



DECISION 1

Dr. Leora Laichter (a.k.a. Laura Iliagiev)¹

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ALLEGATIONS OF PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT

- Contravened a standard of practice or failed to maintain the standards of practice of the profession (para. 1).
- Recommended and/or provided unnecessary dental services (para. 6).
- Failed to keep records as required by the Regulations (para. 25).
- Signed or issued documents that contained false, misleading or improper statements (para. 28).
- Charges fees that were excessive or unreasonable (para. 31).
- Submitted accounts or charges that were false or misleading (para. 33).
- Used a name other than her name as set out in the register, in the course of providing dental services (para. 40).

BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

- She prescribed dental CT scans to 20 patients with no justification or rationale, consistently used the widest field of view and did not generate written dental CT scan reports.
- She inappropriately delegated the operation of the dental CT scanner and the reporting of the interpretation of results to unqualified staff members.
- She installed and operated a dental CT scanner that was more than 12 months old when it was first installed, contrary to the College's Standard of Practice and operated it prior to receiving approval from the Ministry.
- She did not keep adequate records with respect to the use of the dental CT scans.
- She submitted false and/or misleading insurance claims for dental CT scans to suit the patient's insurance needs.

- She charged excessive and unreasonable fees for dental CT scans in that since the scans were unnecessary, any fees charged for them were excessive.
- She used two names, Laura Iliagiev and Leora Laichter, in the course of her practice, when the latter was not her legal name as it appeared on the register.

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1. Finding

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

2. Penalty

- Reprimand
- Suspension of certificate of registration for 12 months (September 15, 2015 – September 14, 2016)
- In the course of providing dental services, the member must use the name as set out in the register of the College, unless the member makes a legal name change and the register is updated to reflect her new legal name
- Course in professional ethics
- Course in the Standard of Practice on Dental CT Scanners, the Healing Arts Radiation Protection Act and the College's by-laws on dental CT scanners
- Mentoring program to ensure justification for prescribing dental CT scans and appropriate recordkeeping, interpretation and reporting of the dental CT scan
- Certificate of registration restricted such that she shall not prescribe and/or take dental CT scans without approval of a mentor

- Practice to be monitored for 24 months following completion of courses and mentoring program

3. Costs/Publication

- Costs awarded to College in the amount \$5,000
- Member to pay monitoring costs
- Pursuant to the legislation, publication of this matter includes the member's name and address

PANEL'S REASONING

- The penalty was a joint submission reached following a prehearing conference.
- The panel was satisfied that a reprimand and a 12-month suspension were warranted in this situation due to the member's total disregard for the College's Standard of Practice on Dental CT Scanners. Both the time away from practice and the cost will act as a specific deterrent to the member and a general deterrent to the whole profession. It reinforces the importance the College places on radiation safety. The Standards are meant for public protection and, when they are not adhered to, patients are subjected to significant risk.
- The terms, conditions and limitations on the member's certificate of registration will serve to remediate the member and her practice.
- Mentoring and monitoring will protect the public.
- The panel considered the member's cooperation throughout as a mitigating factor.

¹ As of the date of publication, the member has changed her legal name to Leora Laichter.