



that he did not maintain a patient medical chart for V.K. and he did not document both the histories and the physicals for patient V.K.

Respondent began treating V.K. for back pain at his home. Although respondent testified that he performed a physical examination of V.K., he did not perform any diagnostic tests, weigh V.K. or take her blood pressure. Respondent testified that he did not maintain a patient chart for V.K. since he was not aware that a record was required to be maintained. Respondent diagnosed patient V.K. with experiencing back spasms. Respondent's treatment plan for V.K. consisted of prescription pain medication (Percocet and restoril), in addition to, a stretching and exercise regimen.

The investigation by the Board disclosed eleven prescriptions for Percocet allegedly written by Respondent for V.K. Respondent acknowledged that the handwriting on the prescriptions was similar, although, he recalls writing prescriptions to treat V.K. on only two occasions. Respondent testified that the other nine prescriptions for percocet were written on pre-signed prescription blanks which were most likely stolen from his home.

The Board having found the within disposition adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare and the licensee being desirous of resolving this matter without the need for further formal proceedings,

IT IS ON THIS 20th DAY OF February, 2003

ORDERED:

1. Respondent, Michael Gould, M.D., is hereby reprimanded for indiscriminate prescribing of CDS, failure to obtain a proper patient medical history, treating patient V.K. without a medical record failure to keep proper records, lack of patient records, the practice of pre-signing prescription blanks and failure to properly safeguard his prescription pads in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:35-7.6 and N.J.A.C. 13:35-6.5, which violation constitute a violation of N.J.S.A. 45:9-22.19 and N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h).

2. Respondent shall, within the twelve months following entry of this Order, enroll in and successfully complete a course in the proper prescribing of Controlled Dangerous Substances approved in advance by the Board. Successful completion means that all sessions were attended, all assignments were properly and appropriately completed, and a passing grade was achieved which was unconditional and without reservation.

3. Respondent shall, within the twelve months following entry of this Order, enroll in and successfully complete a course in medical ethics approved in advance by the Board. Successful completion means that all sessions were attended, all assignments were properly and appropriately completed, and a passing grade was achieved which was unconditional and without reservation.

4. Respondent shall pay investigative costs in the amount of \$4,380.79. Payments shall be by submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey. Payment shall be sent via certified mail to William Roeder, Executive Director, Board of Medical Examiners, Post Office Box 183, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0183.

5. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$2500. Payments shall be by submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey. Payment shall be sent via certified mail to William Roeder, Executive Director, Board of Medical Examiners, Post Office Box 183, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0183.

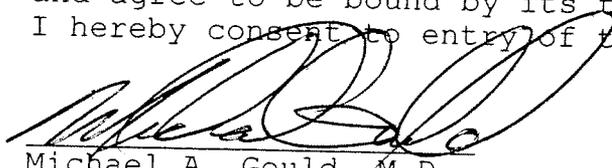
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BY:

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William V. Harrer, M.D., B.L.D.  
President

I have read and understood the above Order and agree to be bound by its terms.  
I hereby consent to entry of this Order:



Michael A. Gould, M.D.