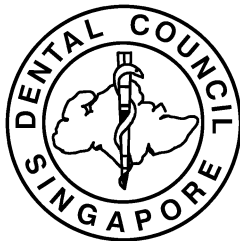


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PRESS RELEASE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE INQUIRY FOR DR HOO SWEE TIANG

1. The Singapore Dental Council (“SDC”) held a Disciplinary Committee (“DC”) Inquiry against Dr Hoo Swee Tiang (“Dr Hoo”), on 8 May 2018.
2. Dr Hoo was previously charged and convicted in the State Courts of an offence of outrage of modesty under section 354(1) of the Penal Code (Cap. 224), for touching the rear inner part of a lady’s thighs with his hand, and was sentenced to six (6) weeks’ imprisonment on 1 July 2016.
3. Dr Hoo’s appeal against the Court’s decision was heard and dismissed on 29 March 2017, and Dr Hoo commenced his sentence on 11 May 2017.
4. The SDC preferred one charge against Dr Hoo for his conviction of a criminal offence implying a defect of character which makes him unfit for his profession within the meaning of section 40(1)(b) of the Dental Registration Act (Cap. 76) (“DRA”).
5. Dr Hoo contested the charge, arguing that the conviction did not make him unfit for his profession within the meaning of section 40(1)(b) of the DRA.
6. The DC disagreed, and held that a conviction for an offence of outrage of modesty is in and of itself a character defect which renders Dr Hoo unfit for his profession.
7. On 3 October 2018, the DC made the following orders:-
 - a. Dr Hoo be suspended for 6 months;
 - b. Dr Hoo’s registration after the expiry of the suspension be restricted for a period of two (2) years under the supervision of two (2) supervisors



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complying with the conditions laid down by SDC in the criteria for Conditional Registration published in the SDC website;

- c. Dr Hoo be censured in writing;
 - d. Dr Hoo gives an undertaking to abstain in future from such conduct complained of; and
 - e. Dr Hoo pays the costs and expenses of and incidental to the Disciplinary Inquiry proceedings, including the costs of the legal assessor.
8. The DC also ordered that its decision be published.
9. According to the rules for Conditional Registration published on the SDC website, the conditionally registered dentist must at all times be supervised by the nominated supervising dentists approved by the SDC, and the principal supervisor is required to submit a supervisory report to the SDC once every six (6) months. Dr Hoo will be able to apply for full registration after two (2) years of conditional registration, subject to the SDC's approval.

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