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## PRESS RELEASE

### DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE INQUIRY FOR DR CHUA TECK HUM

1. The Singapore Dental Council (“SDC”) held a disciplinary inquiry (the “Inquiry”) against Dr Chua Teck Hum (“Dr Chua”), a dentist practising at My Dentist’s Clinique at HDB Bedok Town Centre.
2. Dr Chua faced one charge of professional misconduct under the Dental Registration Act (Cap 76) in respect of Dr Chua’s inappropriate treatment of the patient, namely, Dr Chua’s premature performance of an implant placement on the patient before the lapse of the requisite time after a previous bone grafting procedure had been carried out at the same site.
3. Dr Chua denied the charge against him and the Inquiry proceeded accordingly.
4. The evidence showed that Dr Chua first extracted the patient’s tooth, surgically removed a foreign fragment buried at the operation site and performed bone grafting in the first procedure. 7 weeks and 1 day after the first procedure, Dr Chua performed the implant placement procedure.
5. The evidence also showed that X-rays done 3 months and 6 months after the implant placement procedure showed incomplete radio-opacity around the implant, indicating that the implant was not fully osseointegrated. The patient then went to another dentist for a second opinion and he removed the implant.
6. At the conclusion of the Inquiry the Disciplinary Committee (“DC”) was satisfied that Dr Chua was guilty of the charge of professional misconduct.
7. The DC found that Dr Chua had failed to wait the requisite time for the bone graft to heal before performing the implant placement on the patient. In coming to this

conclusion, the DC found that Dr Chua had chosen to adopt a staged approach of implant placement and that the normal protocol in a staged approach is to allow 4 months for the bone graft to heal before placing an implant. The DC thus found that Dr Chua had failed to wait for this requisite time in his treatment of the patient.

8. The DC ordered that Dr Chua be suspended for a period of 3 months, to pay a penalty of S\$10,000, be censured of his treatment of the patient, to give a letter of undertaking to the SDC to abstain in future from the conduct complained of and/or any similar conduct, and to pay the costs and expenses of and incidental to the proceedings, including the costs of the solicitors for SDC and of the Legal Assessor.
9. Dr Chua's 3-month suspension took effect on 1 April 2016.

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