



DECISION 4

Dr. Oleh Korol

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ALLEGATIONS OF PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT

- Contravened a standard of practice or failed to maintain the standards of practice (para. 1).
- Failed to keep records as required (para. 25).

BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

- Dr. Korol failed to meet the standards of practice expected of a registered specialist in oral and maxillofacial surgery in respect of his treatment and diagnosis of the patient's cancerous lesion. The patient passed away from squamous cell carcinoma. However, the delay in the member arriving at a diagnosis likely did not influence the patient's prognosis and eventual outcome.
- Dr. Korol failed to keep records as required in relation to the patient. In particular, he failed to record the relevant history of the lesion, updates to the patient's medical history, clinical and radiographic findings, a differential diagnosis prior to a specified date, and recommendation for arriving at a definitive diagnosis, or a relevant follow up plan.

DECISION

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 1 month (*July 6, 2017–August 5, 2017*).

- Practice to be monitored for 24 months following completion of suspension.

3. Costs

- Costs awarded to College in the amount \$3,000.00.
- Member to pay monitoring costs.

PANEL'S REASONING

- The member pleaded guilty to both allegations and entered into an Agreed Statement of Facts.
- The Panel was satisfied that the facts established that the member did not meet the standards of practice expected of a registered specialist in oral and maxillofacial surgery in respect to his treatment and diagnosis of the patient's cancerous lesion.
- Further, the Panel was satisfied that the member failed to keep records as required by the Regulations in relation to his patient.
- The Panel accepted the joint submissions on penalty as the penalty was within the appropriate range of proposed penalties and will serve as a deterrent to both the member and the profession and will adequately protect public safety.
- In reaching this decision, the Panel was mindful of the seriousness of the misconduct in this case and of the mitigating factors, including that the member has not appeared before a Discipline Panel before and had been co-operative throughout the investigation. He pled guilty which prevented a more drawn-out hearing and he voluntarily took courses to correct his deficiencies.