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BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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In the Matter of Charges and)	Case No. 14-3719-1
Complaint Against)	
WESLEY WILKINSON HALL, M.D., Respondent.)	FILED
)	JUL 0 1 2014
)	NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
		By:

COMPLAINT

The Investigative Committee (IC) of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board), composed at the time of filing of Beverly A. Neyland, M.D., Sue Lowden and Bashir Chowdhry, M.D., by and through Erin L. Albright, Esq., General Counsel and attorney for the IC, having a reasonable basis to believe that Wesley Wilkinson Hall, M.D. (Respondent), violated the provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 630 and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 630 (collectively, the Medical Practice Act), hereby issues its formal Complaint, stating the IC's charges and allegations as follows:

- Respondent is currently licensed in active status (License No. 2416), and has been 1. so licensed by the Board since September 3, 1969, pursuant to the provisions of the Medical Practice Act.
- 2. Patient A was a thirty-nine (39)-year-old obese male with an acutely inflamed gallbladder, with adherences of the common duct, at the time of the incident in question. His true identity is not disclosed in this Complaint to protect his identity, but his identity is disclosed in the Patient Designation served contemporaneously on Respondent with a copy of this Complaint.
- 3. On or about December 30, 2010, Patient A underwent a laparoscopic cholecystectomy performed by Respondent. During the procedure, Respondent erroneously cut

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Patient A's common bile/hepatic duct instead of the cystic duct. Respondent failed to recognize this injury during the procedure.

- 4. In performing the laparoscopic cholecystectomy on Patient A, Respondent failed to utilize the Critical View approach, which allows surgeons to discover ductal abnormalities or adherences of the common bile duct to the gallbladder. This approach would have allowed Respondent to discover that Patient A's acutely inflamed gallbladder had adherences of the common duct.
- 5. Patient A's medical records do not demonstrate that Respondent: utilized the Critical View approach during the laparoscopic cholecystectomy; postoperatively diagnosed and/or evaluated Patient A for a bile leak; postoperatively evaluated Patient A for a retained common bile duct stone; postoperatively evaluated Patient A for pancreatitis; reviewed Patient A's vital signs; and/or ordered a complete blood count performed on Patient A.

COUNT I

(Medical Records Violation)

- 6. All of the allegations in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein.
- 7. NRS 630.3062(1) provides that the failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient is grounds for initiating discipline against a licensee.
- 8. As demonstrated by, but not limited to the above-outlined facts, Respondent failed to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of Patient A when he failed to document that he: postoperatively diagnosed and/or evaluated Patient A for a bile leak; postoperatively evaluated Patient A for a retained common bile duct stone; postoperatively evaluated Patient A for pancreatitis; reviewed Patient A's vital signs; and ordered a complete blood count performed on Patient A.
- 9. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as provided in NRS 630.352.

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COUNT II

(Malpractice)

- 10. All of the allegations in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein.
- 11. NRS 630.301(4) provides that malpractice of a physician is grounds for initiating disciplinary action against a licensee.
- 12. NAC 630.040 defines malpractice as the failure of a physician, in treating a patient, to use the reasonable care, skill or knowledge ordinarily used under similar circumstances.
- 13. As demonstrated by, but not limited to the above-outlined facts, Respondent failed to use the reasonable care, skill or knowledge ordinarily used under similar circumstances when he failed to: 1) utilize the Critical View Approach on Patient A during the laparoscopic cholecystectomy; 2) postoperatively diagnose with and/or evaluate Patient A for a bile leak; 3) postoperatively evaluate Patient A for a retained common bile duct stone; 4) postoperatively evaluate Patient A for pancreatitis; 5) review Patient A's vital signs; and 6) order a complete blood count performed on Patient A.
- 14. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as provided in NRS 630.352.

WHEREFORE, the Investigative Committee prays:

- 1. That the Board give Respondent notice of the charges herein against him and give him notice that he may file an answer to the Complaint herein as set forth in NRS 630.339(2) within twenty (20) days of service of the Complaint;
- 2. That the Board set a time and place for a formal hearing after holding an Early Case Conference pursuant to NRS 630.339(3);
- 3. That the Board determine the sanctions it will impose if it finds Respondent violated the Medical Practice Act;
- 4. That the Board make, issue and serve on Respondent, in writing, its findings of fact, conclusions of law and order, which shall include the sanctions imposed; and

5. That the Board take such other and further action as may be just and proper in these premises.

Lay of July, 2014. DATED this 30

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By:

Erin L. Albright, Esq. General Counsel

Attorney for the Investigative Committee

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEVADA)	
COUNTY OF CLARK	: ss.)	
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Beverly A. Neyland, M.D., hereby deposes and states under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Nevada that she is the Chair of the Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners that authorized the foregoing Complaint against the Respondent herein; that she has read the foregoing Complaint; and that based upon information discovered during the course of the investigation into a complaint against Respondent, she believes the allegations and charges in the foregoing Complaint against Respondent are true, accurate and correct.

Beverly A. Neyland, M.D.

Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I am employed by Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners and that on 1st day of July 2014; I served a filed copy of COMPLAINT, PATIENT DESIGNATION & FINGERPRINT INFORMATION, via USPS e-certified mail to the following:

> Wesley Wilkinson Hall, MD 635 Sierra Rose Drive, Ste. A Reno, NV 89511

Dated this 1st day of July, 2014.

Angelia L. Donohoe Legal Assistant