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# Discipline Summary

Dr. Saleh Al-Bargash  
No Current Practice Address

Hearing Date: January 6, 2021

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## Allegations of professional misconduct

- Disgraceful, dishonourable, unprofessional or unethical conduct

## Synopsis

- In 2017, as the result of a complaint, a panel of the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports (ICR) Committee required Dr. Al-Bargash to complete a Specified Continuing Education or Remediation Program (SCERP) consisting of three courses as well as practice monitoring. The panel had concerns that Dr. Al-Bargash treated the patient without a coherent treatment plan, and without clearly supportable diagnostic examination, and that Dr. Al-Bargash's clinical records lacked important details.
- Dr. Al-Bargash appealed the decision of the ICRC to the Health Professions Appeal and Review Board (HPARB), which confirmed the decision of the College.
- He did not complete the courses by the deadline and represented to the College that he would permanently resign, which he did not do.

## Decision

### 1. Finding

Dr. Al-Bargash pleaded guilty and was found guilty with respect to the allegation.

### 2. Penalty

- Panel accepted the dentist's undertaking permanently resigning from the College
- Reprimand

### 3. Costs

- Dr. Al-Bargash to pay costs to the College in the amount of \$3,000

## Panel's reasoning

- Dr. Al-Bargash admitted and acknowledged that he was required to complete the terms of the SCERP by September 1, 2019 at the latest, and that he failed to do so. He also acknowledged that he took no steps to formally resign from the College or otherwise communicate with the College, although he previously expressed his intentions to do both. He admitted and agreed that this conduct would be reasonably regarded by members of the profession as disgraceful, dishonourable, or unprofessional.
- The Discipline panel was satisfied that – based on Dr. Al-Bargash's undertaking to permanently resign his certificate of registration (licence to practise) with the College (signed in October 2020) – the reprimand and the publication of these proceedings on the College's Register serve to both protect the public and warn all Ontario dentists that conduct of this nature will not be tolerated by their regulatory body.
- The panel expressed the view that professional regulation requires compliance and cooperation by all members of the profession. Furthermore, professional and ethical standards require that all Ontario dentists comply with College Orders. Failure to do so is unprofessional. This conduct serves as evidence that Dr. Al-Bargash is not willing to be governed.