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POLICY

The College of Alberta Denturists (College) works to ensure transparency in discipline proceedings in order to ensure protection of the public. Aside from section 135.92(2)(e) of the *Health Professions Act* (HPA), the legislation is silent on publication of decisions resulting from a conduct issue. As such, the College has adapted its Bylaws to speak to this issue of transparency. The College believes that public disclosure beyond what is mandated in the HPA will enhance public confidence in the College and the profession and will lead to a better understanding of the regulatory processes.

Disclosure of Information

In consideration of the above, the College publishes information about complaints and disciplinary hearings as follows:

1. The Registrar, or delegate, may publish the name of the regulated member who is subject of a hearing and the date, time, and location of the hearing on the College's website.
2. The Registrar may publish, in any manner deemed appropriate, all information respecting a complaint, a ratified settlement resulting from the alternative complaints resolution process, or an agreement and undertaking, in accordance with the agreement's provisions. Unless stipulated under the HPA, or deemed to be in the public interest, this information will be published anonymously.
3. The College will publish, on the College website, all Hearing Tribunal Decisions and Orders as stipulated in the Hearing Tribunal Decision and Order and/or the HPA, subject to applicable privacy legislation.
4. Section 135.92(2)(e) of the HPA states that a College's website must include, at minimum, a copy of any decision made by a hearing tribunal, Council or court of unprofessional conduct based in whole or in part on sexual abuse or sexual misconduct, including any orders made under s. 82 of the HPA. This publication will include information identifying the regulated member and will remain on the public website indefinitely.
5. A summary of all complaints received will be published annually, in the Annual Report, and will stipulate decisions based on sections 119 of the HPA and/or in whole or in part on sexual abuse and/or sexual misconduct of a patient by a regulated member.
6. The College will continue to be in compliance with publication and disclosure of information as required under the HPA.



DEFINITIONS

None

APPENDICES

none

REFERENCES

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