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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF	:	
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	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
MICHAEL KOWALSKI, D.D.S.,	:	FOR REMEDIAL EDUCATION
LICENSEE.	:	ORDER 0007765

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 20 DEN 065

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

Michael Kowalski, D.D.S.
Waukesha, WI 53188

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. Michael Kowalski, D.D.S. (Licensee), (Year of Birth 1954) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice dentistry, having license number 2506-15, first issued on June 16, 1980, 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 Waukesha, Wisconsin 53188.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Licensee practiced dentistry at a clinic, located in Waukesha, Wisconsin.

3. On May 2, 2019, Licensee saw Patient A for the removal of a fixed dental bridge due to extensive decay on one of the abutments. During the procedure, Licensee paused to secure

the bridge when the bridge snapped; Patient A then swallowed part of the bridge. Licensee did not utilize a dental dam or other apparatus to prevent swallowing of the dental bridge, nor did he use, or have present, a high vacuum evacuator (HVE) when he attempted to remove the dental bridge.

4. Patient A did not have problems breathing and was not coughing. Licensee contacted and spoke to an ENT who informed Licensee that it was not an emergency situation, and that Patient A should wait a few days to see if the dental bridge would pass. Following the conversation with the ENT, Licensee did not advise Patient A to obtain an x-ray to determine placement of the swallowed partial bridge.

5. A few days later, Patient A was hospitalized and required surgery to have the dental bridge endoscopically removed and for resection of his bowel.

6. 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 three (3) months of the date of this Order, Licensee shall at their own expense, successfully complete six (6) hours of education on the topic of risk management, offered by a provider pre-approved by the Board monitoring liaison, including taking and passing any exam offered for the courses. Such education shall be in person unless otherwise approved by the Department Monitor.

a. 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 also may not be used in future attempts to upgrade a credential in Wisconsin.

b. The Board 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:  Date 5 January 2022
A Member of the Board

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

MICHAEL KOWALSKI, D.D.S.,
LICENSEE.

STIPULATION

ORDER 0007765

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 20 DEN 065

Michael Kowalski, 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 Ellison Hitt.

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.

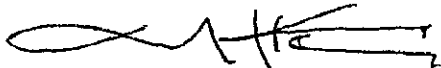
5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division

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.

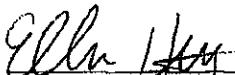
7. Licensee is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

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.



Michael Kowalski, D.D.S., Licensee
Waukesha, WI 53188
License No. 2506-15

11/24/21
Date



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