
Discipline Summary

Dr. Daniel Lee
2165 Grosvenor St, #5
Oakville, Ontario

Hearing Date: April 29, 2020

Allegations of professional misconduct

- Failed to keep records as required by the Regulations
- Signed a certificate, report or similar document that contained a false, misleading or improper statement
- Submitted a false or misleading account or charge

Synopsis

Information was brought to the Registrar's attention by an insurance company. An investigation was conducted, including reviewing the records of the patients named by the insurance company, as well as some charts selected at random.

The investigation revealed that Dr. Lee submitted numerous insurance claims for procedures other than those performed, or for procedures not provided at all. Dr. Lee also failed to document many significant details regarding his assessment and treatment of the named patients.

Decision

1. Finding

Dr. Lee pleaded guilty and was found guilty with respect to all three allegations.

2. Penalty

- Reprimand
- Suspension for five months (April 29, 2020 – September 28, 2020)
- Course on appropriate use of billing codes
- Course on professional/problem-based ethics
- Practice to be monitored for 24 months following completion of courses

3. Costs

- Dr. Lee to pay costs to the College in the amount of \$5,000
- Dr. Lee to pay monitoring costs

Panel's reasoning

- The penalty was a joint submission which the panel found was appropriate in all of the circumstances.
- Public protection is the panel's primary concern, and it felt this was met by the proposed penalty.
- The suspension, reprimand and publication of this matter will serve as a deterrent to Dr. Lee for his future conduct and sends a message to the profession at large that this type of misconduct will not be tolerated.
- The courses and practice monitoring aid in public protection and will rehabilitate Dr. Lee.
- Aggravating factors include the seriousness of the conduct, the length of time the conduct took place and the number of cases that had billing irregularities.
- Mitigating factors included: cooperation with the College; pleading guilty to the allegations; voluntarily refunding money to the insurance company; and the fact that it was Dr. Lee's first time before the Discipline Committee.