

SUMMARIES OF RECENT DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE HEARINGS

Decision One

Dr. Robert Barron
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ALLEGATIONS OF PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT

- Contravened the standards of practice, as published by the College, in relation to inducing general anaesthesia or conscious sedation (para. 11).

BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

Dr. Barron, an oral and maxillofacial surgeon, performed numerous deep sedation procedures without the requisite facility permit at two of his office locations. Additionally, the anaesthetic record of several of those procedures failed to record the presence of an operative assistant. Both of these acts contravened the professional misconduct regulation. The College and the member agreed that, while patients were at risk, no patients were in fact harmed by the absence of a facility permit or proper staffing. Both offices now have been granted facility permits by the College.

DECISION

1. Finding

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

2. Penalty

- Reprimand.
- Certificate of Registration suspended for six consecutive weeks (September 11, 2006 to October 22, 2006).
- Course in ethics and jurisprudence.
- Course in dental recordkeeping.
- Practice to be monitored for 24 months following completion of course.

3. Costs/Publication

- Costs to the College in the amount of \$3,500.
- 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

- Penalty was a joint submission reached as a result of a pre-hearing conference.
- Panel noted co-operativeness of member and that it was his first appearance before the Discipline Committee.
- Panel considered his acknowledgement of full responsibility for his actions and that he has since restructured his practice to ensure complete patient safety.
- Panel was satisfied that penalty was sufficiently significant to act as a deterrent, and that the conditions imposed protect the public and encourage rehabilitation of the member.