
Discipline Summary

Dr. Sydney Dreksler

No practice address

Hearing Date: September 14, 2017

Synopsis

On January 5, 2017, the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee referred the following specified allegations of professional misconduct involving Dr. Sydney Dreksler to the Discipline Committee for a hearing:

- Charged excessive or unreasonable fees
- Charged to a patient, a lab fee that was more than the actual commercial lab fee incurred by the dentist
- Contravened a standard of practice or failed to meet the standards of practice of the profession
- Failed to keep records as required by the Regulations
- Failed to make reasonable attempts to collect a co-payment balance from a patient without the consent of the third-party payer
- Recommended or provided unnecessary treatment
- Signed a document that contained a false, misleading or improper statement
- Submitted a false or misleading account or charge

In the face of those allegations, Dr. Dreksler agreed to resign his membership from the College and cease practising dentistry in Ontario. He did that by way of a formal undertaking signed on July 15, 2017, the terms of which are described below.

On October 14, 2017, on consent the College sought and a panel of the Discipline Committee agreed, to withdraw the allegations of professional misconduct contained in the Notice of Hearing in light of the undertaking from Dr. Dreksler.

Terms of undertaking by Dr. Sydney Dreksler:

- To resign his membership with the College effective immediately thus relinquishing his certificate of registration.
- To never practice dentistry again in the province of Ontario.

- Not to apply to the College at any time for reinstatement of his certificate of registration.
- Not to apply to the College at any time for a new certificate of registration.
- Pursuant to paragraph 22 of subsection 28.2.1 of the College's by-laws, the register of the College will include a notation that he has agreed to resign to avoid a proceeding before the Discipline Committee.

Panel's reasoning

- Panel considered the age of the member and the lack of previous disciplinary history.
- The member denied the allegations and the alternative to this disposition of the matter would have been a costly and lengthy hearing.
- While the allegations remain unproven, the member's resignation and permanent removal from practice will achieve any public protection goal that may have been required had a hearing resulted in a finding of professional misconduct.
- The goal of transparency is achieved by the resolution being reflected on the Register as per the terms of the member's voluntary undertaking.