

STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DENTAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

No. M2017-927

ALIREZA PANAHOUPUR
Credential No. DENT.DE.60101476

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Respondent

The executive director of the Dental Quality Assurance Commission (Commission), on designation by the Commission, makes the allegations below, which are supported by the evidence contained in case no. 2016-13681. The patient referred to in this Statement of Charges is identified in the attached Confidential Schedule.

1. ALLEGED FACTS

1.1 On November 3, 2009, the State of Washington issued Respondent a credential to practice as a dentist. Respondent's credential is currently active.

1.2 At all times relevant, Respondent was engaged in the practice of dentistry in King County, Washington.

1.3 On or about March 13, 2012, Patient A presented to Respondent for an examination and review of panoramic x-rays.

1.4 Although the x-ray depicts a healthy oral cavity with no sign of infection and no pathological findings precipitating treatment, Respondent recommended cavitation surgery.

1.5 Between approximately June and August of 2012, Respondent performed four (4) cavitation surgeries on Patient A's upper and lower jaw. While performing cavitation surgery on Patient A's lower left jaw, Respondent injured Patient A's left inferior alveolar nerve.

1.6 Respondent's treatment of Patient A did not meet the standard of care in the state of Washington because Respondent recommended and performed unnecessary treatment that is not generally accepted within the dental community.

1.7 Respondent's treatment of Patient A caused Patient A to suffer long-term numbness.

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2. ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

2.1 Based on the Alleged Facts, Respondent has committed unprofessional conduct in violation of RCW 18.130.180(4), which provides:

RCW 18.130.180 Unprofessional conduct. The following conduct, acts, or conditions constitute unprofessional conduct for any license holder under the jurisdiction of this chapter:

...

(4) Incompetence, negligence, or malpractice which results in injury to a patient or which creates an unreasonable risk that a patient may be harmed. The use of a nontraditional treatment by itself shall not constitute unprofessional conduct, provided that it does not result in injury to a patient or create an unreasonable risk that a patient may be harmed;

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2.2 The above violation provides grounds for imposing sanctions under RCW 18.130.160.

3. NOTICE TO RESPONDENT

The charges in this document affect the public health, safety and welfare. The executive director of the Commission directs that a notice be issued and served on Respondent as provided by law, giving Respondent the opportunity to defend against these charges. If Respondent fails to defend against these charges, Respondent shall be subject to discipline and the imposition of sanctions under Chapter 18.130 RCW.

DATED: May 1, 2018

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Erin O'Leary for Trina Crawford
TRINA CRAWFORD
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

CONFIDENTIAL SCHEDULE

This information is confidential and is NOT to be released without the consent of the individual or individuals named below. RCW 42.56.240(1)

Patient A:

