Decision #2

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ALLEGATIONS OF PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT

Notice of Hearing #1

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- Treated a patient without consent (para. 7).

Notice of Hearing #2

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Notice of Hearing #3

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Notice of Hearing #4

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Notice of Hearing #5

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BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

The allegations set out in the five Notices of Hearing, resulting from five separate complaints, were dealt with in one proceeding. The issues all related to failing to maintain the standards of practice of the profession and to issues of failing to properly obtain informed consent to treatment.

In two cases (2008 referrals), the member performed unconventional treatment when conventional bridges, implants or a partial denture would have been more appropriate treatment options. The risks and benefits associated with the unconventional treatment, or its alternatives, were not properly discussed with the patients, so informed consent to treatment could not be obtained. In one of these cases, the treatment rendered by the member resulted in the patient having periodontal surgery and replacement bridges.

In two other cases (2009 referrals), the member also performed unconventional dentistry which exposed the patients to recurrent tooth decay, periodontal problems, early bridge replacement and other issues, where there was no contraindication to performing conventional dentistry.

In one case (2010 referral), the member treated the patient by placing one direct bonded composite resin bridge spanning teeth 15 to 24 where there were no contraindications for conventional treatment and a traditional bridge or implants would have been the appropriate treatment. The treatment performed by the member exposed the patient to premature repairs to the bridge and the need for early replacement of the unconventional bridge.

DECISION

1. Finding

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

2. Penalty

- Reprimand.
- Suspension of certificate of registration for one month, to be served upon member's return to practice.

3. Publication

- Pursuant to the legislation, publication of this matter includes the member's name and address.

4. Panel's Reasoning

- The panel accepted a voluntary undertaking/agreement from the member, jointly submitted by the parties, wherein the member agreed to cease practising dentistry until such time as he successfully completes courses in: (1) oral diagnosis and comprehensive treatment planning; (2) fixed prosthodontics, including diagnosis, treatment planning and tooth preparations; (3) pedodontics, including diagnosis, treatment planning, placement of restorations and management of endodontically treated teeth; (4) periodontics, including diagnosis, treatment planning and indications for referral to a specialist; (5) dental recordkeeping, including informed consent. In addition, upon the member's return to practice, the member agreed to retain a practice mentor to review and assess his practice in the above-noted areas and to report to the College every three months. The member's practice will be monitored for 36 months following completion of the courses and mentoring program.