

**College of Dental Surgeons of Alberta
Hearing Tribunal Decision**

April 3, 2024

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

On February 27, 2024, a Hearing Tribunal of the College of Dental Surgeons of Alberta found Dr. Jassi Parmar 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. Parmar admitted that he failed to measure the weight of a pediatric patient so as to properly calculate and administer the maximum dosage of local anaesthetic (Articaine). Shortly after the Articaine was administered, the patient had a seizure which lasted approximately 15 seconds.

Dr. Parmar also admitted that he had failed to create or maintain adequate patient records including failing to create clear chart notes that were not confusing, illegible, or lacking detail; that he had failed to record the pediatric patient's height and weight; that he had failed to create or maintain a time-oriented anaesthesia record, with baseline vitals and all aspects of the sedation procedure; that he had failed to appropriately record the local anaesthesia used; and that he had failed to create and/or maintain complete documentation regarding medical emergency management.

ORDERS OF HEARING TRIBUNAL

The Hearing Tribunal accepted a Joint Submission on Penalty from the parties and issued the following orders on sanction:

1. Dr. Parmar is reprimanded, with the decision of the Hearing Tribunal serving as the reprimand;
2. Dr. Parmar shall pay fines of \$7,000 for his failure to calculate the maximum amount of local anaesthetic, and \$2,500 for his failure to maintain adequate patient records (for a total fine of \$9,500);
3. Dr. Parmar shall complete an approved course on patient record keeping and an approved course on patient communication; and
4. Dr. Parmar shall engage with a Coach and Mentor to review appropriate calculations for local anaesthetic, record keeping standards, and patient communication.