

GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL

AND

PATEL, Amit

[Registration number: 176925]

**NOTICE OF INQUIRY
SUBSTANTIVE HEARING**

An inquiry conducted by the Professional Conduct Committee opened on 19 August 2029 and concluded part-heard on 20 August 2020. The hearing will resume at:

**The General Dental Council
37 Wimpole Street
London
W1G 8DQ**

Commencing at **10:00 am on 16 March 2020**

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Committee Members: Philip Brown (Lay) (Chair)
Arjun Shinh (Dentist)
Maggie Nash (DCP)

Legal Adviser: Christopher McKay

CHARGE

Amit PATEL, a dentist, BDS University of Liverpool 2009, is summoned to appear before the Professional Conduct Committee on 19 August 2019 for an inquiry into the following charge:

“That being a registered dentist:

1. Between 27 November 2014 and 1 December 2015, you failed to provide an adequate standard of care to Patient A, in that you failed to:
 - a) carry out a comprehensive assessment of Patient A 's presenting dental condition;
 - b) undertake adequate diagnostic assessments, including:
 - i) an adequate dental radiological assessment of Patient A 's posterior dentition;
 - ii) an occlusal assessment;
 - iii) an evaluation of the results of the radiographs taken on 30 June 2015;
 - c) carry out sufficient and/or appropriate treatment planning, including:
 - i) providing a bespoke written treatment plan;
 - ii) discussing any other available treatment options with Patient A;
 - iii) taking Patient A 's pre-existing dental condition into account;
 - iv) undertaking a full risk/benefit discussion with Patient A regarding the extraction of Patient A 's UL 1 and its replacement with an implant;
 - d) adequately communicate the details of Patient A 's treatment plan;
 - e) provide a satisfactory standard of treatment at tooth UL 1 on 28 July 2015, including:
 - i) adequately controlling the pain caused to Patient A;
 - ii) causing Patient A to suffer a nose bleed;
 - iii) providing Patient A with a poorly fitting denture;
 - f) explain all treatment options to Patient A, including:
 - i) only presenting Patient A with a treatment option centred around extraction and implant;
 - ii) failing to discuss the alternative option of stabilisation treatment.
2. Between 27 November 2014 and 28 July 2015, you failed to maintain an adequate standard of record keeping in respect of Patient A 's appointments, in that you failed:
 - a) On 27 November 2014 to complete a record of the appointment;
 - b) On 2 December 2014 to:
 - i) record a 'new patient' assessment of Patient A;

- ii) record an extraoral examination;
 - c) On 30 June 2015 to:
 - i) record the undertaking of a posterior bitewing x-ray assessment;
 - ii) record any evaluation of the posterior bitewing x-ray assessment;
 - d) On 28 July 2015 to record that Patient A suffered a nose bleed during treatment.
- 3. Between 27 November 2014 and 1 December 2015, you failed to obtain informed consent for the treatment provided to Patient A, in that you failed to:
 - a) provide full, clear and accurate information to Patient A concerning her treatment;
 - b) adequately discuss alternative options;
 - c) adequately discuss risks and benefits;
 - d) adequately discuss prognosis.
- 4. You failed to adequately deal with Patient A 's complaint in that you:
 - a) Did not respond to Patient A 's complaint in writing;
 - b) Did not respond to Patient A 's complaint efficiently, effectively and/or politely;
 - c) Did not conduct yourself in a professional manner at the meeting on 7 April 2018.

AND that by reason of the matters alleged above your fitness to practise is impaired by reason of misconduct.”