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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
GEORGE PANOS, D.D.S.	:	LS 0509023DEN
RESPONDENT	:	

[Division of Enforcement Case 02 DEN 145]

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

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

A formal complaint was filed in this matter on September 2, 2005. The parties, George Panos, D.D.S., personally and through his attorney, Paul R. Erickson, Gutglass, Bonville, Seibel & Falkner, S.C., and Pamela M. Stach, Attorney for the Department of Regulation and Licensing, agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision in this matter, subject to the approval of the 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. George Panos, D.D.S., (DOB 11/22/53) is duly licensed and currently registered to practice dentistry in the state of Wisconsin pursuant to license # 3806 which was first granted on June 29, 1987.
2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Department of Regulation and Licensing is N67 W31027

3. At all times relevant to this action, Respondent was working as a dentist in Hartland, Wisconsin and providing dental services to a 26 year old female patient, TR.

4. A formal complaint has been filed in this matter alleging Respondent engaged in conduct with Patient TR that indicated a lack of knowledge of, an inability to apply, or the negligent application of, principles and skills of dentistry in the following regard:

- A. Respondent failed to properly perform the extraction of tooth #1 in that he failed to completely remove the roots.
- B. Respondent failed to recognize that there were retained root tips at the site of tooth #1 and failed to advise the patient of the retained roots.
- C. Respondent failed to provide additional Valium for the patient's anxiety prior to the delayed procedure on November 11, 2002, when he knew or should have known that the previous dosage taken at approximately 6:40 would no longer be effective.

5. The Respondent and the experts retained by both parties differ as to:

- A. Whether the Respondent completely removed the roots;
- B. Whether the Respondent failed to recognize or that the radiographs disclose the alleged retained root tip; and
- C. Whether the procedure was delayed and what the standard of care is with respect to indications for supplemental dosages of Valium under the circumstances of this case.

6. While the patient in this case was advised by a subsequent treater that a root tip remained, it is undisputed that the patient has not had the alleged root tip removed.

7. On September 28, 2005, subsequent to his treatment of patient TR, Respondent completed a continuing education course in premedication of patients entitled Oral Sedation in Dentistry provided through Marquette University School of Dentistry, Milwaukee, WI.

8. From March 3, 2006 through July 27, 2006, Respondent successfully completed the following coursework at the Atlanta Center for Restorative Dentistry at the Medical College of Georgia:

- A. Hands on Anatomy Lecture Lab – March 3-5, 2006. (16 Crs.)
- B. Pharmacology Management of Patients, Infectious Disease Risks, and Pharmacology Associated with Surgery – April 22, 2006 (7 Crs.)
- C. Inflammation and Wound Healing – April 23, 2006 (2 Crs.)
- D. Complications and Microbiological Flora and Soft Tissue Surgery May 11 -13, 2006 (8 Crs.)
- E. Comprehensive Patient Assessment, Diagnosis and Treatment Planning June 23-24, 2006 (8 Crs.)
- F. Live Surgical Workshops – Atraumatic Endodontia Techniques July 27, 2006 (2 Cr.)

9. Respondent has cooperated fully throughout this proceeding and voluntarily agrees to entry of this Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 447.07 (3), and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the stipulation of the parties as attached hereto, is accepted;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

1. Within one (1) year of the effective date of this Order, George Panos, D.D.S. shall obtain continuing education in the area of oral surgery, specifically in the removal of fractured teeth and third molars and the attendant complications of those procedures, continuing education in the area of oral diagnosis and radiology and continuing education in the area of oral sedation.

2. The Board recognizes the coursework completed by Respondent set forth in paragraphs 7 and 8 of the Findings of Fact of this Order as partially satisfying the requirements set forth in paragraph one above.

3. Dr. Panos shall participate in and successfully complete the attached educational program established through the Marquette University School of Dentistry as satisfaction of the remaining requirements of paragraph one above.

4. Within 30 days after the program identified in paragraph three above is concluded, Dr. Panos shall file with the Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board certifications from the sponsoring organization of his attendance at the required program.

5. All costs of the educational program shall be the responsibility of the Dr. Panos.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

6. Dr. Panos shall pay costs in this matter in the amount of five thousand two hundred and thirty seven (\$5237.00) payable to the Department of Regulation and Licensing within ninety days of the effective date of this Order.

7. Submission of all required documentation and payment of costs shall be mailed to:

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8. 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. In the event Respondent fails to pay costs as ordered or fails to comply with the ordered continuing education the Respondent's license (#3806) SHALL BE SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of this Order.

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

State of Wisconsin
Dentistry Examining Board

By: Keith D. Clemence DDS
A Member of the Board

11/1/06
Date