

ORDER OF AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER NOTICE OF CLOSURE

To: Natalia Prokhin
20 Somervale Close SW,
Calgary, Alberta T2Y 3J9

RE: The dental practice site located in Calgary, Alberta and municipally described as 20 Somervale Close SW, Calgary, Alberta T2Y 3J9

WHEREAS I, an **Executive Officer of Alberta Health Services**, have inspected the above noted premises pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health Act, RSA 2000, c. P-37, as amended;

AND WHEREAS such inspection disclosed that the following conditions exist in and about the above noted premises which are or may become injurious or dangerous to the public health or which might hinder in any manner the prevention or suppression of disease, namely:

- a. There is no dedicated hand washing basin within the service provision area indicating proper hand washing procedures are not followed prior to contact with the client.
- b. There is no dedicated sink for equipment decontamination indicating that reusable equipment and devices used are not properly cleaned.
- c. There is no puncture resistant container for disposal of sharps.
- d. There is no surface disinfectant available for use on non-critical medical devices and clinical contact surfaces.
- e. There is no high level disinfectant available to disinfect semi-critical medical devices.
- f. There is no sterilizer or other equipment that is readily available to sterilize critical instruments, indicating that the critical instruments are not sterile at point of use.
- g. Critical instruments are stored unprotected on a tray indicating that the instruments are not sterile at point of use.
- h. Expired medications are stored indicating that expired medications could be used on clients.
- i. Expired pre-sterilized needles are stored. The sterility assurance of these items is no longer guaranteed when past the expiry date indicating that non-sterile needles could be used on clients.
- j. Opened single-use disposable needles are not discarded after use. These are stored with other single-use disposable devices.

- k. Numerous sets of dental instruments and a dental chair are located in the room indicating that dental procedures are being performed. The dental chair is connected to an air compressor unit and a vacuum unit.
- l. Dental instruments used for fillings, extractions, oral cavity assessment and other dental procedures are wiped only with pre-moistened cloths in between use on clients.
- m. The area housing the air compressor and vacuum unit is located in the furnace room next to a cat litter box.

AND WHEREAS such inspection disclosed that the following breaches of the Public Health Act and the Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation, Alberta Regulation 243/2003 exist in and about the above noted premises, namely:

- a. There is no dedicated hand washing basin within the service provision area indicating proper hand washing procedures are not followed prior to contact with the client. This is a breach of Section 2(1) of the Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation which states that “No person shall create, commit or maintain a nuisance”.
- b. There is no dedicated sink for equipment decontamination indicating that reusable equipment and devices used are not properly cleaned. This is a breach of Section 2(1) of the Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation which states that “No person shall create, commit or maintain a nuisance”.
- c. There is no puncture resistant container for disposal of sharps. This is a breach of Section 2(1) of the Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation which states that “No person shall create, commit or maintain a nuisance”.
- d. There is no surface disinfectant available for use on non-critical medical devices and clinical contact surfaces. This is a breach of Section 2(1) of the Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation which states that “No person shall create, commit or maintain a nuisance”.
- e. There is no high level disinfectant available to disinfect semi-critical medical devices. This is a breach of Section 2(1) of the Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation which states that “No person shall create, commit or maintain a nuisance”.
- f. There is no sterilizer or other equipment that is readily available to sterilize critical instruments, indicating that the critical instruments are not sterile at point of use. This is a breach of Section 2(1) of the Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation which states that “No person shall create, commit or maintain a nuisance”.
- g. Critical instruments are stored unprotected on a tray indicating that the instruments are not sterile at point of use. This is a breach of Section 2(1) of the Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation which states that “No person shall create, commit or maintain a nuisance”.

- h. Expired medications are stored indicating that expired medications could be used on clients. This is a breach of Section 2(1) of the Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation which states that “No person shall create, commit or maintain a nuisance”.
- i. Expired pre-sterilized needles are stored. The sterility assurance of these items is no longer guaranteed when past the expiry date indicating that non-sterile needles could be used on clients. This is a breach of Section 2(1) of the Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation which states that “No person shall create, commit or maintain a nuisance”.
- j. Opened single-use disposable needles are not discarded after use. These are stored with other single-use disposable devices. This is a breach of Section 2(1) of the Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation which states that “No person shall create, commit or maintain a nuisance”.
- k. Numerous sets of dental instruments and a dental chair are located in the room indicating that dental procedures are being performed. The dental chair is connected to an air compressor unit and a vacuum unit. This is a breach of Section 2(1) of the Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation which states that “No person shall create, commit or maintain a nuisance”.
- l. Dental instruments used for fillings, extractions, oral cavity assessment and other dental procedures are wiped only with pre-moistened cloths in between use on clients. This is a breach of Section 2(1) of the Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation which states that “No person shall create, commit or maintain a nuisance”.
- m. The area housing the air compressor and vacuum unit is located in the furnace room next to a cat litter box. This is a breach of Section 2(1) of the Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation which states that “No person shall create, commit or maintain a nuisance”.

AND WHEREAS, by virtue of the foregoing, the above noted premises are hereby declared to be **Closed**.

NOW THEREFORE, I hereby **ORDER** and **DIRECT**:

1. That the Owner immediately discontinues the use of non-sterile critical and non-disinfected semi-critical devices. If the Owner wishes to practice dentistry, the Owner must provide services in a manner that is satisfactory to an Executive Officer of Alberta Health Services, including compliance with the requirements of the Alberta Dental Association and College under the Health Professions Act. Otherwise, the Owner must provide a written confirmation acknowledging that no dental procedures will be conducted at this site.
2. That until such time as the work referred to above is completed to the satisfaction of an Executive Officer of Alberta Health Services; the above noted premises shall remain closed.

The above conditions were noted at the time of inspection and may not necessarily reflect all deficiencies. You are advised that further work may be required to ensure full compliance with the Public Health Act and regulations, or to prevent a public health nuisance.

DATED at Calgary, Alberta, March 23, 2017

Confirmation of a verbal order issued to Natalia Prokhin on March 21, 2017.

Heidi Ho, CPHI(C)
Executive Officer
Alberta Health Services

You have the right to appeal

A person who a) is directly affected by a decision of a Regional Health Authority, and
 b) feels himself aggrieved by the decision

may appeal the decision by submitting a Notice of Appeal form within ten (10) days after receiving the order to:

Public Health Appeal Board
c/o Central Reception
Main Floor, Telus Plaza North Tower
10025 Jasper Avenue NW
Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 1S6
Phone: 780-222-5186
Fax: 780-422-0914
Email: HealthAppealBoard@gov.ab.ca
Website: <http://www.health.alberta.ca/about/PHAB.html>

A Notice of Appeal form may be obtained by contacting Alberta Health Services at 780-342-0122 or by contacting the Public Health Appeal Board.

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