

IN THE MATTER OF
The *Health Professions Act*, RSBC 1996 c. 183

Between:

BRITISH COLUMBIA COLLEGE OF ORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

And:

DR. VINCENT SENINI

CITATION

To: Dr. Vincent W. Senini
206-15230 56 Ave.
Surrey, BC V3S 5K7
(the "Respondent")

TAKE NOTICE that a Panel of the Discipline Committee (the "Panel") of the British Columbia College of Oral Health Professional (the "College") will conduct a hearing under section 39 of the *Health Professions Act*, RSBC 1996 c. 183 (the "*Act*").

The purpose of the hearing is to inquire into your conduct and competence as a dentist. The College is conducting this inquiry to determine whether you:

- a) have not complied with the *Act*, a regulation or a bylaw;
- b) have not complied with a standard, limit or condition imposed under the *Act*;
- c) have committed professional misconduct or unprofessional conduct; and/or
- d) suffer from a physical or mental ailment, an emotional disturbance or an addiction that impairs your ability to practice dentistry.

The hearing will be held on January 30, 2023 by Microsoft Teams. The hearing will commence at 9:30 a.m.

You are entitled to attend the hearing and may be represented by legal counsel. If you do not attend the hearing, the Panel is entitled to proceed with the hearing in your absence and, without further notice to you. The Panel may take any actions that it is authorized to take under the *Act*.

Further particulars of the allegations against you include:

1. Since March 2022, the College has received complaints against you from 11 individuals. The specific individuals making complaints against you are referenced in the College's letter to you dated December 7, 2022 and bearing file numbers:



(collectively, the “Complaints”).

2. The Complaints raise numerous concerns including, but not limited to:
- access to records;
 - billing practices;
 - diagnosis and treatment planning;
 - infection control;
 - informed consent;
 - ethics; and
 - communications and patient relations.

3. As a result of the Complaints, the College made several requests for your cooperation into its investigation of the Complaints. Between April and November 2022, you failed to respond to the College’s inquiries and requests for information in a substantive and timely manner with respect to the Complaints about your conduct and competence as a dentist.

4. Bylaw 13.04 of the College’s bylaws sets out that registrants have a duty to respond to the College in a reasonably timely and substantive manner and to cooperate with complaint investigations. The failure to do so may constitute professional misconduct or unprofessional conduct as defined under section 26 of the *Act*.

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that after completion of the hearing under section 38 of the *Act*, the Panel, under section 39 of the *Act*, may dismiss the matter or determine that you:

- a) have not complied with the *Act*, a regulation or bylaw;
- b) have not complied with a standard, limit or condition imposed under the *Act*;
- c) have committed professional misconduct or unprofessional conduct; and/or
- d) suffer from a physical or mental ailment, an emotional disturbance or an addiction that impairs your ability to practice dentistry.

This Citation is issued at the direction of the Inquiry Committee of the College under section 37 of the *Act*.

The Discipline Committee is constituted under the *Act* and the College's Bylaws thereunder. Copies of the *Act*, and the College's Bylaws are enclosed with this Citation, and you are particularly referred to section 37-39 of the *Act* and part 13 and schedule I of the Bylaws.

BRITISH COLUMBIA COLLEGE OF ORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS



Ms. Joyce Johner, General Counsel and Deputy Registrar

December 23, 2022