

## SUMMARIES OF RECENT DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE HEARINGS

### *Decision One*

**Dr. Peter Sokoloski**  
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#### **ALLEGATIONS OF PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT**

- Contravened a law (para. 50).
- Disgraceful, dishonourable, unprofessional or unethical conduct (para. 59).

#### **BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF FACTS**

- From 1999 to 2006, the member billed OHIP for services that had been completed in his private office, contrary to the rules of OHIP which only reimburse oral surgeons for services performed in a hospital.
- The member submitted hundreds of claims for the incision and drainage of intra-oral soft tissue and for biopsy procedures.
- In total, the member received payment for fraudulent claims in the amount of approximately \$181,662.
- The member was found guilty in Criminal Court of two counts of fraud over \$5,000.

#### **DECISION**

##### **1. Finding**

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

##### **2. Penalty**

- Reprimand.
- Certificate of Registration suspension for eight consecutive months (May 31, 2008 – January 30, 2009).
- Course in ethics.
- Practice to be monitored for 36 months following completion of course.

##### **3. Costs/Publication**

- Costs to the College in the amount of \$15,000.
- Pursuant to the legislation, publication of this matter includes the member's name and address.

##### **4. Panel's Reasoning**

- Member's first appearance before the Discipline Committee.
- Member was very cooperative and remorseful.
- Member made full restitution to OHIP.
- Suspension is specific deterrent to the member.
- Penalty is sufficient general deterrence to the profession.
- The conditions imposed will protect the public and offer an opportunity for the member's rehabilitation.