

BEFORE THE KANSAS DENTAL BOARD

In the Matter of the Licensure of: )  
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PAUL F. MITSCH, D.M.D. )  
Kansas License No. 5412 )  
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Case No. 16-08

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KANSAS DENTAL BOARD

STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the Kansas Dental Board (the "Board") and Paul F. Mitsch, D.M.D. (the "Respondent") as follows:

1. The Board is represented herein by its attorney, Randall J. Forbes of Frieden, Unrein & Forbes, LLP, 1414 SW Ashworth Pl., Suite 201, Topeka, Kansas 66604. The Respondent is represented herein by his attorney, Brian L. White of Hinkle Law Firm, LLC, 301 N. Main St., Suite 2000, Wichita, Kansas 67202-4820.

2. The Board is the Kansas agency vested with the authority, pursuant to K.S.A. 74-1404 and K.S.A. 74-1406, to carry out and enforce the provisions of the Kansas Dental Law, K.S.A. 65-1401 *et seq.*, including conducting hearings and proceedings to revoke, suspend or otherwise discipline a Kansas license to practice dentistry.

3. The Respondent is presently entitled to engage in the practice of dentistry in the State of Kansas by reason of the Board having issued his Kansas license number 5412. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent has held a current license to engage in the practice of dentistry in the State of Kansas.

4. The Board's Investigation Member has received certain information, investigated and determined that there are reasonable grounds to believe that Respondent has committed one or more acts in violation of K.S.A. 65-1436(a) which would justify the revocation or imposition of other disciplinary action against his Kansas License under the provisions of K.S.A. 65-

1436(b) and the assessment of an appropriate fine against Respondent under the provisions of K.S.A. 65-1436(d).

5. Respondent hereby admits and waives any further proof in this or any other proceeding before or initiated by the Board, and upon motion duly made, seconded and passed, the Board finds, that:

A. On August 2, 2012 patient LM presented to Respondent's dental office for treatment. Based upon the pocket depths and other information recorded in patient LM's chart, the initial diagnosis should have included moderate to advanced periodontal disease.

B. The full-mouth x-ray series taken of patient LM on August 2, 2012 were of a fair to poor diagnostic quality with several apices not included and none of the mandibular anterior teeth included.

C. Patient LM's chart reflects that on August 2, 2012, the periodontal examination revealed the following pocket depths by quadrant: UR – 4-6; UL – 4-6; LL – 4-6; and LR – 4-6. The recorded treatment plan was “perio cleaning.”

D. Patient LM's chart reflects that on August 29, 2012, Respondent's dental hygienist performed gross debridement and partial quadrants of deep scale and root planing without anesthetic.

E. Patient LM's chart reflects that on October 3, 2012, a periodontal examination revealed the following pocket depths by quadrant: UR – 4-7; UL – 4-7; LL – 4-5; and LR – 4-6.

F. Patient LM's chart reflects that on April 1, 2013 a periodontal examination revealed the following pocket depths by quadrant: UR – 4-7; LR – 4-9; LL – 4-5; and LR – incomplete.

G. Patient LM's chart reflects that she was again seen in Respondent's dental office on October 16, 2013. The chart entry for October 16, 2013 indicates that tooth #17 had an 11 mm pocket and the tooth was to be extracted when symptomatic. The chart entry for that date reveals the following pocket depths by quadrant: UR – 4-7; UL– 4-9; LL – 4-11; and LR – 4-6.

H. Patient LM's chart reflects that she was again seen in Respondent's dental office on April 29, 2014; August 26, 2014; September 30, 2014; October 20, 2014; and November 19, 2014. The chart reflects no improvement of the pocket depths.

I. Patient LM's chart reflects that on January 6, 2015, Respondent first referred patient LM to a periodontist for treatment.

J. The records of the periodontists that subsequently examined and treated patient LM revealed periapical lesions on three 3<sup>rd</sup> molars and teeth #s 12 and 14. The records revealed the prognosis for #2 was hopeless and guarded for several other teeth. The records revealed that patient LM has suffered significant bone loss.

K. Respondent's repeated failure to effectively treat patient LM's periodontal disease or refer her to a periodontist for treatment between October 3, 2012 and January 6, 2015 is below the applicable standard of dental care and constitutes negligence.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and passed, the Board finds that Respondent's conduct constitutes professional incompetence pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1436 (a)(3) as defined at K.S.A. 65-1436 (c)(2) and subjects his license to discipline pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1436(b) including the imposition of an appropriate fine pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1436(d).

6. The Respondent agrees and consents, and the Board finds and concludes, that the following disposition is just and appropriate under the circumstances:

A. ADMINISTRATIVE FINE. Respondent agrees, and the Board further orders the Respondent to pay an administrative fine in the amount of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00), within twenty (20) days of the entry of this Consent Order.

B. CONTINUING EDUCATION. Respondent agrees and consents that within 4 months of the effective date of this Consent Order he shall obtain a minimum of six (6) hours of continuing dental education in the area of periodontal evaluation and treatment. The course(s) must be pre-approved by a Board representative and not any course the Respondent has previously taken. Each entity that administers the course must notify the Board that Respondent has successfully completed the course. All continuing education required by this Stipulation and Consent Order shall be separate and in addition to any continuing education required for the renewal of Respondent's dental license. Within 30 days of completing the course required by this Consent Order, Respondent shall deliver to the Board's Executive Secretary a short written summary of the Course and a brief description of how the Course has affected changes to Respondent's dental practice to the benefit of his patients.

C. OTHER REQUIREMENTS. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that as a condition of this Stipulation and Consent Order he must, and the Board further orders the Respondent to:

- (i) Comply fully with this Stipulation and Consent Order; and
- (ii) Comply fully with the Kansas Dental Act, the Board's rules and regulations and all state and federal laws relating to Kansas dentists.

7. Respondent agrees that all information in the possession of the Board's Investigation Member, its staff, its investigators and its attorney regarding the complaint which led to this disciplinary action, the investigation of the complaint and all information discovered

during the pendency of the disciplinary action may be disclosed to and considered by the Board as part of the presentation and consideration of the proposal of settlement in the form of this Stipulation and Consent Order, with or without the presence of the Respondent or his attorney. In the event that this Stipulation and Consent Order is not accepted and approved by the Board, the Respondent further waives any objection to the Board members' consideration of this Stipulation and Consent Order or the information mentioned in the preceding sentence and further agrees to waive any claim of due process violation or the right to seek the disqualification of any Board member as a result of the Board member's consideration of said document and information.

8. The stipulations and orders contained herein shall not become binding until this Stipulation and Consent Order is approved and entered by the Board. The Respondent acknowledges that the approval of the Board's attorney shall not constitute the approval of the Board or bind the Board to approve this Stipulation and Consent Order.

9. The Respondent agrees that this Stipulation and Consent Order is in conformance with Kansas and federal law and the Board has jurisdiction to enter into it. The Respondent further agrees that the Kansas Dental Act, K.S.A. 65-1421 *et seq.*, is constitutional on its face and as applied in this case.

10. This stipulation constitutes the entire agreement of the parties and may only be modified by a subsequent writing signed by them. The agreement shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Kansas.

11. The Respondent acknowledges that he has the following rights:

- A. To have formal notice of charges served upon him;
- B. To file a response to the charges;

C. To have notice of and participate in a formal adjudicative hearing with the Board making specific findings of facts and conclusions of law based only upon evidence admitted at such hearing; and

D. To take advantage of all applicable provisions of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act and the Kansas Judicial Review Act.

The Respondent freely waives these rights and acknowledges that said waiver is made voluntarily and in consideration of the Board's limiting the disciplinary action taken against him to those provided for herein. The Respondent further waives the right to seek reconsideration or appeal or otherwise contest this Stipulation and Consent Order.

12. The Respondent acknowledges that he enters into this Stipulation and Consent Order freely and voluntarily after consultation with or an opportunity to consult with counsel of his choosing. The Respondent further acknowledges that he has read this Stipulation and Consent Order in its entirety, that he understands its legal consequences and that he agrees that none of its terms are unconscionable, arbitrary or capricious.

13. Time is of the essence to this Stipulation and Consent Order. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that any violation of this Stipulation and Consent Order shall constitute a willful violation of a lawful Board order and grounds for further disciplinary action against him. The pendency of any disciplinary action arising out of an alleged violation of this Stipulation and Consent Order shall not affect the obligation of Respondent to comply with all terms and conditions of this Stipulation and Consent Order.

14. This Stipulation and Consent Order constitutes the entire and final agreement of the parties. In the event any provision of this Stipulation and Consent Order is deemed invalid or

unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall be severed and the remaining provisions of this Stipulation and Consent Order shall be given full force and effect.

15. Upon execution by all parties and entry as an order by the Board, this Stipulation and Consent Order shall be a public record in the custody of the Board.

16. This Stipulation and Consent Order shall become effective on the day it is approved, accepted and made an order of the Board by way of signature of the Board's President or the President's authorized representative.

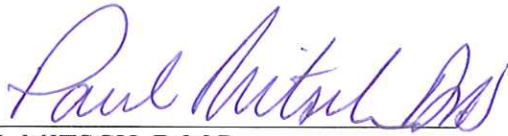
17. The Respondent acknowledges that he has been advised by the Board that he would have the right within 15 days after service of this Stipulation and Consent Order to file a petition for reconsideration with the Board and the right within 30 days after service of the Stipulation and Consent Order to file a petition for judicial review in the District Court of Shawnee County, Kansas in accordance with the Kansas Judicial Review Act, K.S.A. 77-601 *et seq.*, and to serve such a petition for judicial review on the Kansas Dental Board by serving B. Lane Hemsley, its Executive Director, at 900 SW Jackson, Room 564-S, Topeka, KS 66612. The Respondent hereby waives those rights.

ENTERED AND EFFECTIVE this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

KANSAS DENTAL BOARD

By: Donna K Thomas DDS  
DONNA THOMAS, D.D.S.  
President

AGREED AND APPROVED BY:



PAUL MITSCH, D.M.D.

May 15, 2017  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing **STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER** was served by depositing same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017, addressed to:

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