

## DECISION #2

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### ALLEGATIONS OF PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT

- Failed to keep records as required by the Regulations (para. 25).
- Signed or issued a certificate, report or similar document that he knew or ought to have known contained a false, misleading or improper statement (para. 28).
- Charged a fee that was excessive or unreasonable in relation to the service performed (para. 31).

### BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

- For 13 patients, failed to adequately evaluate and/or keep records with respect to the periodontal condition of these patients.
- For one patient, proceeded with costly treatment (three crowns) before properly evaluating and/or recording the patient's periodontal condition. Available radiographs and subsequent chart notations demonstrated that the patient had moderate to severe bone loss.
- In 19 instances for 10 patients, submitted an insurance claim that was false, misleading or improper. In the majority of these instances, the insurance claim included a service that either was not performed or was different from the service actually performed. In two instances, services were performed on a particular date, but were later claimed with an inaccurate date.
- In one instance, performed a crown on a particular tooth, but claimed for root canal treatment and a restoration on a different tooth, which was an unerupted wisdom tooth.
- In the charts reviewed in the investigation, 91 per cent of claims for restorations included the vestibular and/or lingual surfaces, which was excessive.
- Of restorations claimed for 11 patients, 0 per cent were one surface; 32 per cent were two and three surfaces, and 68 per cent were four and five surfaces.

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### 1. Finding

The member pleaded guilty and was found guilty of professional misconduct with respect to the above allegations.

### 2. Penalty

- The member was reprimanded.
- The member's certificate of registration was suspended for three consecutive months.
- The member must complete a course in ethics.
- The member must complete a course in recordkeeping, with emphasis on periodontal records.
- The member's practice will be monitored for 24 months following completion of the courses.

### 3. Costs/Publication

- The member will pay costs to the College in the amount of \$1,000.
- The member will pay monitoring costs of \$600 per visit.
- Pursuant to the legislation, publication of this matter includes the member's name and address.

### 4. Panel's Reasoning

- Joint submission on penalty result of pre-hearing conference.
- Penalty promoted rehabilitation of member as well as deterrent to member and to the profession.
- Member co-operated with the College and demonstrated remorse.