

**Alberta Dental Association and College  
Hearing Tribunal Decision**

October 29, 2021

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

On September 20, 2021, a Hearing Tribunal of the Alberta Dental Association and College found Dr. Sameer Syed guilty of unprofessional conduct and he was sanctioned. A Hearing Tribunal is an independent group of decision makers comprised of two members of the public appointed by the Government of Alberta and two dentists registered in Alberta.

Dr. Syed admitted that he failed to create or maintain adequate patient records. Dr. Syed had extracted a wisdom tooth from a patient but failed to record certain information in the patient record. Dr. Syed further admitted that this conduct constituted unprofessional conduct. The Hearing Tribunal found the conduct was proven. The Hearing Tribunal noted the importance of creating and maintaining adequate patient records and held that the patient records should show the progression from diagnosis to treatment in the event another health care provider or dentist has to carry on and provide care to the patient if complications arise or treatment is transferred.

ORDERS OF HEARING TRIBUNAL

The Hearing Tribunal reviewed Dr. Syed's admissions and agreed the admission above was proven and constituted unprofessional conduct under the *Health Professions Act*. The Hearing Tribunal accepted a Joint Submission on Penalty from the parties and issued the following orders on sanction:

1. Dr. Syed will receive a reprimand and the written decision shall serve as that reprimand;
2. Dr. Syed shall pay a fine of \$1,000; and
3. Dr. Syed will pay half of the costs of the investigation and hearing.