

**DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE OF THE
COLLEGE OF DENTURISTS OF ONTARIO**

B E T W E E N:

COLLEGE OF DENTURISTS OF ONTARIO

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MOHAMED ABDELRAHMAN, DD

ORDER

By a decision released on February 17, 2012, the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee of the College of Denturists of Ontario referred, pursuant to paragraph 1 of section 26(2) of the *Health Professions Procedural Code*, eleven (11) allegations of professional misconduct against Mohamed Abdelrahman to the Discipline Committee. The matter came on for hearing on September 17, 2012 before the Discipline Committee in Toronto, in the presence of the Member and his counsel as well as counsel for the College.

ON READING the Notice of Hearing and the Statement of Allegations, the Agreed Statement of Facts which was filed on consent by the parties and on hearing the joint submissions of the parties on penalty,

THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE FINDS THAT:

Mr. Abdelrahman's conduct and actions constituted professional misconduct as Mr. Abdelrahman:

1. Failed to maintain the standards of practice of the profession;
2. Made misrepresentations to a patient;
3. Acted outside the scope of his practice of denturism;
4. Falsified a record of the examination or treatment of a patient;
5. Signed, issued a document and submitted an account or charged for services that he knew or ought to have known was false or misleading;

6. Failed to take all reasonable steps to ensure that any information provided by him or on his behalf to the College was accurate; and,
7. Engaged in a conduct relevant to the practice of denturism that would be reasonably regarded by members as disgraceful, dishonorable, unethical or unprofessional.

As a result, Mr. Abdelrahman infringed the following paragraphs of section 1 of Ontario Regulation 854/93 – Professional Misconduct, adopted pursuant to the *Denturism Act, 1991*, S.O. 1991, Chapter 25:

- Paragraph 2: Failing to maintain the standards of practice of the profession;
- Paragraph 10: Making a misrepresentation to a patient including a misrepresentation respecting a remedy, treatment, device, or procedure;
- Paragraph 11: Performing a controlled act;
- Paragraph 12: Having dental instruments or equipment, other than instruments or equipment appropriate to the practice of denturism;
- Paragraph 14: Failing to refer to a dental surgeon or physician that the member recognize or ought to recognize is outside the scope of the practice of denturism;
- Paragraph 20: Falsifying a record of the examination or treatment of a patient;
- Paragraph 22: Signing or issuing a document that the member knows or ought to know is false or misleading;
- Paragraph 24: Submitting an account or charge for services that the member knows or ought to know is false or misleading;
- Paragraph 33: Contravening by act or omission the Act, the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*, or regulations;
- Paragraph 43: Failing to take all reasonable steps to ensure that any information provided by or on behalf of the member to the College is accurate; and,
- Paragraph 47: Engaging in conduct relevant to the practice of denturism that, having regard to all of the circumstances would reasonably be regarded by members as disgraceful, dishonorable, unethical or unprofessional.

As well as infringing the following paragraphs of the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*,

S.O. 1991, Chapter 18:

- Paragraph 27(1): No person shall perform a controlled act set out in subsections (2);
- Paragraph 27(2) 2: Performing a procedure on tissue below the dermis, below the surface of the teeth, including the scaling of teeth;
- Paragraph 27(2) 5: Administering a substance by injection; and,
- Paragraph 32(1): No person shall design, construct, repair or alter a dental prosthetic, restorative or orthodontic device unless a member of the College of Dental Technologists of Ontario and the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario.

THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Mr. Abdelrahman's Certificate of Registration be suspended for a period of six (6) months, commencing on a date to be chosen by Mr. Abdelrahman within forty-five (45) days of the date of this Order;
2. Two (2) months of the suspension referred to in paragraph 1 above shall be suspended if Mr. Abdelrahman complies with paragraphs 3 and 6 of this Order;
3. Mr. Abdelrahman will have to complete, at his costs, an ethics course as specified by, and satisfactory to, the College of Denturists of Ontario;
4. Mr. Abdelrahman will provide to the College of Denturists of Ontario within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order a sworn undertaking before a Commissioner of Oaths that he has removed from his office premises, and that he will no longer have in his office premises, any dental equipment and materials, including X-ray equipment, X-ray viewing boxes, ceramic furnace for crowns, forceps, syringes, matrix clamps, elevators, contra angles, mouth gags, silicate filling material, high-speed hand instruments on unit, hypodermic needles and anaesthetic;
5. The Registrar be ordered to impose terms, conditions and limitations on the member's Certificate of Registration requiring the member within one (1) year of the end of the suspension to undergo two (2) unannounced Practice Assessments at his own expense, not to exceed \$1,000 per inspection. The results from this assessment will be reported to the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee (ICRC) for any further action, if appropriate;
6. Mr. Abdelrahman is also required to pay to the College of Denturists of Ontario its costs in the matter in the amount of \$8,500, all inclusive, within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

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