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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

FERAS T. ALKHADER, D.D.S.
LICENSEE.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
FOR REMEDIAL EDUCATION

ORDER 0007664

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 20 DEN 046

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

Feras T. Alkhader
Tomah, WI 54660

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. Feras T. Alkhader, D.D.S. (Licensee), (Year of Birth 1982) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice dentistry, having license number 1001020-15, first issued on November 17, 2014 and current through September 30, 2023. Licensee's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Tomah, Wisconsin 54660.

2. At all times relevant to these matters, Licensee practiced dentistry at a dental clinic owned and operated by an American Indian Nation, located in Wisconsin.

3. On February 25, 2020, Licensee saw Patient J.R. to remove a loose, failed resin restoration and decay in tooth # 8, and to place a temporary filling in tooth # 8. Licensee decided

to utilize a TMS pin to stabilize the temporary filling. During the procedure, Licensee dropped the TMS pin in the pulp chamber, which then became lodged in the canal of tooth # 8.

4. During the investigation of this matter, Licensee asserted the following:

- a. When he dropped the pin, he immediately stopped the procedure, informed the patient what had happened, and referred her to an endodontist.
- b. The pulp was exposed accidentally after the patient jerked her head.

5. The February 25, 2020 patient dental record for Patient J.R. did not contain any information concerning the TMS pin, exposure of pulp after Patient J.R. jerked her head, benefits and risks of procedure/treatment, alternatives to procedure/treatment, benefits and risks of alternatives to procedure/treatment, or Licensee's signature electric or otherwise.

6. Patient J.R.'s dental records of February 25, 2020, do not contain any notation or document confirming that informed consent was obtained from Patient J.R. related to the February 25, 2020 procedure.

7. On February 27, 2020, Licensee added an addendum to Patient J.R.'s dental record, concerning the February 25, 2020 treatment, in which he documented what occurred during the February 25, 2020 appointment concerning the TMS pin.

8. On February 27, 2020, Licensee added a note to Patient J.R.'s dental record stating that the note served as Licensee's electronic signature for items charted on his behalf.

9. On March 2, 2020, Licensee added an addendum to Patient J.R.'s dental record, concerning the February 25, 2020 treatment, stating that Patient J.R. was informed of "risk and benefits of the procedure, all options and alternative were discussed prior the procedure, agreed."

10. This Final Decision and Order for Education does not constitute professional discipline and the Board has made no finding that Licensee engaged in unprofessional conduct.

11. In resolution of this matter, Licensee consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Within six (6) months of the date of this Order, Licensee shall at his own expense take and successfully complete three (3) hours of education on the topic of patient record documentation and (1) hour on the topic of informed consent as follows:

- a. Each course attended in satisfaction of this Order must be pre-approved by the Board or its designee. Licensee shall be responsible for locating course(s) satisfactory to the Board and for obtaining the required approval of the course(s) from the Board or its designee. Licensee must take and pass any exam offered for the course(s). Classes shall be in person unless otherwise approved by the Department Monitor.
- b. Licensee shall submit proof of successful completion of the 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 may not be used in any future attempt to upgrade a credential.
- c. The Board's monitoring liaison may change the number of credit hours and/or education topics in response to a request from Licensee. The monitoring liaison may consider the topic availability and/or hours of education when determining if a change to the ordered education should occur.

3. Requests for course approval and proof of successful course completion shall be sent by Licensee 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) 266-2112; Fax (608) 266-2264
DPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

Licensee may also submit this information online at: <https://dpsmonitoring.wi.gov>

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

WISCONSIN DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

By: Shahed Gwani
A Member of the Board

Date 3 November 2021

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

FERAS T. ALKHADER, D.D.S.,
LICENSEE.

STIPULATION

ORDER 0007664

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 20 DEN 046

Feras T. Alkhader, D.D.S. (Licensee), 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. Licensee consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.

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

- the right to a hearing on the allegations against Licensee, 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 Licensee;
- the right to call witnesses on Licensee's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
- the right to testify on Licensee'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 Licensee under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.

3. Licensee is aware of Licensee's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation. Licensee is represented by Attorney Patrick Lubenow.

4. Licensee 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. Licensee waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

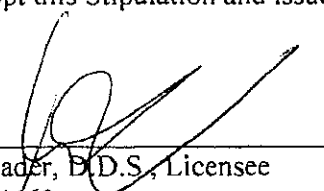
5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division

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 Licensee or Licensee's attorney, 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. Licensee 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 Licensee in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.




Feras T. Alkhader, D.D.S., Licensee
Tomah, WI 54660
License No. 1001020-15

10-07-2021
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10/12/2021
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