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

IN THE MATTER OF :  
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 EDGAR P. LEA, D.D.S. :  
 License No. DI 7435 :  
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 LICENSED TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY :  
 IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :  
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Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER



This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry ("Board") upon receipt of information that Edgar P. Lea, D.D.S. ("respondent"), failed to treat patient S.A. in a manner consistent with the standard of care in this State. Specifically, it has been alleged that respondent failed to adequately examine patient S.A. and speak to her concerning needed periodontal work. On February 19, 2003 respondent appeared with counsel, Pamela Mandel, Esq., at an investigative inquiry into the matter held by the Board.

Having reviewed the entire record, including patient records and the testimony of respondent and his hygienist at the investigative inquiry, it appears to the Board that respondent

failed to create a contemporaneous record and failed to keep accurate records, as evidenced by mislabeled x-rays, mismounted x-rays, and the addition of entries in the patient chart subsequent to the treatment date. Moreover, respondent failed to perform periodontal charting and failed to diagnose periodontal disease for patient S.A.

These facts establish basis for disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h) for failing to create a contemporaneous record and failing to keep sufficient and accurate records. It appearing that respondent desires to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings and for good cause shown:

IT IS ON THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF August, 2003

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

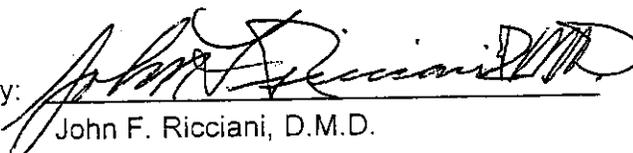
1. Respondent is hereby assessed civil penalties, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22 in the amount of \$5,000, for violations of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h). Payment shall be made no later than 60 days from the entry of this Consent Order. Payment for the civil penalties totaling \$5,000 shall be submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and shall be sent to Kevin Earle, Executive Director, Board of Dentistry, P.O. Box 45005, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101. Subsequent violations will subject respondent to enhanced penalties pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-25.

2. Respondent is assessed the costs of the investigation to the State in this matter in the amount of \$286.50. 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 twenty-one days from the entry of this Consent Order. Payment shall be sent to Kevin B. Earle at the address described in paragraph #1.

3. Failure to remit any payment required by this Order will result in the filing of a certificate of debt.

4. Failure to comply with any of the terms of this consent order may result in further disciplinary action.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

By:   
John F. Ricciani, D.M.D.  
Board President

I have read and understand this Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. I consent to the entry of this Order.

  
Edgar P. Lea, D.D.S.

8-4-23  
Date

I consent to the entry of this order as to form.

  
Pamela Mandel, Esq.

August 4, 2023  
Date