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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
PARAMJIT S. SIDHU, D.D.S.,	:	
RESPONDENT.	:	

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**ORDER 0001514**

[Division of Enforcement Case #11 DEN 054]

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

Paramjit S. Sidhu  
8422 W. Capitol Drive  
Milwaukee, WI 53222

Division of Enforcement  
Department of Safety and Professional Services  
1400 East Washington Avenue  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board  
Department of Safety and Professional Services  
1400 East Washington Avenue  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935

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 (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. Paramjit S. Sidhu, D.D.S. ("Respondent") was born on November 2, 1950 and is licensed to practice as a dentist in the State of Wisconsin (license #2560-15). This license was first granted on July 7, 1980.

2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board is 8422 W. Capitol Drive, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

3. At all times relevant to this action, Respondent was employed as a dentist at his own clinic, P.S. Sidhu & Associates, located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

4. On April 26, May 2, and May 18, 1998, Patient A presented for endodontic therapy on tooth #19.

5. Because Respondent was unable to open the root canals past the 15 file, Respondent decided to obturate the canals with silver points.

6. On May 28, 2002, Patient A presented for endodontic therapy on tooth #30. Respondent was unable to open the root canals past the 20 file and obturated with silver points.

7. On May 30, 2008, Patient A presented for endodontic therapy on tooth #18. Respondent opened the Mesio-Lingual and Mesio-Buccal canals to the 20 file and the Distal canal to the 25 file. Respondent again obturated with silver points.

8. Effective endodontic therapy procedures generally require canals to be opened to approximately 1 millimeter of the root tip. For all three endodontic therapy procedures, Respondent failed to open the canals to an effective length by 4-5 millimeters.

9. Incomplete removal of pulp tissue puts the patient at an unacceptable risk of re-infection of the tooth, often causing discomfort and requiring retreatment.

10. Despite difficulties in opening the root canals in each of the three procedures, Respondent failed to refer Patient A to an endodontist, failed to inform Patient A that the canals could not be opened to an effective length, and failed to inform Patient A of the risks associated with inadequate pulp removal.

11. Endodontic obturation with silver points has long been abandoned as an approved form of obturation due to its inability to create a long-term, proper three-dimensional fill, and has not been taught in dental school for several decades. Although silver points remain an FDA-approved material, both the American Dental Association and the American Association of Endodontists recommended against the continued use of silver points in endodontic obturation.

12. Respondent's continued use of silver points in endodontic obturation fell below today's minimum standard of the dentistry profession.

13. As a result of Respondent's retreatment of tooth #'s 18, 19 and 30, Patient A experienced severe discomfort and subsequently required retreatment of tooth #18 by Dr. L.H. and tooth #'s 19 and 30 by Dr. S.S. The retreatment cost Patient A an additional \$4,200.00.

14. Respondent's deficiencies in the treatment of Patient A substantially departed from the standard of care and minimum competence in the practice of dentistry.

### CONCLUSION 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 above constitutes unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § DE 5.02(5) and subjects Respondent to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 447.07(3)(a).

### ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Paramjit S. Sidhu, D.D.S. (license #2560-15) is **REPRIMANDED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

2. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall obtain and successfully complete a minimum of **nine (9) hours** of education in endodontic dentistry.
  - a. Respondent shall locate and have the Board or its designee pre-approve the educational program(s) prior to Respondent completing them.
  - b. Within 30 days after Respondent has completed each educational program, Respondent shall submit to the Department Monitor proof of his attendance and that he has successfully completed each educational program.
  - c. Respondent cannot apply these nine hours of education to the biennial continuing education requirements. If Respondent obtains more than nine hours of education to fulfill the requirements of this Order, then Respondent can use any of the hours of education obtained in excess of nine hours towards the biennial continuing education requirements.
  - d. Requests for pre-approval of education and proof of successful completion shall be submitted to the Department Monitor at the address below.
  - e. Respondent is responsible for all costs of compliance with this Order.
3. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay costs of this proceeding in the amount of SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$600.00). Payment shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services, and mailed to:

Department Monitor  
Division of Enforcement  
Department of Safety and Professional Services

P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935  
Telephone (608) 267-3817  
Fax (608) 266-2264

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 provide evidence of satisfactory completion of the education, or pay the costs as set forth above in a timely matter, the Respondent's license (#2560-15) may, in the discretion of the board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has paid costs and submitted evidence of satisfactory completion of the education.

5. This Order shall become effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

By:



A member of the Board

5-2-12

Date