

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICINE**

**IN RE: WILLIAM A. SQUIRES, M.D.**  
**License No.: 0101-032046**

**ORDER**

In accordance with Sections 54.1-2400(10), 2.2-4019 and 2.2-4021 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), an informal conference was held with William A. Squires, M.D., on August 9, 2006, in Richmond, Virginia. Members of the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") serving on the Special Conference Committee ("Committee") were: Clara L. Adams-Ender, R.N., M.S.N., BG USA Ret., Chairman; Sandra Anderson Bell, M.D.; and Ann T. Burks, J.D. Dr. Squires appeared and was not represented by legal counsel. Adjudication Specialist Virginia A. Scher was present as a representative for the Administrative Proceedings Division of the Department of Health Professions. The purpose of the informal conference was to inquire into allegations that Dr. Squires may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia, as set forth in a Notice of Informal Conference dated June 19, 2006.

**FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Now, having properly considered the evidence and statements presented, the Committee makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

1. William A. Squires, M.D., was issued license number 0101-032046 to practice medicine in Virginia on May 15, 1980. Said license will expire on October 31, 2006, unless renewed or acted upon.

2. Dr. Squires violated Sections 54.1-2915.A (18) and (19) [*formerly Sections 54.1-2914.A (15) and (16), as codified prior to July 1, 2001*] of the Code, and 18 VAC 85-20-100 of the Board's Regulations Governing the Practice of Medicine, in that beginning in or about January 2001, and continuing until in or about June 2002, Dr. Squires engaged in a sexual relationship with Patient A concurrent with, and by virtue of, the practitioner-patient relationship.

3. Dr. Squires violated Sections 54.1-2915.A (13) and (16) [*formerly Sections 54.1-2914.A (10) and (13), as codified prior to July 1, 2001*] of the Code, and on or after July 1, 2003, violated Section 54.1-2915.A (3) [*formerly Section 54.1-2915.A (4)*] of the Code, in that on multiple occasions between on or about January 11, 2001, and on or about November 26, 2004, Dr. Squires prescribed controlled substances, to include OxyContin (oxycodone, C-II) and Xanax (alprazolam, C-IV) to Patient A, without performing or documenting physical examinations, developing a comprehensive treatment plan, or reviewing the efficacy of such treatment.

4. Dr. Squires violated Sections 54.1-2915.A (3), (13) and (16) [*formerly Section 54.1-2915.A (4) and Sections 54.1-2914.A (8) and (11), as codified July 1, 2001*] of the Code, in that he continued to prescribe Xanax for Patient A after she sought treatment for acute withdrawal from Xanax in or about January 2003, without establishing or documenting the medical justification for continuing such prescriptions. Further, Dr. Squires failed to respond to signs that Patient A was abusing Xanax, as evidenced by requests for early refills.

5. Dr. Squires violated Sections 54.1-2915.A (3), (13) and (16) [*formerly Section 54.1-2915.A (4) and Sections 54.1-2914.A (10) and (13), as codified prior to July 1, 2001*] of the Code, in that he failed to manage appropriately the multiple medical problems of Patient B, who resided outside of the country. Specifically:

a. Between on or about February 20, 1991, and on or about March 14, 2001, Dr. Squires often failed to perform or document comprehensive physical examinations, review the efficacy of treatment or modify his treatment plan accordingly while prescribing multiple controlled substances to Patient B, to include: Demerol (meperidine, C-II), Effexor (venlafaxine, C-VI), Elavil (amitriptyline, C-VI), Halcion (triazolam, C-IV), Percocet (oxycodone/acetaminophen, C-II), Roxicet (oxycodone/acetaminophen, C-II), Tylenol #3 (acetaminophen/codeine, C-III), Tylenol #4 (acetaminophen/codeine, C-III), Ultram (tramadol, C-VI) and Xanax (alprazolam, C-IV).

b. Between on or about February 20, 1999, and on or about March 14, 2001, Dr. Squires failed to arrange appropriate follow-up and monitoring of Patient B's chronic back pain, depression and gastritis, in that he continued to prescribe for these conditions without ensuring that Patient B was seen in his office on a regular basis.

c. Between on or about December 20, 1988, and on or about December 6, 2000, Dr. Squires prescribed Keflex (cephalosporin, C-VI) and Zithromax (azithromycin, C-VI) to Patient B without specific medical indication, and for Patient B to use at his discretion.

6. The Committee determined that Dr. Squires failed to demonstrate sufficient insight into and knowledge of the issues in the Notice of Informal Conference.

**ORDER**

WHEREFORE, based on the above Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law, it is hereby ORDERED that the license of William A. Squires, M.D., be, and hereby is, placed on INDEFINITE PROBATION subject to the following terms and conditions.

1. Within one year of entry of this Order, Dr. Squires shall complete a Board approved course in proper prescribing, consisting of at least ten (10) Category 1 CME hours. All CME shall be approved in advance of registration by the Executive Director of the Board. Within fifteen (15) days of completion of the course, Dr. Squires shall submit verification of completion satisfactory to the Board.

2. Within one year of entry of this Order, Dr. Squires shall complete a Board approved course in maintaining proper boundaries, consisting of at least twenty (20) Category 1 CME hours. All CME shall be approved in advance of registration by the Executive Director of the Board. Within fifteen (15) days of completion of the course, Dr. Squires shall submit verification of completion satisfactory to the Board.

3. Within one year of entry of this Order, Dr. Squires shall complete a Board approved course in pain management consisting of at least twenty (20) Category 1 CME hours. All CME shall be approved in advance of registration by the Executive Director of the Board. Within fifteen (15) days of completion of the course, Dr. Squires shall submit verification of completion satisfactory to the Board.

4. All CME required under the terms of this Order shall be face-to-face, and shall not be used towards compliance with the Board's continuing education requirements for license renewal.

5. Within eighteen (18) months of entry of this Order, an Investigator for the Department of Health Professions shall obtain copies of patient records for (10) pain patients for review by the Board.

6. A compliance report shall be prepared regarding Dr. Squires compliance with the terms of this Order. Upon receipt of the report, the Committee authorizes the Executive Director of the Board to review the report and to order the termination of the probation on Dr. Squires' license, or to refer this matter to a Special Conference Committee for further review and final determination.

7. Dr. Squires shall cooperate with the Board and the Department of Health Professions in the investigation or inspection of his practice to verify that he is in compliance with this Order.

8. Dr. Squires shall maintain a course of conduct in his practice of medicine commensurate with the requirements of Title 54.1, Chapter 29 of the Code and all laws of the Commonwealth.

9. Dr. Squires shall notify the Executive Director of the Board, by certified mail, of any change of address within ten days of such occurrence.

10. Dr. Squires shall notify the Board immediately, in writing, should he intend to change the location of his practice.

Violation of this Order may constitute grounds for suspension or revocation of Dr.

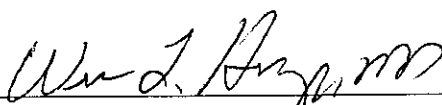
Squires' license. In the event that Dr. Squires violates this Order, an administrative proceeding may be convened to determine whether his license shall be revoked.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400.2(F) of the Code, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400((10) of the Code, Dr. Squires may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on September 14, 2006, notify William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director, Board of Medicine, 6603 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23230, in writing that he desires a formal administrative hearing before the Board. Upon the filing with the Executive Director of a request for the hearing, this Order shall be vacated.

Therefore, this Order shall become final on September 14, 2006; unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

FOR THE BOARD

  
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William L. Harp, M.D.  
Executive Director  
Virginia Board of Medicine

ENTERED: 8/11/06