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# Discipline Summary

Dr. Randall Templeman  
No practice address

Hearing Date: March 29, 2018

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## Allegations of professional misconduct

- Contravened a standard of practice or failed to maintain the standards of practice of the profession
- Failed to keep records as required
- Prescribed a drug for an improper purpose
- Treated without consent

## Synopsis

This matter arose from a patient complaint. The evidence in the hearing established that Dr. Templeman failed to properly care for and treat four members of the same family. He failed to provide appropriate and needed dental care. Despite regular visits, the state of their dentition deteriorated under his care and amounted to supervised neglect. The panel also considered allegations that were specific to each individual family member.

The panel found that Dr. Templeman's failures established that he did not maintain the standards of the profession. He failed to keep proper patient records. He did not document diagnostic findings, treatment plans, periodontal evaluations or informed consent, despite the fact that he had previous additional training with respect to informed consent due to a prior order of the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports (ICR) Committee. The panel also found that Dr. Templeman prescribed lorazepam to one of these patients on several occasions without justification and without proper documentation.

Prior to the discipline hearing, during the course of the investigation, the ICR Committee issued an interim order which took effect on July 28, 2017, directing the Registrar to suspend Dr. Templeman's certificate of registration on an interim basis. It was of the opinion that Dr. Templeman's conduct exposes or was likely to expose his patients to harm or injury.

In the face of the allegations, Dr. Templeman 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 March 28, 2018, the terms of which are:

- To resign his membership with the College effective immediately thus relinquishing his certificate of registration
- To never practise 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
- The terms of the undertaking will be on the College's Register and thus available to the public

## Decision

### 1. Finding

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

### 2. Penalty

- Reprimand

### 3. Costs

- Member to pay costs to the College in the amount \$5,000

## Panel's reasoning

- The penalty was a joint submission reached following a pre-hearing conference that was appropriate in all of the circumstances of the case

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- The undertaking Dr. Templeman signed to resign from the profession and never to reapply ensures that the primary goal of protection of the public is met as he will never practise dentistry in Ontario again.
  - The panel also considered Dr. Templeman's age, the fact that he is at the end of his career and his recognition of the seriousness of his behaviour.
  - The reprimand serves to express the panel's disappointment and disapproval with Dr. Templeman's treatment of his patients and sends a clear signal to the profession that such behaviour will result in no longer being able to practise dentistry.