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

IN THE MATTER OF :  
: ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION  
LEONID ITSKOV, D.D.S. :  
License No. 22DI02179000 :  
: CONSENT ORDER  
: LICENSSED TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY :  
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

The New Jersey State Board of Dentistry ("Board") reviewed information regarding Leonid Itskov's ("Respondent's") treatment between September 2, 2009 and May 19, 2010 of a medically compromised patient M.M. This matter was originally opened to the Board upon receipt of a complaint from M.M. pertaining to the quality of dental care provided by various dentists, including Respondent, who at the time of treatment were employed by or were affiliates of Toothsavers Dental Center in Fort Lee, New Jersey.

The Board finds that on or about April 4, 2010, Respondent negligently inserted eight (8) implants at teeth positions #3, #4, #6, #8, #9, #11, #13 and #14, and mismanaged the care by failing to take appropriate diagnostic materials and perform an adequate work-

up. Implants #8 and #9 failed shortly after and respondent placed them on May 5<sup>th</sup>, and May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The implant at #4, #6, and #11 were subsequently removed and in April 2011, another dentist employed by Toothsavers Dental Center assumed treatment of M.M. He found that, as of May 2011, only three (3) of the implants inserted by Respondent at #3, #13 and #14 had survived. The patient then received four (4) replacement implants, which are also alleged to have caused her persistent and significant pain. Additionally, three (3) original implants placed by Respondent at #3, #13 and #14 exhibited gross thread exposures on their facial aspects.

On October 17, 2012, Respondent appeared at an investigative inquiry before the Board. Based upon a review of the complaint, patient record (including the patient's X-rays and CT scans) and respondent's testimony, the Board finds that respondent failed to take appropriate diagnostic materials and perform an adequate work-up to determine that the patient M.M. has insufficient bone volume and or density to support most of the dental implants which would have required extensive grafting in the premaxilla prior to placement. Respondent also did not chart any existing restorations or periodontal conditions before commencing treatment.

Based upon the record, the Board finds that Respondent's execution of treatment substantially deviated from the generally accepted standard of care for dental practice in this State.

These facts establish a basis for disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (c), (d), and (e) in that respondent engaged in

gross negligence or incompetence, repeated acts of negligence or incompetence, and engaged in professional misconduct, and failed to maintain records consistent with N.J.A.C. 13:30-8.7.

Respondent denies these allegations and being desirous of resolving this matter without the necessity of further formal proceedings, and agreeing to waive any right to a hearing, and the Board finding the within disposition to be adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare and for other good cause shown, and all parties agreeing to the terms of this order;

IT IS on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015

**HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:**

1. Respondent shall cease and desist from performing dental implants unless and until he successfully completes the ten (10) month American Academy of Implant Dentistry ("AAID") MaxiCourse in implant dentistry, or other implant dentistry course of similar content that is approved by the Board in writing prior to attendance. Documentation of successful completion of the course shall be provided to the Board within thirty (30) days of completion. "Successful completion" means that respondent has attended all sessions of the course, fully participated in the course, and received a final evaluation of an unconditional pass. The indicated course work shall be in addition to respondent's regularly required continuing education hours. Respondent shall be entirely responsible for any and all costs or expenses relating to the course.

2. Respondent shall successfully complete seven (7) hours of continuing education in treatment of medically compromised patients. The course work, which shall be in addition to respondent's regularly required continuing education hours, must be approved by the Board in writing prior to attendance. Respondent shall provide proof of successful completion of the course within thirty (30) days of completion. "Successful completion" means that respondent has attended all sessions of the course, fully participated, and received a final evaluation of an unconditional pass. Respondent shall be entirely responsible for any and all costs or expenses relating to the courses.

3. Respondent is assessed civil penalties, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-25, in the amount of \$5,000.00 for repeated acts of negligence or incompetence in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d). Payment of the civil penalties shall be submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and shall be sent to Jonathan Eisenmenger, Executive Director, P.O. Box 45005, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101 no later than ninety (90) days from the entry of this Consent Order.

4. Failure to remit any payment as required by this Order will result in the filing of a certificate of debt and such other proceedings as permitted by law.

5. Failure to timely comply with any terms of this Consent Order may result in further disciplinary action.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

By: Shirley Birenz R.D.H. MS  
Shirley Birenz, R.D.H. MS  
Board Acting 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.

[Signature]  
Leonid Itskov, D.M.D.

Date: 2/24/15

I consent to the form and entry of this order.

[Signature]  
Stephen H. Schechner, Esq.

Date: 3/4/13