

**College of Dental Surgeons of Alberta  
Hearing Tribunal Decision**

May 10, 2024

IN ACCORDANCE WITH BYLAW 24(5) OF  
THE COLLEGE OF DENTAL SURGEONS OF ALBERTA

On April 22, 2024, a Hearing Tribunal of the College of Dental Surgeons of Alberta found Dr. Juan Eguren guilty of unprofessional conduct and he was sanctioned. A Hearing Tribunal is an independent group of decision makers comprised of two members of the public appointed by the Government of Alberta and two dentists registered in Alberta.

Dr. Eguren admitted that he failed to take objective recordings of how a patient's teeth came together when he fabricated an appliance which did not cover the patient's posterior teeth.

Dr. Eguren also admitted that he had failed to obtain or document informed consent from the Patient, including failing to discuss or document discussions with the Patient regarding the risk of the creation of an open bite from use of an appliance.

ORDERS OF HEARING TRIBUNAL

The Hearing Tribunal accepted a Joint Submission on Penalty from the parties and issued the following orders on sanction:

1. Dr. Eguren is reprimanded, with the decision of the Hearing Tribunal serving as the reprimand;
2. Dr. Eguren shall pay fines of \$7,500 for his failure to take objective measurements before fabricating an appliance which did not cover the patient's posterior teeth, and \$2,500 for his failure to obtain or document informed consent (for a total fine of \$10,000);
3. Dr. Eguren shall complete an approved course on patient communication;
4. Dr. Eguren shall engage with a Coach and Mentor to review ongoing cases involving nightguards and other appliances; and
5. Dr. Eguren will pay 50% of the costs of the investigation and hearing.