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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

In the Matter of :
: Administrative Action
EDMUND M. CARUSO, D.M.D. :
:
Licensed to Practice Dentistry: CONSENT ORDER
in the State of New Jersey :
_____:

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry (hereinafter "the Board") upon receipt of a patient complaint from D.P. The complaint alleged that Edmund M. Caruso, D.M.D. (hereinafter "respondent") rendered dental treatment to D.P. which failed to conform to standard dental practice in the State of New Jersey. Specifically, D.P. alleged that respondent did not render proper dental treatment regarding a permanent bridge and implants. On March 19, 1997, respondent appeared with counsel, John Paul Dizzia, Esq., at an investigative inquiry into the matter held by the Board.

Having reviewed the entire record, including the testimony of respondent at the investigative inquiry, it appears to the Board that respondent failed to recognize that he had perforated the root of the tooth when preparing the post and, thereafter, placed the crown on the tooth; he failed to recognize that the implant bridge

was not properly fabricated or seated; and he failed to redo the bridge immediately when he realized it was "rocking". These failures constitute violations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (c).

It appearing that respondent desires to resolve this matter without any admissions and without recourse to formal proceedings and for good cause shown:

IT IS ON THIS 21st DAY OF January 1998,

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent shall successfully complete the following continuing education: forty (40) hours of implant dentistry and fourteen (14) hours of basic post and core dentistry, which courses shall be completed within nine months of the entry of the within Consent Order. These courses, which are in addition to the regularly required continuing education hours, shall be approved by the Board in writing prior to attendance, utilizing the attached Pre-Approval sheet. Respondent also shall be required to complete the attached continuing education Report and Proof of Attendance as proof of successful completion of the required course work. The attached forms are made a part of the within Consent Order, and a separate form is to be used for each course.

2. Respondent shall cease and desist from all implant dentistry until the above described forty hours of continuing education for implant dentistry are successfully completed.

3. Respondent shall reimburse D.P. in the amount of \$4,657.00. A certified check or money order made payable to D.P. shall be sent within fourteen days of the entry date of this Consent Order to Ms. Agnes Clarke, Executive Director, Board of Dentistry, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07102.

4. Respondent is hereby assessed civil penalties in the amount of \$3,500.00 for failing to recognize that he perforated the root of the tooth when preparing the post and, thereafter, placing the crown on the tooth; failing to recognize that the implant bridge was not properly fabricated or seated; and failing to redo the bridge immediately when he realized that it was "rocking". The civil penalties of \$3,500.00 shall be submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and submitted to the Board no later than fourteen days from the entry of this Consent Order. Payment shall be sent to Ms. Agnes Clarke, Executive Director, at the address stated in paragraph three.

5. Respondent is hereby assessed the costs of the investigation to the State in this matter in the amount of \$133.00. Payment for the costs shall be submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and submitted to the Board no later than fourteen days from the entry of the

within Consent Order. Payment shall be sent to Ms. Agnes Clarke, Executive Director, at the address stated in paragraph three.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY



Valentine Bloch, D.D.S.
President

I have read and understand the within Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter this Order.



Edmund M. Caruso, D.M.D.