

INQUIRY COMMITTEE RECORD OF DECISION

FILE NAME: DH0759

FACTS

The Registrar received a written complaint from a member of the public against a registrant of the College of Dental Hygienists of British Columbia. The complainant stated that following a request to have the entire mouth frozen, the dental hygienist proceeded to provide dental hygiene services without administering local anesthesia.

In accordance with section 33(1) of the *Health Professions Act*, the Registrar delivered the complaint to the College's Inquiry Committee. On the direction of the Inquiry Committee, the Registrar investigated the complaint further, requesting patient records from the office in which the registrant practices.

Information received from both the complainant and the registrant and a review of the patient's dental records, as submitted by the registrant's employer (dentist), was undertaken. The committee made a finding that implied consent to continue was given to the dental hygienist.

COMMITTEE DECISION

Based on the information initially provided by the complainant and after considering the registrant's response to the complaint, the Committee determined to take no further action, as set out in section 33(6) of the *Health Professions Act*.

REQUEST FOR REVIEW

Section 34(2) of the *Health Professions Act* allows that a complainant who is dissatisfied with the decision of the Inquiry Committee may request the board to review that decision. The board, in accordance with section 34(4)(a) of the *Act*, confirmed the inquiry committee's decision.

RELEVANT PROVISION OF ACT, REGULATION, OR BYLAWS: *Act*, sections 33(6), 34(4)(a)

STATUS: *Closed*

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY: *Health Professions Act s 33(1), 33(6), 34(2), 34(2)*