



DECISION 4

Dr. David Styles

NO CURRENT PRACTICE ADDRESS

Shelburne, Ontario

ALLEGATIONS OF PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT

Notice of Hearing #1

- Recommended or provided unnecessary dental services (para. 6)
- Charged excessive or unreasonable fees (para. 31)
- Signed or issued a certificate, report or similar document that contained a false, misleading or improper statement (para. 28)
- Submitted false or misleading accounts or charges (para. 33)
- Failed to keep records as required by the regulations (para. 25)

Notice of Hearing #2

- Contravened a standard of practice or failed to maintain the standards of practice of the professions (para. 1).
- Treated without consent (para. 7).
- Failed to keep records as required by the Regulations (para. 25).
- Signed or issued a certificate, report or similar document that contained a false, misleading or improper statement (para. 28).
- Charged excessive or unreasonable fees (para. 31).
- Submitted false or misleading accounts or charges (para. 33).
- Disgraceful, dishonourable, unprofessional or unethical conduct (para. 59)

Notice of Hearing #3

- Contravened a standard of practice or failed to maintain the standards of practice of the professions (para. 1).
- Treated without consent (para. 7).
- Failed to keep records as required by the regulations (para. 25).
- Signed or issued a certificate, report or similar document that contained a false, misleading or improper statement (para. 28).
- Charged excessive or unreasonable fees (para. 31).
- Submitted false or misleading accounts or charges (para. 33).
- Disgraceful, dishonourable, unprofessional or unethical conduct (para. 59)

Notice of Hearing #4

- Contravened a standard of practice or failed to maintain the standards of practice of the professions (para. 1).
- Treated without consent (para. 7).
- Failed to keep records as required by the Regulations (para. 25).
- Disgraceful, dishonourable, unprofessional or unethical conduct (para. 59)

Notice of Hearing #5

- Contravened a standard of practice or failed to maintain the standards of practice of the professions (para. 1).
- Treated without consent (para. 7).
- Misrepresented a remedy, treatment or procedure (para. 12).
- Failed to keep records as required by the regulations (para. 25).

- Recommended or provided an unnecessary dental service (para. 6).
- Disgraceful, dishonourable, unprofessional or unethical conduct (para. 59)

Notice of Hearing #6

- Contravened a standard of practice or failed to maintain the standards of practice of the professions (para. 1).
- Treated without consent (para. 7).
- Failed to keep records as required by the regulations (para. 25).
- Disgraceful, dishonourable, unprofessional or unethical conduct (para. 59)

BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

Dr. Styles admitted to:

- recommending and/or providing unnecessary dental services.
- charging excessive or unreasonable fees in relation to the services performed.
- signing/issuing a document he knew or ought to have known contained a false, misleading or improper statement.
- submitting an account/charge for dental services that he knew or ought to have known was false/misleading.
- failing to keep records as required.
- contravening a standard of practice of the profession.
- treating a patient without appropriate consent.
- misrepresenting a remedy, treatment or procedure.
- engaging in disgraceful, dishonourable, unprofessional or unethical conduct.



DECISION

1. Finding

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

2. Penalty

- Reprimand
- Revocation of certificate of registration, effective immediately

3. Publication

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

- At this third hearing, an all too familiar pattern of professional misconduct had become evident. The panel believed that it was obvious that past remediation had not resulted in rehabilitation.
- As a result, the panel found Dr. Styles to be ungovernable.
- It is the panel's opinion that revocation is the only penalty that, in the circumstances of this case, would meet the principles of general and specific deterrence and maintain public confidence in the profession.

PANEL'S REASONING

- The panel was of the view that the member's conduct demonstrated his disregard for his patients and the profession as a whole.
- The penalty was a joint submission reached as a result of a pre-hearing conference.
- Dr. Styles had been found guilty by the Discipline Committee on two previous occasions – once in 1997 and again in 2004.