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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	Administrative Action
CHANDON AHUJA, D.D.S License No. 22DI02214300	CONSENT ORDER
LICENSED TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	

The New Jersey State Board of Dentistry ("Board") received a patient complaint alleging that Chandon Ahuja, D.D.S. ("Dr. Ahuja" or "respondent"), had failed to treat him within the standard of care. More specifically, the patient alleged that implants and fixed prostheses were improperly done and that attempts at repair were inadequate.

On February 19, 2014, respondent appeared with counsel, Joseph Gorrell, Esq., at an investigative inquiry into the matter held by the Board. Dr. Ahuja, who owns the practice, described the treatment rendered to P.S., the patient, by him

and by his associate dentists. Dr. Ahuja testified that another dentist placed the six implants that supported the mandibular prosthesis, but that he designed the fixed bridge from teeth 20-29 and that he, at the patient's request and against his professional judgment, added two pontics, which further compromised the prosthesis. When the porcelain on the bridge chipped, respondent attempted to repair by adding composite material. When a short time later, the bridge then broke at the solder joint, respondent remade the prosthesis into two separate bridges; the new bridges again did not seat properly.

Having reviewed the entire record, including the testimony of respondent at the investigative inquiry, it appears to the Board that in this case Dr. Ahuja's treatment arguably fell below the standard of care for dentists in this State in that Dr. Ahuja did not take adequate diagnostics and did not record in the patient chart several prescriptions he had written, including prescriptions for controlled dangerous substances, dates on which the patient appeared for treatment, relevant information regarding the patient's occlusion, and notations regarding the patient's periodontal condition.

These facts establish a basis for disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (d) for rendering treatment below the standard of care, and N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h) for failing to comply with a Board regulation, specifically, the Board's rules regarding recordkeeping, N.J.A.C. 13:30-8.7. It appearing that respondent desires to resolve this matter without admitting any violations and without recourse to formal proceedings and for good cause shown:

IT IS ON THIS 6th DAY OF January, 2016,

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1 Chandon Ahuja, D.D.S. is assessed civil penalties, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22 in the amount of $5,000 for failing to create and maintain a patient record in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:30-8.7. Payment of the civil penalty of $5,000 shall be submitted by bank 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 June 1, 2016. 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 $ 548. Payment for the costs shall be submitted by bank check or money order or wire transfer made payable to the State of New Jersey and submitted to the Board no later than June 1, 2016. Payment shall be sent to Jonathan Eisenmenger, Executive Director at the address described in paragraph #1. Any form of payment other than those specified will be rejected and will be returned to the party making payment.

3. Respondent shall reimburse the patient identified in this order as P.S. the amount of $16,594. Payment shall be made in four equal monthly installments of $4,148.50. A bank check or money order made payable to the patient shall be sent on the first day of each month beginning February 1, 2016, and continuing until all

payments are made. Payment shall be sent to Jonathan Eisenmenger, Executive Director, at the address described in paragraph #1.

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 authorized by law.

5. Respondent shall successfully complete twenty-five hours of remedial continuing education as follows: seven hours crown and bridge/implant prosthesis; seven hours of diagnosis and treatment planning; seven hours in pharmacology; and four hours in record keeping. The Fellowship course taken by respondent at Rutgers Dental School may not be used to satisfy this remedial requirement. The courses shall be completed within nine 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.

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: _____
Emil Cappetta, D.D.S. .
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.

Chandon Ahuja, D.D.S.

Date 12/28/15

I consent to the form and entry of this order.

Joseph Gorrell, Esq.
Attorney for Dr. Ahuja

12/30/15
Date