

Alberta Dental Association and College
March 30, 2021 Hearing Tribunal Decision

IN ACCORDANCE WITH BYLAW 19(7) OF
THE ALBERTA DENTAL ASSOCIATION AND COLLEGE

On March 30, 2021, a Hearing Tribunal of the Alberta Dental Association and College found Dr. Karstan Lachman guilty of unprofessional conduct and he was sanctioned. A Hearing Tribunal is an independent group of decision makers comprised of a member of the public appointed by the Government of Alberta and three dentists registered in Alberta.

Dr. Lachman admitted that he did not take the appropriate pre-treatment diagnostic records prior to proceeding with orthodontic treatment of a patient, did not make an appropriate diagnosis and/or prepare an appropriate treatment plan, did not recognize or failed to appropriately address the severity of the patient's skeletal discrepancy, did not appropriately interpret, trace or analyze a cephalometric radiograph, did not exercise appropriate professional judgment in the use of a mandibular orthotic appliance during treatment and did not recognize the complexity of the case and/or failed to refer the patient to specialist. Additionally, Dr. Lachman admitted that he breached the *Standard of Practice: Use of Sedation in Non-Hospital Dental Practice* by providing Modality 4 sedation within six hours of the patient having eaten, failed to obtain written informed consent for administering Modality 4 sedation, did not take or document the patient's ASA classification, did not provide or record post-operative instructions and failed to create or maintain appropriate patient records. Dr. Lachman admitted that this conduct was contrary to the provisions of the *Health Professions Act* as amended or its regulations, the By-Laws, Standards of Practice or the Code of Conduct and constitutes unprofessional conduct.

ORDERS OF THE HEARING TRIBUNAL

The Hearing Tribunal accepted Dr. Lachman's admissions and agreed the allegations noted above were proven and constituted unprofessional conduct.

The Hearing Tribunal accepted the Joint Submission on Penalty and issued the following orders on sanctions:

1. Dr. Lachman will be suspended for a period of two (2) months;

2. Dr. Lachman shall complete a professional ethics course, at his own cost and which will not count towards his continuing education credits; and
3. Dr. Lachman will pay the costs of the investigation and hearing.