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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY :  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :  
RAYMOND L. SCHNEIDER, DDS, : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER  
RESPONDENT. : LS # 0411244 DEN

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(01 DEN 008)

The parties to this action for the purposes of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Raymond L. Schneider, DDS  
2140 South Ridge Road  
Green Bay, WI 54304

Division of Enforcement  
Department of Regulation and Licensing  
1400 East Washington Avenue  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board  
Department of Regulation & Licensing  
1400 East Washington Avenue  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision of this matter, subject to the approval of the Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board. The Board has reviewed the attached Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

## FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Raymond L. Schneider, DDS, Respondent herein, date of birth 7/31/47, is duly licensed as a dentist in the State of Wisconsin, license #5001226. This license was first granted on 5/24/73.
2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board is 2140 South Ridge Road, Green Bay, Wisconsin 54304.
3. At all times relevant to this action, Respondent was working as a dentist at Echo Ridge Dental Clinic, 2140 South Ridge Road, Green Bay, Wisconsin. Respondent practices as a general dentist and also provides implant dentistry services.
4. R.B., the patient herein, date of birth 12/9/11, presented at Respondent's office on 6/28/95 complaining that he could not chew his food with his existing dentures. The Respondent examined the patient, made some adjustments to his dentures and suggested dental implants as a potential treatment option.
5. On 9/11/95, Respondent performed surgery to place four implants in the patient's mandible.
6. On 10/19/95, the Respondent examined the patient and noted that the implants demonstrated some tenderness and lateral micro mobility. Respondent attached a hadar bar to the implants and on 10/23/95 loaded the implants by inserting the lower denture with a soft relines over the implants.
7. The patient returned for follow-up visits on 11/7/95, 1/8/96 and 3/12/96. The implants continued to demonstrate lateral micro mobility. The patient continued to complain of difficulty chewing his food. On 3/12/96, the Respondent noted the presence of a fibro-osseous connection. An x-ray taken by Respondent on 3/26/96 showed a radiolucency on the right. The patient's continuing complaints, the results of Respondent's examinations and the dental x-ray demonstrated that the implants had failed by 3/12/96.
8. The patient continued to return to Respondent on a regular basis for evaluation of the dental implants through 7/21/98. The patient was unable to return to Respondent's office between 7/21/98 and 9/9/99 due other unrelated health issues. Respondent's last examination of the patient was on 9/9/99. Respondent suspected at that time that the implants may have failed and may need to be removed. The patient was scheduled for removal of the hadar bar and further examination on 9/29/99. Corrective repair and removal was planned as needed. The patient cancelled the appointment and scheduled an appointment with another dentist.
9. On 10/22/99 the patient was examined by another dentist who determined that the implants had failed and that the adjacent tissue was infected. He recommended removal of the implants. The implants were removed by this dentist on 11/4/99 following a course of antibiotic therapy.
10. Respondent's conduct in providing dental care for the patient fell below the minimum standards of competence established in the profession and, thereby, substantially departed from the standard of care ordinarily exercised by a dentist in the following respects:
  - a. Respondent failed to recognize that by 3/12/96 the implants had failed and required removal.
  - b. Respondent failed to promptly remove the failed implants after 3/12/96.
11. Respondent's conduct as described in paragraph 10 created the following unacceptable risks of harm for the patient:
  - a. Respondent's failure to recognize by 3/12/96 that the implants had failed and required removal and Respondent's failure to promptly remove the implants created the unacceptable risks of infection, pathological fracture of the mandible due to bone loss at the site of the implants and further compromising the patient's status as a candidate for dental implants in the future.
12. A minimally competent practitioner, to avoid or minimize the unacceptable risks of harm to the patient, would have:

a. Recognized by 3/12/96 that the implants had failed and required removal and either promptly removed the implants himself or made arrangements for the patient to have the implants promptly removed by another practitioner.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 447.07, [\[smg1\]](#) and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Final Decision and Order, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. The conduct described in paragraphs 4 through 12 of the Findings of Fact was conduct that substantially departed from the standard of care ordinarily exercised by a dentist which could have harmed the patient in violation of Wis. Stats. § 447.07(3)(a) and Wis. Admin. Code § DE 5.02(5).

3. The Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board has the authority pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.22 to assess the costs of this proceeding against the Respondent.

## ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The license of Raymond L. Schneider, DDS to practice dentistry in the state of Wisconsin is hereby limited as follows:

### Educational Component of the Limited License

a. Respondent shall attend and satisfactorily complete a minimum of 50 hours of course work in implants and prosthetics. Any course attended in whole or in part to satisfy any portion of this 50 hour requirement shall be attended in its entirety.

b. Each course attended in satisfaction of this 50 hour requirement shall be pre-approved by the Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board or its designee. A course attended in whole or in part by Respondent at a date prior to the effective date of this Final Decision and Order will not be eligible to satisfy the requirements of this Final Decision and Order.

c. The “Three Day Basic Course” and the “Two Day Advanced Course” in implants and prosthetics sponsored by Bicon Dental Implants and consisting of a total of 50 credit-hours of course work are approved by the Dentistry Examining Board for satisfaction of this educational requirement. If both of these courses are attended by the Respondent after the effective date of this Final Decision and Order, no further approval of these courses is required pursuant to paragraph 1(b) of this Order. The curriculum for the “Three Day Basic Course” includes a review of the literature; a review of anatomical, prosthetic and surgical principles; patient selection guidelines; medical, dental, and psychosocial factors for treatment options; pharmacological influences on patient selection and treatment; pre and post-operative care; surgical template fabrication; site preparation; two-stage and one-stage surgical procedures; single tooth restoration; O-ring overdenture restorations; and laboratory and clinical nuances. The curriculum for the “Two Day Advanced Course” includes maxillary and mandibular ridge splitting techniques; internal and lateral sinus lift techniques; bone grafting; pre and post-operative periodontal factors; immediate stabilization and function technique; full arch restorations; telescopic restorations and potential complications.

d. Respondent shall within 60 days of completion of the approved courses provide evidence satisfactory to the Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board that he has attended each of the approved courses in its entirety. This evidence shall include:

i. Certification of attendance from the sponsoring organization; and

ii. Respondent’s affidavit given under oath that he has attended each of the approved courses in its entirety.

e. Respondent shall pay all costs of attending the approved courses and of verifying attendance at the courses.

f. Respondent shall not practice implant dentistry, including but not limited to the placement of implants and the fabrication or placement of prosthetic devices utilizing implants, until he has fully satisfied the 50 hour educational requirement as described herein and submitted the required verification of attendance as specified above, except that Respondent may complete cases in progress involving implant dentistry for patients under his care on the effective date of this Final Decision and Order.

### Monitoring Component of the Limited License

g. Respondent’s practice of implant dentistry, including but not limited to the placement of implants and the fabrication or placement of prosthetic devices utilizing implants, shall be monitored for a period of 2 years commencing on the date that Respondent is eligible to resume the practice of implant dentistry. The monitor function shall be performed by an

individual appointed by the Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board.

h. Respondent shall maintain a complete list of all patients for whom he provides implant dentistry services, including but not limited to the placement of implants and the fabrication or placement of prosthetic devices utilizing implants, on and after the date on which he is eligible to resume the practice of implant dentistry. For each patient identified on this list, Respondent shall describe the implant services rendered and the current status of the services being provided. Respondent shall provide the complete list to the individual appointed by the Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board each month commencing one month following the date on which Respondent is eligible to resume the practice of implant dentistry.

i. The individual appointed by the Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board to monitor Respondent's practice of implant dentistry shall perform his function by reviewing selections of Respondent's patient records, including patient x-rays, and shall file reports every 3 months with the Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board commencing 3 months following the date on which Respondent is eligible to resume the practice of implant dentistry. The reports shall assess the quality of Respondent's treatment of the selected patients. The individual appointed by the Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board to monitor Respondent's practice shall select the patient cases for review from the lists provided to this individual by the Respondent. The patient records selected for review shall be at the sole discretion of the individual monitoring the Respondent's practice. The individual monitoring the Respondent's practice may discuss any one or more of the patient cases selected for review with the Respondent as he or she deems appropriate to better understand the treatment decisions made and the treatment provided by the Respondent. Respondent shall fully cooperate with and participate in any discussion initiated by the individual monitoring the Respondent's practice.

j. The Respondent shall be responsible for the full costs of performing this monitor function including the reasonable professional fees of the individual appointed by the Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board to monitor Respondent's practice. The Respondent will be notified of the fee structure to be implemented by the individual monitoring the Respondent's practice. For each report filed during the 2 year period of monitoring by the individual monitoring Respondent's practice pursuant to paragraph 1(i) of this Order, the individual monitoring Respondent's practice shall submit an invoice for services rendered directly to the Respondent with a copy to the Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board within 30 days of the date on which he or she files the report. Respondent will pay the amount of the invoice directly to the individual monitoring the Respondent's practice within 30 days of the date of receipt of the invoice.

k. The limited license will terminate and the Respondent's license will be restored to full and unrestricted active status when all terms of this Final Decision and Order have been complied with.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

2. Respondent shall pay a forfeiture in the amount of \$500.00, payable to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing, within 60 days of the date of this Final Decision and Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

3. All requests for approval of courses, certifications of attendance, affidavits, payment of forfeiture, reports and other documents required to be filed with the Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board or the Department of Regulation and Licensing shall be mailed, faxed or delivered to:

Department Monitor  
Division of Enforcement  
Department of Regulation and Licensing  
P.O. Box 8935  
1400 East Washington Avenue  
Madison, WI 53708-8935  
Telephone (608) 267-3817  
Fax (608) 266-2264

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

4. Respondent shall, within 60 days from the date of this Final Decision and Order, pay costs of this proceeding in the amount of \$15,000.00. Payment shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing, and mailed to:

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Division of Enforcement  
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5. Violation of any of the terms of this Final Decision and Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license. The Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Final Decision and Order. In the event Respondent fails to timely submit any payment of the forfeiture as set forth above or fails to pay costs as ordered or fails to comply with the educational component or the monitoring component of the limited license or practices implant dentistry in violation of the terms of the limited license, the Respondent's license #5001226 SHALL BE SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of this Final Decision and Order. [\[smg2\]](#)

6. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board

By: Bruce Barrette, DDS	9/28/05
A Member of the Board	Date

[\[smg1\]](#)This should be deleted/ changed to a blank  
[\[smg2\]](#)This section should be the standard summary suspension provision: **Violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license. The Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order.** Where the terms of discipline consist of a forfeiture, costs or continuing education, alternative "self-effectuating" language should be utilized. E.g.: **In the event Respondent fails to timely submit any payment of the forfeiture as set forth above, the Respondent's license(#1550) SHALL BE SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of this Order.**