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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

DIONE WILLIAMS, M.D.
License No.:25MA04572300

TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") upon receipt of a complaint by patient H.M. alleging that she sought the services of Dione Williams, M.D. for removal of facial and body warts. H.M. believed that the warts would be sent for assessment by a pathologist but claims that when she inquired at Williams' office for the pathology report, she was informed that the warts had been disposed of, and had not been sent for pathological assessment, so there was no report.

Dr. Williams initially responded in writing that 14 lesions were removed from the patient's face and neck. They were preserved and the patient was informed that it was unnecessary to send the lesions for assessment by a pathologist as none were suspicious. The patient was later informed

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that she did not have insurance coverage for skin tags and refused to pay the bill which is now in collection. Dr. Williams further stated that the patient never complained of any pain or change in character of the lesions prior to surgery and had complete healing in all areas operated on.

Dr. Williams appeared and testified before a Committee of the Board on September 22, 2004. She acknowledged that although the operative report prepared for the March 4, 2004 procedure states "excision 14 lesion [sic]," the report provides no further information regarding how the lesions were excised, how large the lesions were, and whether/what anesthetic was used. Although not reflected in the record, Dr. Williams further testified that the lesions were removed by inverting the area around the lesion and using a #11 Blade, that each lesion was 2 to 3 millimeters and that she injected a small amount of betadine solution into each of the lesions. Dr. Williams further testified that she gave the patient the option of sending the pampilomas to pathology because she thought they were benign, she never intended to discard the lesions and did not tell the patient that they were thrown out. She testified that she put all fourteen lesions in formaldehyde in a secure container and stored them in the closet in her office until July 10, 2003 (in excess of 16 months) when she sent them to pathology pursuant to an agreement she entered into during the course of her civil lawsuit against the patient for payment of medical fees.

Upon review of all available information, the Board finds that Dr. Williams engaged in repeated acts of negligence as evidenced by innaccurate record-keeping including failure to record necessary information in the operative report; failure to record parenteral drug injection; failure to send pathological tissue for microscopic examination in a timely manner; and failure to group the removed lesions by location, e.g. cheek, neck, etc.

The parties, having agreed to the resolution of this matter without further formal proceedings, and Respondent having agreed and given her voluntary consent to the within Order, and the Board

finding the within disposition is adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and other good cause having been shown,

IT IS, therefore on this 1 day of February, 2005

ORDERED THAT

1. Respondent, Dione Williams, M.D. be and hereby is reprimanded for repeated acts of negligence in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (d) and (h) and N.J.A.C. 13:35-6.5.

2. Dr. Williams shall, within one year following the entry of this Order, take and successfully complete a medical record-keeping course 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. Respondent shall submit proof of successful completion of said course-work to the Board within one (1) year hereof.

3. Dr. Williams shall pay costs of investigation in the amount of \$386.85 to be remitted contemporaneously with his submission of this Order. The Board reserves the right to file a certificate of debt in the event payment in full is not received.

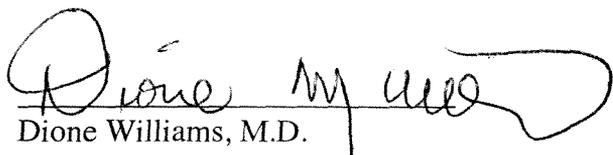
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By:



Bernard Robins, M.D., F.A.C.P.
Board President

I have read the within Order
and agree to its terms.



Dione Williams, M.D.