

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

In the Matter of Permanent Certificate Number 525374 issued to LORI M. FULTON

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ORDER OF THE BOARD

To: Lori M. Fulton Route 10, Box 8064 Lufkin, Texas 75901

The Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas in a regularly scheduled meeting held on the 16th day of November, 1988, considered the conduct of LORI M. FULTON, Permanent Certificate Number 525374.

At the meeting, Mrs. Pauline Barnes, R.N., President of the Board, presided and the following members were present:

Dr. Lynn C. Besselman Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Jackson Mrs. Mary Virginia Jacobs, R.N. Dr. Teddy L. Langford, R.N. Dr. Eileen M. Piwetz, R.N. Mrs. A.-Joanna Seamans, R.N. Mrs. Patsy Sharpe

Following receipt of information, LORI M. FULTON signed an Agreed Order from the Board of Nurse Examiners. Respondent was not present at the Board of Nurse Examiners scheduled hearing but did appear with James M. Steed, Attorney, at a Prehearing Conference. The Charges and Recommended Order were received by the Board and, as a result thereof, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

That Charges were filed with the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State
of Texas in accordance with law.

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Executive Director of the Board

- 2. That Notice of Prehearing and Charges were served upon LORI M. FULTON in accordance with law.
- 3. LORI M. FULTON, hereinafter referred to as "Respondent", is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
- 4. Respondent, while employed with Memorial Medical Center of East Texas, Lufkin, Texas, on or about October 21, 1987, gave an ampule of Calcium Chloride instead of Sodium Chloride to a physician, which was administered intrathecally to patient 710098534.

The above action constitutes a violation of §217.13 (6), Rules and Regulations Relating to Professional Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, which prohibits:

"Failing to administer medications or treatments or both in a responsible manner."

- 5. Respondent, while employed with the aforementioned facility, on or about October 21, 1987, gave an ampule of Calcium Chloride instead of Sodium Chloride to a physician, which was administered intrathecally to patient 710098625.
- 6. Respondent, while employed with the aforementioned facility, on or about October 21, 1987, prepared Calcium Chloride instead of Sodium Chloride for administration to a patient.

The aforementioned action and conduct constitutes unprofessional or dishonorable conduct which, in the opinion of the Board, is likely to deceive, defraud or injure patients or the public, in violation of Article 4525 (a) (9), Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended.

- 7. Respondent is currently employed as a professional nurse with Texas Home Health, Lufkin, Texas.
- 8. Respondent desires to continue her career in professional nursing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. That pursuant to Article 4525, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended, the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. That the evidence received was conclusive to prove unprofessional or dishonorable conduct which, in the opinion of the Board, is likely to deceive, defraud, or injure patients and the public.

3. That the activities of the nurse in question constituted sufficient cause pursuant to Article 4525 (a) (9), Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended, to suspend license number 525374, heretofore issued to LORI M. FULTON to practice professional nursing in Texas.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that license number 525374, heretofore issued to LORI M. FULTON to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, be and the same is hereby suspended for a period of one (1) year and said license upon receipt of this Order by immediately delivered to the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas until such time as she secures employment as a professional nurse.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon receipt of the notification of employment form in the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, the suspension be probated for a minimum period of one (1) year with the following stipulations:

- (1) Respondent must return her current certificate of reregistration (wallet size) to the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners for
 the State of Texas immediately for appropriate notation.
- (2) Respondent shall notify each employer/potential employer in professional nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on her license by presenting a copy of this order to each potential employer. When employment is obtained, Respondent must cause the employer to submit the notification of employment form to the Board office.

- (3) That when she finds employment as a professional nurse and submits to the Board of Nurse Examiners proof of such employment, the license of LORI M. FULTON will be reissued.
- employer of LORI M. FULTON submit on forms provided by the Board of Nurse Examiners, periodic reports as to her capability to practice professional nursing, such reports are due at the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners at the end of each three months of employment for a minimum period of one (1) year from the date of this Order. If the place of employment changes, the Board of Nurse Examiners is to be notified immediately.
- (5) The terms of this Order can be served only while Respondent is employed in the capacity of a registered nurse in a hospital, nursing home, or like employment, where the nurse is supervised and works only on regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). The nurse may not be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency or home health agency. Respondent may not be self employed and multiple employers are prohibited.
- (6) The Board of Nurse Examiners shall review reports regarding the practice of professional nursing by Respondent at the end of the probation period. It is understood that after the review, the Board may

restore all rights and privileges incident to the license of Respondent, but may also extend or modify the terms of probation, if extension or modify-cation is warranted by evidence presented to the Board.

(7) That, LORI M. FULTON shall comply in all respects with the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, Article 4513 through 4528, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Professional Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice of the Board of Nurse Examiners and the provisions of the terms of this Order of the Board.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any failure by LORI M. FULTON to comply in all respects with any provision of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended, with any provision of the Rules and Regulations Relating to Professional Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, or an provision of the terms of probation or suspension of license number 525374, shall constitute cause for recision of the probation ordered herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, should the probation of the suspension of license number 525374, issued to LORI M. FULTON to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas be rescinded, the nurse shall not be eligible for reissuance of a license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas for one (1) year from the date of the Order of recision of the probation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND THE BOARD SO FINDS, in accordance with Article 6252-13a, 16(c), Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended, that an imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare requires immediate effect of this Order and the same shall be effective on the date herein below rendered and the same may not be stayed except on proper application to a District Court in accordance with Article 4525c, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended.

(i+ij) Entered this 16th day of November, 1988.

BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

BY

Executive Secretary on behalf

of said Board



BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

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December 27, 1989

Lori Fulton Route 10. Box 8064 Lufkin, Texas 75901

Dear Ms. Fulton:

This is to acknowledge receipt of the Nursing Performance Evaluation Report from your employer, Parkwood Place, Lufkin, Texas

The stipulations on your license have been completed. You are no longer required to submit reports to this office. Your file now reflects that the Order of the Board has been met.

Your license has also been received by this office. A clear license is currently being processed and will be mailed to you as soon as possible.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at (5)?) 835-8673.

Sincerely,

Cindy McRae^U Investigator

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