

**STATE OF VERMONT
SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**

IN RE:	)	
RICHARD BRUCE METZ, D.M.D.	)	Docket No: DE01-0705
License No. 016-0000703	)	

Stipulation and Consent Order

NOW COME the State of Vermont, through Prosecuting Attorney Robert H. Backus, and the Respondent, Richard Bruce Metz, D.M.D., individually and through counsel, John D. Monahan, and enter into the following Stipulation and Consent Order.

Board Authority

1. The Board of Dental Examiners ("Board") has jurisdiction to investigate and adjudicate complaints of unprofessional conduct against dentists pursuant to 3 V.S.A. §§129 and 129a; 26 V.S.A. §§767 and 809; the Administrative Rules of the Board of Dental Examiners ("RBDE"); and the Rules of the Office of Professional Regulation.

Statement of Facts

2. The Respondent, Richard Bruce Metz, is licensed in Vermont as a dentist under license number 016-0000703. The Respondent's license is currently set to expire on September 30, 2007.
3. At all times relevant, the Respondent was licensed and working as a dentist out of his office located in Hinesburg, Vermont.
4. Between 1995 and 2002, the Respondent treated patient N.T. regularly and was her primary dentist.
5. Review of the patient records maintained by Respondent show that his charting of work performed, observations made and communications with the patient were often inadequate

Charges

6. The acts, omissions and/or circumstances described above, constitute grounds for discipline because Respondent violated 3 V.S.A. § 129a(a)(10) (1998) (In the course of practice . . . the failure to use and exercise on repeated occasions that degree of care, skill and proficiency which is commonly exercised by the ordinary skillful, careful and prudent

professional engaged in similar practice under the same or similar conditions, whether or not actual injury to a client, patient or customer has occurred);

UNDERSTANDINGS

7. Respondent understands that the Board of Dental Examiners must review and accept the terms of the Consent Order. If the Board rejects any portion, the entire Stipulation and Consent Order shall be null and void.
8. Respondent has read and reviewed this entire document and agrees that it contains the entire agreement between the parties.
9. Respondent voluntarily enters into this agreement after the opportunity to consult with legal counsel and is not being coerced by anyone into signing this Stipulation and Consent Order and waives any right to appeal from that order.
10. The parties agree that the following are appropriate conditions which may be added to the Respondent's license.

ORDER

I) Respondent is reprimanded and his license is conditioned.

II) Respondent shall complete course work addressing charting as approved by the Board. The courses proposed shall be submitted to the Board for approval within ninety days of the entry of this order and completed within one year. A one week course offered at Tufts by Dr. James Hanley is approved. Respondent may use this course towards his continuing education requirement.

III) Respondent shall arrange for a dentist (who must be approved by the Board, or its designee, in advance) to inspect, at random, ten patient files, every month for twelve months. This dentist shall review and discuss with Respondent his charting. The dentist shall make recommendations to Respondent for improving the patient charts. Respondent shall implement these recommendations.

IV) Within one hundred twenty days (and not sooner than ninety days) of the approval of this Order, Respondent shall have the reviewing dentist file with the Board a report showing how the requirements of Paragraph III above have been met. Three more reports shall be submitted at ninety day intervals.

V) Upon proof, reasonably acceptable to the Board, of compliance with this Order, the conditions shall be removed from Respondent's license.

11. This Stipulation and Consent Order shall be a matter of public record and may be reported to other licensing authorities as provided in 3 V.S.A. §129(a).

12. This Stipulation and Consent Order will remain part of the Respondent's licensing file and may be used for purposes of determining sanctions in any future disciplinary matter.

Apr 19, 2007
Date

APRIL 6, 2007
Date

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Date

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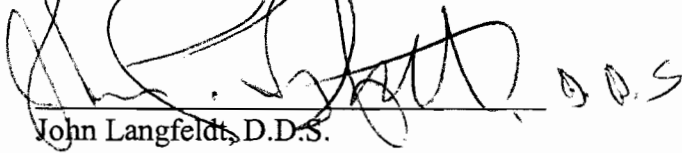
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State Prosecuting Attorney

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Respondent

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APPROVED AND SO ORDERED
VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS


John Langfeldt, D.D.S.

April 18, 2007

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

DATE OF ENTRY: 4/19/07