

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

June 29, 2024

IN ACCORDANCE WITH BYLAW 24.5 OF
THE COLLEGE OF DENTAL SURGEONS OF ALBERTA

On May 24, 2024, a Hearing Tribunal of the College of Dental Surgeons of Alberta found Dr. Danny Chau 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. Chau admitted that he used an inappropriate combination of drugs for intravenous sedation of the adult Patient and provided subsequent doses prior to adequately assessing the Patient's response to the prior dose.

Dr. Chau also admitted that he had failed to obtain adequate informed consent from the Patient when, following complications with an implant, he failed to discuss the various options including removal of the implant.

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. Chau is reprimanded, with the decision of the Hearing Tribunal serving as the reprimand;
2. Dr. Chau shall pay fines of \$8,000 in relation to his inappropriate combination and administration of sedation and \$2,500 for his failure to obtain adequate informed consent (for a total fine of \$10,500);
3. Dr. Chau shall complete an approved course on patient communication which will include informed consent;
4. Dr. Chau shall engage with a Coach and Mentor to review ongoing cases involving sedation.