

IN AND BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL  
LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel,  
OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF )  
MEDICAL LICENSURE AND )  
SUPERVISION, )

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Plaintiff

STATE BOARD OF  
MEDICAL EXAMINERS

v.

CLAUDE B. KNIGHT, M.D. )  
Medical License No. 4486, )  
 )  
Defendant. )

CASE NO. 87-2-479

FINAL ORDER

This cause came on for hearing before the Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision en banc on the 22nd day of January, 1988, at the office of the Oklahoma State Medical Association, 601 NW Expressway, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, pursuant to notice given as required by law and the rules of the Board.

Daniel J. Gamino, Attorney, appeared for the Plaintiff, and Claude B. Knight, M.D., Defendant, appeared in person and with counsel, William D. Huser.

The Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision en banc heard the testimony and reviewed exhibits and being fully advised in the premises, the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision therefore finds as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. That Defendant, Claude B. Knight, M.D., holds Oklahoma Medical License No. 4486.

2. That the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision en banc has jurisdiction over the subject matter herein and that notice has been given in all respects as required by law and the rules of the Board.

3. That the Board finds that the allegations of the complaint as set forth below contain adequate evidence for disciplinary action against the Defendant.

4. That the Defendant failed to professionally and properly diagnose and treat medical problems presented by the following patients:

(a) Patient K.P. was treated by Defendant for bronchitis with ampicillin when the correct diagnosis was bi-lateral pneumo-thorax with a severe electrolyte disorder and severe infection disorder and severe blood gases disorder.

(b) Defendant ordered an I.V. push potassium 2-T day on patient G.B.S. and said patient should have been treated with a mixed, controlled I.V.

(c) Patient B.S. was admitted to the hospital with a fever of undetermined origin and Defendant ordered rocephin 1 gram per day and chlormycetin 250 mg qid and bactrium D.S. bid and all cultures were negative with a normal blood count and the above medication was more harmful than helpful for the patient's condition.

(d) Patient E.F. was admitted by the Defendant to the hospital with chest pains and shortness of breath and Defendant

consulted with Dr. Crowson and ignored the consult and the patient's urinary tract infection was not treated and patient's congestive heart failure was not treated and patient's decreased sodium was not treated and the Defendant ordered inderal for C.H.F.

(e) Patient E.A. was admitted by Defendant to the hospital for pneumonia and treated in the emergency room COPD with pneumonia and the patient was discharged after two days with vomiting, renal failure and dehydration not addressed, blood and throat cultures were not performed and hypertension (156/108) was not addressed.

(f) Patient L.Y. was admitted to the hospital with fever of undetermined origin and treated with ampicillin and the patient was resistant to ampicillin and notes to Defendant from the lab were ignored and consultation with Dr. Crowson was ignored.

5. That Defendant had not initiated nor completed training in ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support).

6. That Defendant's suture procedure on occasion has been unsterile and allows for the distinct possibility of a post-op infection and that Defendant's memory has deteriorated substantially and is sometimes erratic and that Defendant does not keep up with modern techniques in medicine and sometimes has difficulty providing professional health care to patients.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. That Clause B. Knight, M.D., holding Oklahoma Medical License No. 4486, is in violation of the Oklahoma Medical Practice Act, 59 O.S. 1981, §509, Paragraph 16, to-wit:

"The inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of age, illness, drunkenness, excessive use of drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or any other type of material or as a result of any mental or physical condition."

#### ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision as follows:

1. That the Defendant, Clause B. Knight, M.D., Oklahoma Medical License No. 4486, will be and is hereby placed on probation to the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision for a period of three (3) years beginning on January 23, 1988, under the following terms and conditions:

- (a) On any patient admitted to a hospital Defendant will obtain consultation by another physician within 24 hours of admission and the record of said consultation shall appear on the hospital chart.
- (b) Defendant shall maintain a list of patients he has admitted to the hospital by patient name, date of admission, and name of hospital, and make such record available to Investigators of the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision upon their request.
- (c) Defendant shall present evidence of successful completion of the number of hours of continuing medical education necessary for continued membership in the American Academy of Family Practice during


each year of probation, and during the first year of probation said hours of continuing medical education shall include successful completion of training in ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support) or equivalent training.

- (d) Defendant shall use gloves and suture kit on all suture procedures.
- (e) Defendant will furnish to the office of the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision all current legal addresses and any change of address in writing.
- (f) Defendant shall appear before the Board en banc or a designated member thereof whenever requested to do so.
- (g) During the period of probation Defendant will submit to the Investigative Division of the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision any required reports and forms on a timely and prompt basis.
- (h) Pursuant to Section 26, H.B. 1478, 1987 Legislature, Defendant shall promptly pay upon receipt of invoice from the Investigative Division of the Board the costs of investigation, prosecution and probation of this case.
- (i) That violation of any the terms and conditions of probation shall be grounds for additional charges to be presented to the Board after notice to the Defendant.


2. That the jurisdiction of the Board in this individual proceeding will continue in this matter until the terms and conditions of probation are modified or lifted by the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision on their own motion or on the motion of the Defendant.

3. The Board further orders that failure to meet any of the above terms of probation will constitute cause for the Board to initiate additional proceedings to suspend or revoke Defendant's Oklahoma Medical License, after due notice and hearing.

DATED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY, 1988.

  
MARK R. JOHNSON, M.D., Secretary  
State Board of Medical Licensure  
and Supervision

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing instrument was mailed, postage prepaid thereon, this 4 day of February, 1988, to:

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c/o William D. Huser  
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