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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :

PATRICK J. CRAWFORD, D.D.S., :
RESPONDENT. :

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
LS0905065DEN

[Division of Enforcement Case #04 DEN 011, 05 DEN 021]

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

Patrick J. Crawford, D.D.S.
7851 Cooper Road
Kenosha WI 53142

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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 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. Patrick J. Crawford, D.D.S., (“Respondent”) was born on October 19, 1960, and is licensed to practice dentistry in the state of Wisconsin pursuant to license number 3916. This license was first granted on June 2, 1988. Respondent is a general dentist.
2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board is 7851 Cooper Road, Kenosha, Wisconsin 53142.
3. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was working as a dentist at Kenosha, Wisconsin.
4. Patient K.G. is a woman born on August 30, 1966.
5. On April 30, 2001, Respondent placed a three surface resin restoration on Patient K.G.’s tooth #18, and

took an intraoral photograph. He billed her insurance carrier, and her, for a three surface resin restoration with a post, and a periapical radiograph.

6. On May 24, 2001, Respondent placed restorations on Patient K.G.'s teeth #30 and #31, and took an intraoral photograph. He billed her insurance carrier, and her, for two full cast crowns with bases, and a periapical radiograph.

7. Patient P.O. is a man born on March 10, 1954.

8. On June 19, 2000, Respondent performed root canal treatment on Patient P.O.'s tooth #3, perforating the tooth in the process.

9. Respondent did not inform Patient P.O. of the perforation.

10. Respondent represents that he took radiographs before and after performing the root canal on Patient P.O. on June 19, 2000, but he discarded those radiographs, and radiographs for multiple other patients, when he adopted a different computer system in or about April 2003.

11. The minimally acceptable practice of dentistry requires that a dentist who perforates a patient's tooth during performance of a root canal recognize the fact of the perforation, inform the patient of the perforation, and repair the perforation or refer the patient to another dentist to have the perforation repaired.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

2. The conduct described in paragraphs 4 - 6, above, constitutes a violation of Wis. Stat. § 447.07(3)(i), attempting to obtain compensation by fraud or deceit.

3. The conduct described in paragraphs 7 -10, above, constitutes a violation of Wis. Stat. § 447.07(3)(h), engaging in conduct that demonstrates a lack of knowledge of, or ability to apply, principles of dentistry.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The license of Patrick J. Crawford, D.D.S., to practice dentistry in the State of Wisconsin is hereby SUSPENDED for a period of one week, effective the date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

2. The license of Patrick J. Crawford, D.D.S., is LIMITED by the conditions that

a. he may not perform any endodontic treatment on any patient until he has successfully completed sixteen hours of continuing dental education in a general overview review of endodontic theory and practice, and

b. within six months of the date of this Order, he shall complete four hours of continuing dental education in acceptable dental billing practices, and four hours of continuing dental education in ethics of dental practice, and four hours of dental education in patient documentation/dental record keeping.

c. Respondent shall locate courses, and submit them to the Board or the Board's designee for approval. The Board will not accept any course that it has not approved for compliance with this Order before Respondent completes the course; the Board in its sole discretion may approve part or all of any course for compliance with this Order. No part of the continuing education required under this Order may be credited toward compliance with any other continuing education requirement to which Respondent may be subject.

d. Respondent shall submit satisfactory evidence of completion of each course he takes in compliance with this Order to the Board's designee within one month of the date of the course.

e. This limitation shall be lifted upon satisfactory completion of the continuing education requirements of this Order.

f. For purposes of this Order, the Board's designee is

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3. Respondent shall, within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, pay costs of this proceeding in the amount of Two Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Eight (\$2478.00) dollars. Payment shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing, and mailed to:

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4. 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 complete the continuing education as ordered, the Respondent's license (#3916) SHALL BE SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of this Order.

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

Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board

By: Lori R. Barbeau D.D.S.
A Member of the Board

5/6/09
Date