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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
PATRICK J. CRAWFORD, D.D.S., :
RESPONDENT. : **0003957**

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 13 DEN 085

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

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

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 Patrick J. Crawford, D.D.S., (DOB October 19, 1960) is licensed in the State of Wisconsin to practice dentistry, having license number 3916-15, first granted on June 2, 1988 and current through September 30, 2015. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 7851 Cooper Road, Kenosha, Wisconsin 53142.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was employed as a dentist at a clinic located in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

3. On September 4, 2013, Patient A, a minor, presented to Respondent's clinic in pain with a swollen right cheek.

4. Respondent determined that Patient A had a 1 cm x 1 cm abscess due to extreme decay of primary molar #B which needed to be extracted.

5. Respondent verbally informed Patient A's mother that #B would need to be extracted to allow the abscess to drain.

6. Patient A was resistive to treatment and had to be controlled by his father during the procedure.

7. Respondent decided to extract #I, not #B, because it was in similar condition as #B and it was easier to numb. Respondent also decided to fill #A.

8. Respondent did not inform Patient A's parents prior to changing his course of action.

9. Later that day Patient A's parents noticed that the swelling had not gone down and Patient A was still in pain. They looked inside Patient A's mouth and saw that the tooth (#B) next to the abscess was still there.

10. Patient A's father called Respondent's emergency line and Respondent informed Patient A's father that he wasn't able to extract #B because it was difficult to numb because of the abscess coupled Patient A's lack of cooperation and behavior, but chose to extract #I and fill #A. Respondent instructed Patient A's father to bring Patient A back to the clinic the following day to finish the procedure.

11. Patient A's certified treatment records revealed the following discrepancies:

- a. Respondent failed to obtain a signed informed consent form from Patient A's parents regarding the treatment plan.
- b. Respondent failed to obtain a signed informed consent form from Patient A's parents regarding Respondent's decision to extract #I and fill #A.
- c. Respondent failed to document the need for treatment. There is no indication of the number of cavities, the state of the oral cavity or treatment recommendations.

12. Respondent's handwritten progress notes appear to be written after the fact even though they are dated on the date of service.

13. The progress notes are written in a manner that provides an explanation of Respondent's interpretation of the events rather than notes of what actually happened on the day of service.

14. 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, Patrick J. Crawford, D.D.S., engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined in 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, Patrick J. Crawford, D.D.S., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 447.07(3)(a).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent Patrick J. Crawford, D.D.S., is REPRIMANDED.

3. The license to practice dentistry issued to Patrick J. Crawford, D.D.S., (license number 3916-15) 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 documentation; four (4) hours of education on the topic of treatment planning; and four (4) hours of education on the topic of risk management 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 and Respondent shall be granted a full, unrestricted 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, Patrick J. Crawford, D.D.S., shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$850.00.

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

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. 3916-15) 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:



A Member of the Board

5/6/15

Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

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STIPULATION

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

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 13 DEN 085

Respondent Patrick J. Crawford, 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.



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