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BEFORE THE
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of)
SUSAN G. COLASURDO, M.D.,) FINAL ORDER
Licensee.)
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On August 4, 1993, the Oregon Board of Medical Examiners (Board) filed its Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action against Susan G. Colasurdo, M.D., who is a licensed physician in the State of Oregon and practices child psychiatry in Eugene, Oregon. Dr. Colasurdo was informed that she was entitled to a hearing before the Board as provided by the Administrative Procedures Act (ORS ch 183). Dr. Colasurdo was represented by counsel, Ruth J. Hooper, Attorney at Law, Hoffman, Hart and Wagner, 1200 KOIN Center, 222 Southwest Columbia, Portland, OR 97201, who has advised the Board that Dr. Colasurdo does not agree with the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law entered herein, but does not object to the Board's authority to enter this order. Therefore, Dr. Colasurdo did not request a hearing within 21 days of the mailing of the Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action. No hearing being necessary, the Board issues this final order imposing disciplinary action based on the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. In August 1992, Dr. Colasurdo began treating seven-year-old B.J., who was in foster care and previously had been seen by

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1 a pediatrician in Eugene. B.J.'s foster parent had been referred
2 to Dr. Colasurdo for psychiatric care.

3 2. Between August 1992 and January 1993, Dr. Colasurdo
4 prescribed increasing doses of Imipramine for B.J. for sleep
5 disturbance and behavior problems.

6 3. Although B.J. had undergone diagnostic evaluation which
7 could have lead to a diagnosis of Wolff-Parkinson-White Syndrome,
8 and medical records to that effect were contained in his
9 pediatric chart, Dr. Colasurdo did not receive and review those
10 records and was not fully aware of his history on each occasion
11 that she increased the dosage of Imipramine. Dr. Colasurdo also
12 failed to obtain blood levels of Imipramine from laboratory
13 testing after increasing the dosage.

14 4. B.J. died on January 5, 1993. The cause of death was
15 listed as Imipramine intoxication (accidental) on the Lane County
16 Medical Examiner's report.

17 5. There is no finding that Dr. Colasurdo's treatment of
18 B.J. caused his death.

19 CONCLUSION OF LAW

20 By increasing the dosage of Imipramine as described above,
21 Dr. Colasurdo violated ORS 677.190(14) in that each time that she
22 authorized the increased Imipramine dose constituted an act of
23 ordinary negligence within the meaning of the statute.

24 ORDER

25 The Board orders the following disciplinary action:

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1 1. Dr. Colasurdo is reprimanded for her conduct as alleged
2 above.

3 2. Dr. Colasurdo is ordered to pay a fine in the amount of
4 \$1,000, payable within 10 days of receipt of this order.

5 3. Dr. Colasurdo is ordered to submit to supervision of her
6 practice by another child psychiatrist subject to the approval of
7 the Board for a period of one year, beginning on September 15,
8 1993. The supervising psychiatrist shall be knowledgeable in the
9 area of psychopharmacology with respect to children. Dr. Janine
10 Gordon has been approved as a supervising psychiatrist. The
11 monitoring psychiatrist shall submit a quarterly written report
12 to the Board to include bi-weekly reviews of five randomly
13 selected patient charts (children to whom psychopharmacological
14 agents have been administered or prescribed by Dr. Colasurdo)
15 and/or any other requirements of the Board which may be
16 identified during the period of self supervision.

17 IT IS SO ORDERED this 21st day of October, 1993.

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20 Marilyn E. Turner, Chairman
21 Board of Medical Examiners

22 **NOTICE:** You are entitled to judicial review of this Final Order
23 pursuant to the provisions of ORS 183.480. Judicial review may
24 be obtained by filing a petition in the Oregon Court of Appeals.
The petition must be filed within 60 days from the date of
25 service of this Final Order.

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