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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

CHRISTOPHER M. KANIA, D.D.S.,  
RESPONDENT.

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 14 DEN 079

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

Christopher M. Kania, D.D.S.  
983 A Hwy. 21  
Friendship, WI 53934

Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board  
P.O. Box 8366  
Madison, WI 53708-8366

Division of Legal Services and Compliance  
Department of Safety and Professional Services  
P.O. Box 7190  
Madison, WI 53707-7190

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

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Christopher M. Kania, D.D.S., (DOB December 29, 1969) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice dentistry, having license number 4763-15, first granted on January 4, 1996 and current through September 30, 2015. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 983 A Highway 21, Friendship, Wisconsin 53934.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was employed as a dentist at Castle Rock Dental, located in Mauston, Wisconsin.

3. On August 20, 2014, Respondent examined Patient A, who was complaining of high levels of pain when chewing and experiencing throbbing during the night.

4. Respondent determined that tooth #15 was fractured and infected. Respondent discussed treatment options with Patient A and Patient A elected to have a root canal/crown procedure.

5. Respondent prescribed an antibiotic and pain medication to Patient A.

6. Patient A informed Respondent that she had an adverse reaction to Vicodin®, and that she believed she was allergic to hydrocodone.

7. Respondent disregarded Patient A's adverse reaction to Vicodin® and prescribed Vicoprofen®, which also contains hydrocodone. Patient A took the drug, and reported that she experienced hives, nausea, light headedness, blackouts, body aches and a migraine.

8. Respondent neither admits nor denies any violation in this matter, but concedes that there is sufficient basis for the Board to make these Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

#### 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 pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Christopher M. Kania, D.D.S., engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § DE 5.02(5), by practicing in a manner which substantially departs from the standard of care ordinarily exercised by a dentist which harms or could have harmed a patient.

3. As a result of the above violations, Christopher M. Kania, D.D.S., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 447.07(3)(a), (f) and (h).

#### ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent Christopher M. Kania, D.D.S., is REPRIMANDED.

3. The license to practice dentistry issued to Christopher M. Kania, D.D.S., (license number 4763-15) is LIMITED as follows:

- a. Within ninety (90) days of the date of this Order, Respondent shall successfully complete four (4) hours of education on the topic of pain control/medication selection offered by a provider pre-approved by the

Board's monitoring liaison, including taking and passing any exam offered for the courses.

- b. Respondent shall submit proof of successful completion of the ordered education in the form of verification from the institution providing the education to the Department Monitor at the address stated below. None of the education completed pursuant to this requirement may be used to satisfy any continuing education requirements that have been or may be instituted by the Board or Department, and also may not be used in future attempts to upgrade a credential in Wisconsin.
- c. This limitation shall be removed from Respondent's license after satisfying the Board or its designee that Respondent has successfully completed all of the ordered education.

4. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Christopher M. Kania, D.D.S., shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$250.00.

5. Request of approval of courses, proof of successful course completion and payment of costs (made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services) shall be sent by Respondent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

Department Monitor  
Division of Legal Services and Compliance  
Department of Safety and Professional Services  
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190  
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264  
[DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov)

6. 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 timely submit payment of costs as ordered or fails to submit proof of successful completion of the ordered education as set forth above, Respondent's license (no. 4763-15) may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with payment of costs and completion of the education.

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

WISCONSIN DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

by:

  
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A Member of the Board

5/6/15  
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Date

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STIPULATION

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 14 DEN 079

Respondent Christopher M. Kania, D.D.S., and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services stipulate as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.

2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:

- the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondent, at which time the State has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
- the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Respondent;
- the right to call witnesses on Respondent's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
- the right to testify on Respondent's own behalf;
- the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision;
- the right to petition for rehearing; and
- all other applicable rights afforded to Respondent under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.

3. Respondent is aware of Respondent's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation.

4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board (Board). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

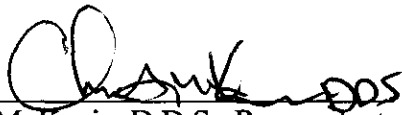
5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division

of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Board ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Board may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Board should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

7. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.



Christopher M. Kania, D.D.S., Respondent  
983 A Hwy. 21  
Friendship, WI 53934  
License no. 4763-15

3-9-2015  
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