



The following statement was issued by Professional Dental Alliance:

Professional Dental Alliance terminated the employment of one of our dentists on March 23, 2017 at our North Pointe Refresh Dental office in Mars, Pennsylvania, for gross misconduct. Our personnel called 911 that day after finding the dentist unresponsive in the office after he returned from his lunch break. Both emergency medical services and the police department responded. Police determined that the dentist was under the influence of alcohol.

He was immediately terminated, and will never return to practice at Professional Dental Alliance. At no point, did he work with any patients after returning to the office that afternoon. We also reported the incident to the State Board of Dentistry. This individual had been employed by Professional Dental Alliance since October, 2016. Until the March 23 incident, we had no evidence that he acted inappropriately during his time here, and we are confident that patient care was never compromised.

Nothing is more important to Professional Dental Alliance than the safety and security of the patients in our care. We were shocked and saddened by this incident, and we will never tolerate behavior that jeopardizes patient safety or the trust our patients place in us. We continue to cooperate with the authorities on their investigation.