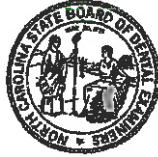


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CERTIFIED - RETURN RECEIPT MAIL

Dr. Myron L. Gottfried
1415 Patton Avenue
Asheville, North Carolina 28806

Dear Dr. Gottfried:

The Investigative Panel of the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners has completed its review of all materials and documentation presented at the Pre-Hearing Conference of Friday, June 15, 2017 regarding a malpractice report submitted to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) following the settlement of a claim against you on August 25, 2016.

The investigation establishes that you began treating patient AW in April 2005 when he was twelve years-old. At AW's initial visit on April 14, 2005, he received a prophylaxis and radiographs were taken. You noted that a periapical lesion was visible on tooth #24, but you did not make any recommendations regarding treatment of the tooth because recent endodontic therapy was performed.

You subsequently saw AW on multiple occasions through 2012. You noted on January 29, 2010 that a panorex was taken of patient AW in relation to the treatment of teeth #'s 17 and 32. This panorex shows the PA lesion on #24; however, you did not make note of the lesion. On August 4, 2011, a colleague at your office noticed a PA lesion on #24. AW presented to your office on June 20, 2012 for a hygiene appointment and complained of a loose tooth. He stated his lower anterior teeth had been recently bumped. Three periapical x-rays were taken and revealed a large PA lesion involving virtually all of AW's lower anterior teeth. He also had a fistula. You referred AW to an oral surgeon.

Subsequently, the oral surgeon extracted tooth #24 and placed grafting material. AW was referred to an endodontist and root canals were performed on teeth #s 22, 23, 25, 26 and 27. AW's parents filed a lawsuit that was settled by your malpractice insurance carrier and reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank.

Based on the information available, the Board concluded that your delay in diagnosing and treating the lesion at tooth #24 violated the standard of care and N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-41(a)(12). For this reason, the Board proposes to officially reprimand you. An official reprimand would include a copy of

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this letter being placed in your permanent file, notification of the reprimand being sent to the NPDB, and a copy of the reprimand placed on the Board's web page for approximately 3 months. A copy of the reprimand would also be available to the public, upon request, at any time.

~~If you do not wish to accept this reprimand, you may request a formal hearing. The request must be in writing, made within 30 days of your receipt of this letter. If you desire to accept the reprimand, please do so by signing below and returning the original letter to the Board office. You should keep a copy for your own records.~~

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.

Very truly yours,

Betty A. Sines

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Investigations Coordinator

ACCEPTED:

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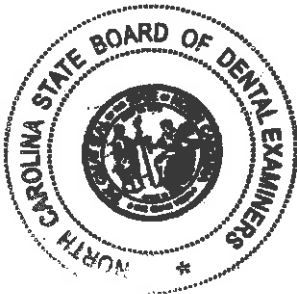
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