, 2006.
3. On July 30, 2003, patient C.B. was admitted into the Woodridge Nursing Home ("WNH") located in Berlin, Vermont. The Respondent completed the initial orders for C.B.'s admission and at all times relevant, the Respondent was C.B.'s primary physician.
4. The Respondent's next visit with C.B. was on September 18, 2003. The Respondent treated C.B. with antibiotics for a bladder infection.
5. C.B. developed three more bladder infections over the next five months, however, the Respondent did not again visit C.B. until March 22, 2004.
6. C.B.'s daughter had left a message on the Respondent's voice mail on February 20, 2004 requesting a low dose antibiotic be prescribed for her mother, however, the Respondent failed to return the daughter's call.

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7. Nursing staff at WNH had left repeated notices/phone calls/reminders to the Respondent regarding her being overdue for visits with C.B. Several of the phone calls were not returned by the Respondent.

Charges

8. The above acts, circumstances and/or omissions, alone or in combination, constitute unprofessional conduct pursuant to:
- i. 3 V.S.A. §129a(a)(3) (failing to comply with provisions of federal or state statutes or rules governing the practice of the profession); and
 - ii. 3 V.S.A. § 129a(b)(2) (failing to practice competently by reason of any cause on a single occasion or on multiple occasions, which includes failure to conform to the essential standards of acceptable and prevailing practice).

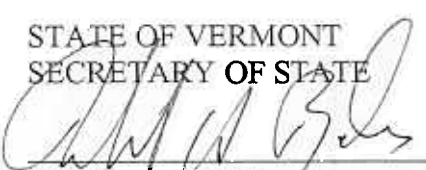
Relief Requested

WHEREFORE, the license of Laurie Hulsman should be revoked, suspended, reprimanded, conditioned or otherwise disciplined.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont this 16th day of February 2005.

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By:


Robert. H. Backus
State Prosecuting Attorney

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