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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY  
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STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

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IN THE MATTER OF	:	
	:	Administrative Action
LINDA FONTANA, D.M.D.	:	
License No. 22DI01851600	:	CONSENT ORDER
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LICENSED TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY	:	
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	

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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry ("Board") upon receipt of information that Linda Fontana, D.M.D. ("respondent"), fabricated and attempted to insert a six unit temporary bridge for patient A.D. on two different occasions. A.D. presented to respondent with a collapsed bite. Respondent inserted the temporary bridge on each occasion without first attempting to restore the patient to the proper vertical dimension. On each occasion the bridge failed. Additionally, respondent failed to do a complete examination and failed to properly devise a treatment plan for the patient.

On May 18, 2005, respondent appeared with counsel, Michael J. Keating, Esq., at an investigative inquiry into the matter. During the inquiry, respondent stated her intention was to satisfy the patient by providing her with an immediate temporary restoration. Respondent admitted she did not take proper intermaxillary relations and did not attempt to restore the patient to the proper vertical dimension or otherwise address the patient's occlusion. Respondent also admitted she did not do a complete examination of the patient including a periodontal and endodontic evaluation.

Finally, respondent testified she administered an antibiotic to the patient, as a prophylactic measure, in order to control profuse bleeding of the patient's gums. Respondent acknowledged that A.D. was taking a medication called Norvasc. Respondent failed to consider A.D.'s medication or medical condition as a source of the bleeding, nor did respondent discuss this possibility with the patient's physician.

Having reviewed the entire record, including patient records and the testimony of respondent at the investigative inquiry, it appears to the Board, that respondent committed repeated acts of negligence by inserting a bridge on two separate occasions without addressing the patient's improper vertical dimension. These facts establish a basis for disciplinary action, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d), for engaging in repeated acts of negligence. It appearing that respondent desires to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings and for good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 21 DAY OF January, 2007

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent is hereby assessed a civil penalty, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22, in the amount of \$2,500 for violating N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d). Payment shall be made simultaneously with the

entry of this Consent Order. Payment of the civil penalty shall be submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and shall be sent to, Executive Director, Board of Dentistry, P.O. Box 45005, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

2. Respondent shall pay restitution of \$1,580 by certified check or money order made payable to patient A.D. delivered to the Office of the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry simultaneously with the signing of this order.

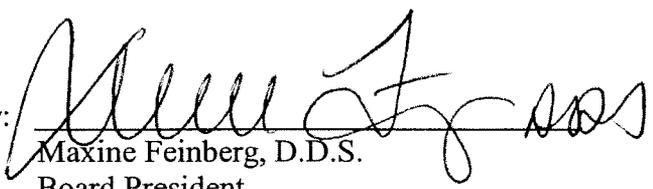
3. Respondent shall fully attend and successfully complete a tutorial course pertaining to full mouth rehabilitation with an emphasis on occlusion. This course shall be completed within one month of the entry of the within consent Order. This course, which is in addition to the regularly required continuing education hours, shall be approved by the Board in writing prior to attendance. Respondent shall complete the attached Application for Course Approval prior to attending the course. The attached form is made a part of this Consent Order.

4. Respondent shall successfully complete and provide proof of completion of a continuing education course on the proper use of antibiotics in conjunction with a patient's medical status. This course shall be completed within six months of the entry of the within Consent Order. This course, which is 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 Application for Course Approval prior to attending the course. The attached form is made a part of this Consent Order.

5. Failure to timely 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:   
Maxine Feinberg, D.D.S.  
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.

  
Linda Fontana, D.M.D.

1/4/08  
Date

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

  
Michael Keating, Esq.  
Attorney for Linda Fontana, D.M.D.

1/15/08  
Date

New Jersey State Board of Dentistry  
Application for Course Approval  
(Please Type or Print Legibly)



124 Halsey Street . 6th Floor . Newark, NJ . 07101  
phone: 973.504.6405  
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The Board cannot assure approval for courses provided. Applications must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the course date.

**A separate form is to be used for each course.** A copy will be returned to you after approval or denial by the Board.

Dentist name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

The following course is designed to fulfill a portion (or all) of \_\_\_\_\_ hours required in the area of \_\_\_\_\_

Number of credit hours requested for this particular course: \_\_\_\_\_

Course Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) you will be attending course: \_\_\_\_\_

Time course begins and ends: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach a course brochure. (Required)**

**For Board use only**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved

Denied

Reason for denial: \_\_\_\_\_

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