

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS BRANCH

In re: Margaret Wilkinson, R.N.

Petition No. 2007-1128-010-095

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §§19a-10 and 19a-14, the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") brings the following charges against Margaret Wilkinson:

COUNT ONE

1. Margaret Wilkinson of Bloomfield, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") is, and has been at all times referenced in this Statement of Charges, the holder of Connecticut registered nursing license number E53181.
2. At all relevant times, respondent was employed as a registered nurse at Hartford Hospital, Hartford, Connecticut.
3. In or around November 2007, respondent diverted hydromorphone by utilizing a syringe to remove solution from hydromorphone infusions being administered to patients on the hospital's oncology unit.
4. In or around November 2007, respondent abused or utilized to excess hydromorphone.
5. Respondent's abuse of hydromorphone does, and/or may, affect her practice as a registered nurse.
6. The above facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-99(b), including but not limited to:
 - a. §20-99(b)(2); and/or
 - b. §20-99(b)(5).

COUNT TWO

7. Paragraphs 1 and 2 are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.
8. On March 21, 2007, the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing (hereinafter "the Board") issued a Memorandum of Decision in Petition Number 2006-1220-010-115 (hereinafter "the March 2007 Order") that placed respondent's registered nursing license on probation for a period of four years. Such disciplinary action was based upon proof of respondent's diversion of hydromorphone and falsification of controlled substance records.

9. Said March 2007 Order specifically provides that respondent shall provide the Department with monthly reports from her employer, which shall include documentation of respondent's ability to safely and competently practice nursing and further requires that respondent shall not obtain for personal use and/or use any drug that has not been prescribed for her, for a legitimate purpose, by a licensed health care practitioner authorized to prescribe medications.
10. In or around December 2007, the Department received an employer report that respondent was terminated from Hartford Hospital on or about November 27, 2007 for diversion of hydromorphone by utilizing a syringe to remove solution from hydromorphone infusions being administered to patients on the hospital's oncology unit.
11. Respondent's conduct as described above constitutes violations of the terms of probation as set forth in the March 2007 Order, and subjects respondent's license to revocation or other disciplinary action authorized by the General Statutes of Connecticut, §§19a-17 and 20-99(b).

THEREFORE, the Department prays that:

The Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing, as authorized by the General Statutes of Connecticut, §§20-99(b) and 19a-17, revoke or order other disciplinary action against the license of Margaret Wilkinson as it deems appropriate and consistent with law.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 13th day of December 2007.



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