



On June 22, 2023, a panel of the Discipline Committee met to review allegations of professional misconduct against Ms. Jessica (“Jessa”) Michelle Chaput as set forth in the statement of allegations appended below.

On motion by the College, the panel ordered that the hearing be adjourned indefinitely, due to Ms. Chaput’s signing of an undertaking to never reapply to the College. A copy of the undertaking signed by Ms. Chaput is appended below.

STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS

JESSICA (“JESSA”) MICHELLE CHAPUT

1. Ms. Jessica (“Jessa”) Chaput (“the Registrant”) holds a suspended certificate of registration with the College of Dental Hygienists of Ontario (the “College”).

Practising while Certificate of Registration was Suspended

2. The Registrant’s certificate of registration was suspended for non-payment of fees on or about December 18, 2021.
3. While her certificate of registration was suspended, the Registrant held herself out as a dental hygienist and provided dental hygiene treatment to two patients on or about March 30, 2022.

Holding Out as Qualified to Practise as a Dental Hygienist While Suspended

4. While her certificate of registration was suspended, the Registrant held herself out as a dental hygienist when she responded to an advertisement for a dental hygienist position in or about July 2022.

Failing to Respond Appropriately to Inquiries from the College

5. In December 2021, the Registrant failed to respond to College staff in a timely manner regarding the suspension of her certificate of registration.
6. In December 2021, the Registrant provided false or misleading information to College staff regarding her employment as a dental hygienist.
7. In July 2022, while corresponding with College staff about making submissions regarding the investigation, the Registrant did one or more of the following:
 - a. Permitted a family member to falsely advise the College that she was in the hospital; and/or
 - b. Pretended to be a family member and falsely advised the College that she was in the hospital.

Failing to Cooperate with College Investigation

8. During the College’s investigation, the Registrant failed to respond to the investigator and failed to attend for an interview with the investigator

Professional Misconduct Alleged

9. It is alleged that the above conduct constitutes professional misconduct pursuant to Clause 51(1)(c) of the Health Professions Procedural Code, being Schedule 2 to the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*, and as defined in one or more of the following paragraphs of section 15 of Ontario Regulation 218/94 made under the *Dental Hygiene Act, 1991*:
- a. Paragraph 30 (signing or issuing, in the member's professional capacity, a document that the member knows or ought to know contains a false or misleading statement); and/or
 - b. Paragraph 41 (failing to pay any money owing to the College); and/o
 - c. Paragraph 42 (failing to take reasonable steps to ensure that information provided by or on behalf of the member to the College is accurate); and/or
 - d. Paragraph 43 (failing to reply appropriately and responsively within the time specified by the request, or if no time is specified, within 30 days to a written inquiry made by the College that requests a response); and/or
 - e. Paragraph 47 (contravening by act or omission, the Act, the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*, or the regulations under either of those Acts, more particularly section 9 of the *Dental Hygiene Act* (no one other than a member shall use the title dental hygienist) in conjunction with section 13(2) of the Code (a suspended member is not a member); and/or
 - f. Paragraph 50 (failing to cooperate with an investigator of the College, upon production by the investigator of their appointment under section 75 of the Health Professions Procedural Code); and/or
 - g. Paragraph 52 (engaging in conduct or performing an act relevant to the practice of the profession that, having regard to all the circumstances would reasonably be regarded by members as disgraceful, dishonourable or unprofessional); and/or
 - h. Paragraph 53 (conduct unbecoming a dental hygienist).

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JESSICA (“JESSA”) MICHELLE CHAPUT

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND UNDERTAKING

I, **JESSICA (“JESSA”) MICHELLE CHAPUT**, hereby acknowledge and undertake as follows:

1. I acknowledge that I was formerly a member of the College of Dental Hygienists of Ontario (the “**College**”).
2. I acknowledge that I currently face allegations of professional misconduct including practising while suspended, holding myself out as qualified to practise while suspended, failing to respond appropriately to inquiries from the College and failing to cooperate with a College investigation (the “**Matter**”), which were referred to the College’s Discipline Committee on December 2, 2022. The allegations are set out in a Notice of Hearing dated January 26, 2023 (Case File RPT-2022-193/DIS-2022-96).
3. I acknowledge that it is in my interest to resolve the Matter without the need for a discipline hearing.

Undertaking to Never Re-Apply

4. I hereby undertake never to reapply for membership, registration, licensure or similar status as a dental hygienist with the College in exchange for the College agreeing to indefinitely adjourn the discipline hearing against me with respect to Case File RPT-2022-193/DIS-2022-96.
5. I acknowledge that if I ever apply for membership, registration, licensure or similar status with the College in the future, the College will be entitled to rely upon this Acknowledgment and Undertaking in any registration or other similar proceeding as reason to deny my application.
6. I further acknowledge that if I ever apply for membership, registration, licensure or similar status with the College, the College will be entitled to reinstitute the prosecution of the matter with Case File RPT-2022-193/DIS-2022-96. The College will also be entitled to prosecute me for a breach of this Acknowledgment and Undertaking and the College will be entitled to rely upon this Acknowledgment and Undertaking for that purpose. I acknowledge that such prosecutions may proceed in accordance with section 14 of the Health Professions Procedural Code, being Schedule 2 of the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*, even though I am no longer a member of the College.

7. I further acknowledge that, in light of the fact that I am no longer a member of the College, I am not entitled to use the titles “dental hygienist” or “registered dental hygienist”, “DH”, “RDH”, or any abbreviation thereof or equivalent in another language, I am not entitled to hold myself out as a person who is qualified to practise in Ontario as a dental hygienist or in a specialty of dental hygiene, and I am not entitled to imply that I am a dental hygienist in Ontario.

Other

8. I acknowledge that the College will include the full text of this Acknowledgment and Undertaking on the public register of the College, which is located on the College’s website, along with a notation of the fact that I entered an undertaking to resign and never re-apply.

9. I further understand, acknowledge, and agree that:

- a. I fully understand the terms of this Acknowledgment and Undertaking;
- b. I am signing this Acknowledgment and Undertaking voluntarily and without compulsion or duress; and,
- c. I have been advised by the College to obtain independent legal advice prior to signing this Acknowledgment and Undertaking and I have either done so or I have had an adequate opportunity to do so.

Signed this 22nd day of June, 2023. 6/22/2023

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JESSICA (“JESSA”) MICHELLE CHAPUT