

IN THE MATTER OF

The *Health Professions Act* RSBC 1996 c. 183

AND

IN THE MATTER OF

The BC College of Oral Health Professionals (BCCOHP)

AND

DR. VINCENT SENINI

CONSENT ORDER

Under s. 37.1 of the *Health Professions Act*

The Inquiry Committee of BCCOHP accepted a proposal for resolution submitted by former registrant, Dr. Vincent Senini on September 2, 2025 (the “Proposal”) and accordingly issues this Order, pursuant to section 37.1(3)(a) of the *Health Professions Act*. The Proposal is attached to and forms part of this Order.

The Inquiry Committee accepts Dr. Senini’s admissions that he committed the following acts of professional misconduct with respect to Citation #1 and Citation #2.

Dr. Senini admits he committed professional misconduct in that, with respect to at least one patient, he:

- a. Recommended Ibuprofen following surgery without considering or assessing how Ibuprofen might interact with other medications the patient was taking;
- b. Performed oral surgery without properly considering or assessing how the blood thinner medication the patient was taking could impact the surgeries;
- c. Failed to properly assess or treat a patient when they presented at his clinic in need of post-operative treatment, following a surgery he performed;

- d. Failed to properly and professionally communicate with two patients and/or their family members;
- e. Provided and recommended treatment which was unnecessary and/or without undertaking the diagnostic and clinical examinations necessary to support a proper diagnosis and treatment plan;
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- i. Failed to obtain proper informed consent on a number of occasions, including in the process of extracting a patient's tooth during a scheduled follow-up appointment, when the patient was not conversant in English;
- j. Made inaccurate statements to the College investigator during an interview on March 31, 2023;
- k. Failed to modify treatment in response to a patient's report of pain or discomfort during extraction treatment; and
- l. Failed to diagnose and/or provide a treatment plan for a patient's implant.

After a review of the concerns identified in BCCOHP's investigation, Dr. Senini's admissions and the remedial actions proposed, the Inquiry Committee accepts Dr. Senini's Proposal.

The Inquiry Committee therefore orders as follows:

1. Dr. Senini is reprimanded.
2. Dr. Senini is suspended from practice for a period of nine (9) months, effective from December 15, 2023 to August 15, 2024. This period of suspension accounts for the fact

that Dr. Senini provided a voluntary undertaking in November 2023 to only practice with supervision. During the suspension period, Dr. Senini did not practice dentistry or own his own practice, and he was required to (and did) pay all required registration fees.

3. Dr. Senini has already completed remediation as part of the resolution of other complaints determined under s. 36 of the *HPA*. Otherwise, the Inquiry Committee would have required remediation as part of the Proposal.
4. Dr. Senini must pay the costs of the investigation of \$4,000 by no later than October 2, 2025 (30 days from the date of acceptance of the Proposal).
5. Dr. Senini is facing financial hardship and has recently declared bankruptcy. As a result, the fine that would usually be required is not being ordered.
6. Dr. Senini is subject to all further acknowledgements and conditions stated in the Consent Resolution Proposal attached, all of which are incorporated by reference and form part of this Order.

This Order is effective September 3, 2025.

The Order is approved by the Panel of the Inquiry Committee as indicated by their signatures below:

Dr. Robert Elliott, Panel Chair

Date

Dr. Linda Xing, Panel Member

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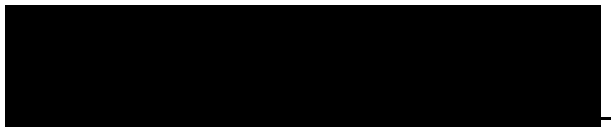
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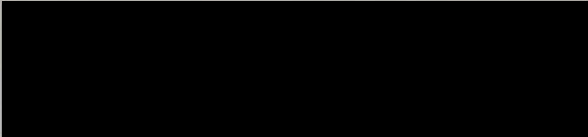
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Between:

BRITISH COLUMBIA COLLEGE OF ORAL HEALTH
PROFESSIONALS

And:

DR. VINCENT SENINI

**CONSENT ORDER PROPOSAL TO INQUIRY
COMMITTEE**

REGISTRANT ADMISSIONS AND CONSENTS

Citations Issued: August 2, 2023 (Citation 1) and June 3, 2024 (Citation 2), amended May 23, 2025 for new hearing dates

Hearing dates: September 17, 2025 to October 1, 2025

Proposal submitted: September __, 2025

1.0 AUTHORITY AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- 1.1** As permitted under section 37.1(1) of the *Health Professions Act* (the "HPA"), Dr. Senini hereby provides this consent order proposal to the inquiry committee (the "Committee") of the College of Oral Health Professionals of British Columbia (the "College").
- 1.2** Dr. Senini acknowledges that acceptance of this proposal by the Committee would result in the Committee making an order consistent with the proposal, which order would be considered to be that of the discipline committee for all purposes in accordance with section 37.1(3)(a) of the *HPA*.
- 1.3** Dr. Senini acknowledges that rejection of this proposal by the Committee would result in the hearing of the citations in this matter proceeding and that the discipline committee in that hearing must not consider any admission or consent provided herein.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1** Dr. Senini registered with the College as a dentist on June 15, 2015. He is currently a former registrant. Until recently, Dr. Senini was registered as a full dentist, with certification as a certified specialist in periodontics.
- 2.2** Dr. Senini owned a dentist practice in Surrey, British Columbia called Dr. Vincent Senini Inc. during the relevant period. He purchased the practice in or around March 2019 from another periodontist (the "Seller"). As a term of purchase, the Seller agreed to stay at the practice as an associate until March 2022, to work with Dr. Senini and provide mentorship, but the Seller left the practice early, in or around August 2020, citing concerns with the Covid-19 pandemic. The practice permanently closed in or about May 2023. Dr. Senini did not practice as a dentist from May 2023 to November 2023. In November 2023, Dr. Senini signed an undertaking with the College, agreeing not to practice dentistry unless under the physical supervision of a dentist approved by the College. He was released from this undertaking by the College in November 2024, on the condition that he agree to participate in a series of mentorships with a mentor approved by the College.
- 2.3** To understand the orders contained in this proposal, it assists to consider the broader scope of Dr. Senini's dealings with the College starting in 2022. Between March 2022 and August 2023, the College received a series of complaints from patients about Dr. Senini. After the College completed its investigation of the complaints, they were considered by the Committee during four meetings between May 2023 and March 2024. Most of the complaints were directed by the Committee for resolutions under s. 36 of the *HPA* (remedial action). The Committee directed that a citation be prepared for five of the complaints, pursuant to s. 37 of the *HPA*. As a result, two citations were issued to Dr. Senini. This is addressed further below.
- 2.4** As part of the resolution of various complaints that were directed for a s. 36 outcome, Dr. Senini entered into a number of Directed Education Agreements ("DEAs") and Letters of Acknowledgement ("LOAs"). Pursuant to the DEAs, Dr. Senini was required to complete mentorships with a certified specialist in periodontology, which he did in or around

October 2023 and May 2025. Any delay in the commencement of the May 2025 mentorship is not due to Dr. Senini but rather the availability of the mentor approved by the College. If Dr. Senini returns to active practice, there are further follow-up mentorships he must complete.

2.5 Dr. Senini has completed various courses and remedial work, as required in the DEAs, including:

- CPEP Professional Based Ethics Program;
- CPEP PROBE Plus module;
- BCCOHP Dental Record Keeping Guidelines, review;
- BCCOHP More Tough Topics course;
- Medical Ethics and Professionalism course (ME-15);
- BCCOHP online Dental Recordkeeping course;
- BCCOHP Dental Recordkeeping guidelines, review;
- Mentorship with Dr. Grisdale;
- Mentorship with Dr. Wilby;
- BCCOHP Dismissing a Patient: Practical and Ethical Concerns, review;
- BCCOHP Minimal and Moderate Sedation Standards and Guidelines; and
- University of Alberta Nitrous oxide/oxygen; Sedation/analgesia in Dental practice and oral sedation/oral nitrous combined for dentists.

2.6 The five complaints that the Committee directed for citation resulted from interactions with patients between March 30, 2022, and November 9, 2022, as well as interactions with a College investigator on March 31, 2023. Four of the complaints involve elderly patients, and the fifth complaint involves a patient who is not conversant in English.

2.7 Citation 1 deals with issues emerging from two complaints received by the College in July and November 2022 and was issued on August 2, 2023.

2.8 Citation 2 deals with issues emerging from three complaints received by the College in November 2022 and August 2023 and was issued on June 3, 2024.

3.0 ADMISSIONS

3.1 Dr. Senini admits to professional misconduct in that, with respect to at least one patient, he:

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2. Performed oral surgery without properly considering or assessing how the blood thinner medication the patient was taking could impact the surgeries;
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11. Failed to modify treatment in response to a patient's report of pain or discomfort during extraction treatment;
12. Failed to diagnose and/or provide a treatment plan for a patient's implant.

4.0 CONSENT TO ORDER

- 4.1** Given Dr. Senini's admissions above, Dr. Senini proposes resolution on the following terms:

A. Reprimand

- 4.2** Dr. Senini consents to a reprimand.

B. Suspension from Practice

- 4.3** Dr. Senini is suspended from practice for a period of nine (9) months, with the effective dates of the suspension running from December 15, 2023 to August 15, 2024. This period of suspension accounts for the fact that Dr. Senini provided a voluntary undertaking in November 2023 to only practice with supervision.

4.3.1 Dr. Senini confirms that during the suspension period, he did not practice dentistry or own his own practice.

4.3.3 Dr. Senini acknowledges that while suspended he was required to (and did) pay all registration fees assessed by the College in order to maintain his registration.

C. Remediation Prior to Return to Practice

- 4.4** Dr. Senini has already completed remediation as part of the resolution of other complaints determined under s. 36 of the *HPA*, as set out in paragraphs 2.4 and 2.5.

D. Payment of partial investigation costs

- 4.5** Dr. Senini must pay partial costs of the investigation in the amount of \$4,000, which amount must be paid in full no later than 30 days from the date of acceptance of this proposal.

E. Fine

- 4.6** Dr. Senini is facing financial hardship and has recently declared bankruptcy. Therefore, the fine that would usually be required in this case is not being ordered.

5.0 FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT

A. Costs

- 5.1** Dr. Senini acknowledges and agrees that all training, coursework, or other steps required to comply with this proposal will be entirely at Dr. Senini's own expense, including any reports required to be provided to the College.

B. Non-compliance

- 5.2** Dr. Senini acknowledges and agrees that the failure to satisfy any one or more of the terms herein may constitute professional misconduct or unprofessional conduct may trigger an investigation and disciplinary proceedings in accordance with the provisions in the *HPA*.

C. Publication

- 5.3** Dr. Senini acknowledges and agrees that an order made based upon this proposal results in the mandatory public notification as set out in section 39.3 of the *HPA*, including his understanding that his name, the nature of the action taken and the reason for the action taken will be included in this public notice. The College will issue the public notification in the form and by the means it sees fit.
- 5.4** Dr. Senini may separately apply to the Committee for an order to exclude his name from the public notification. Dr. Senini acknowledges and agrees that he remains bound by the terms of any order made based upon this proposal, regardless of the outcome of any application for anonymous publication.
- 5.5** Dr. Senini acknowledges and agrees that the College has authority to issue the notifications provided for in College Bylaw 5.11.

D. Effect of an order made based upon this proposal

- 5.6** Dr. Senini acknowledges that any order made by the Committee based upon this proposal constitutes "past action" for the purposes of section 39.2 of the *HPA*.

E. Receipt of legal advice

- 5.7 Dr. Senini confirms that he has received legal advice and representation throughout the College's consent order proposal processes and before agreeing to all of the facts, admissions, consents, indemnities and other terms and conditions herein.

Having read, understood, and agreed to each and every term above, this proposal is respectfully submitted to the Committee by:



Dr. Vincent Senini

September 2, 2025

Date

Signature of Dr. Senini witnessed on the above date by:



Witness name and signature