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November 12, 2024

Dr. Elizabeth Guadagni
C/O Michael Ragan, Esq.
Sent via e-mail
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Dear Dr. Guadagni:

The Investigative Panel of the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners has completed its investigation of the Medical Malpractice Report from the National Practitioner Data Bank. This information establishes that on August 13, 2021, a 15-year-old female, presented to your office for the extraction of her third molars.

At that appointment, you proceeded to extract the patient's teeth #s 2, 15, 17 and 31. You believed you extracted teeth #s 1, 16, 17, and 32. You acknowledged your error of extracting #15 instead of #16 as you were able to reimplant #15 and immediately notified the patient's parents. However, you did not realize you extracted teeth #s 2 and 31 instead of #s 1 and 32 until the patient's post-op appointment. At the patient's post-op appointment, a post-op radiograph was taken and showed that teeth #s 1 and 32 were still deeply impacted and teeth #s 2 and 31 were missing.

Based on the information available, it is the Board's opinion that your treatment of the patient violated G.S. §90-41, in that you extracted the wrong teeth. For this reason, the Board proposes to officially reprimand you. An official reprimand would include a copy of this letter being placed in your permanent file, notification of the reprimand being sent to the National Practitioner Data Bank, and a copy of the reprimand placed on the Board's web page for approximately three months.

If you wish to accept the reprimand, please sign below and return this letter to the Board office. The case will then be placed on the Board's agenda for consideration. The full Board can vote to accept the reprimand, propose a Consent Order, schedule the matter for a formal hearing, or dismiss the case. If you do not wish to accept the reprimand, the Investigative Panel has the option of referring the case for a disciplinary hearing. You also have the right to request a formal hearing. You must make your request in writing and file it with the Board office within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the Board office. Thank you for your cooperation with the Board during its investigation of this matter.

Dr. Elizabeth Guadagni
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Sincerely,

Jamie L. Rivera

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Case Manager

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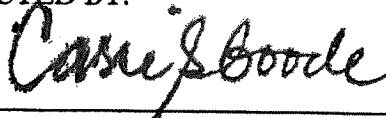


ELIZABETH GUADAGNI, D.D.S

11/12/2024

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11/18/2024

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