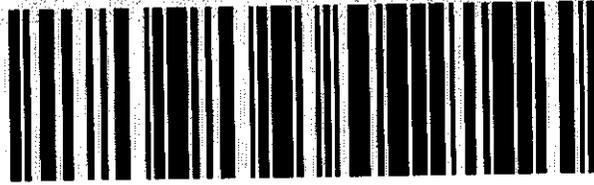


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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
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IN THE MATTER OF :  
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**RONALD F. GERHARD, D. D.S.** :  
**License No. DI 12502** :  
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LICENSED TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY :  
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry ("Board") upon receipt of information that Ronald F. Gerhard, D.D.S. ("respondent"), had provided dental treatment to three patients which was not within the standard of care for such treatment in this State. Specifically, it has been alleged that respondent fabricated dental prosthetics known as Maryland bridges for patients S.Z. and V.C. which were unsatisfactory and that he did not adequately treat the periodontal condition of patient S.F. On January 22, 2003, respondent appeared without counsel at an investigative inquiry into the matter held by the Board. Respondent asserted that for each of the three patients, he performed adequate treatment and made proper referrals.

Having reviewed the entire record, including the testimony of respondent at the investigative inquiry, it appears to the Board that respondent did not have adequate diagnostic materials to plan the treatment for patient V.C. and failed to properly fabricate dental prostheses for patients V.C.

(Maryland bridge and crown) and S.Z. (temporary Maryland bridge). Respondent did provide treatment and made recommendations for continued treatment to patient S.F., including a referral for periodontal therapy, but S.F. declined to follow the recommendations.

These facts establish basis for disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d) in that respondent's failure to have proper diagnostic records and failure to provide treatment within the standard of care in this State constitutes repeated acts of negligence. Respondent now desires to resolve this matter without admissions and without recourse to formal proceedings. It appearing that resolution of this matter is now appropriate,

IT IS ON THIS 6 DAY OF July, 2005  
HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent shall successfully complete the following continuing education: seven (7) hours in oral diagnosis to include radiology and three (3) hours in record keeping. These courses shall be completed within six (6) months of the entry of this 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. Respondent shall complete the attached continuing education course approval and shall provide proof of successful completion of the required course work. The attached form is made a part of this Consent Order. A separate form shall be used for each course.

2. Respondent shall reimburse the patient identified in this order as V.C. the amount of \$3,100. Respondent shall reimburse the patient identified in this order as S.Z. the amount of \$1,095. Certified checks or money orders made payable to the patients identified in this order as V.C. and S.Z. shall be sent within twenty-one days of the entry date of this Consent Order to Joanne Boyer, Acting Executive Director, Board of Dentistry, P.O. Box 45005, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

3. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22 in the amount of \$2,000 for conduct with respect to repeated acts of negligence and failure to have adequate diagnostic materials. Payment of the civil penalty of \$2,000 shall be submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and shall be sent to Joanne Boyer, Acting Executive Director, at the address described in paragraph #2 no later than 60 days from the entry of this Consent Order. . Subsequent violations will subject respondent to enhanced penalties pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-25.

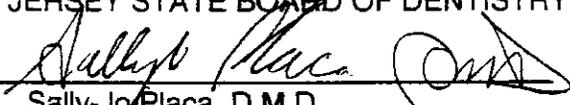
4. Respondent is assessed the costs of the investigation to the State in this matter in the amount of \$268.64. Payment for the costs shall be made by certified check or money order payable to the State of New Jersey and submitted to the Board no later than sixty days from the entry of this Consent Order. Payment shall be sent to Joanne Boyer at the address described in paragraph #2.

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

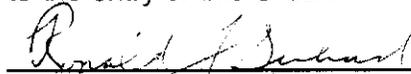
6. Failure to comply with any of the terms of this consent order may result in further disciplinary action.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

By:

  
Sally-Jo Placa, 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.

  
Ronald F. Gerhard, D.D.S.

7/6/05  
Date