

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Newfoundland and Labrador
Summary of Adjudication Tribunal Decision

IN THE MATTER OF: Dr. Aidan Drover

In a written decision dated July 22, 2019, an Adjudication Tribunal of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Newfoundland and Labrador found Dr. Aidan Drover, a family physician, guilty of professional misconduct.

The complainant attended Dr. Drover's medical clinic for the purposes of obtaining a Transport Canada Marine Medical examination. During his examination of the complainant, Dr. Drover conducted a breast examination. The Tribunal found that the complainant did not consent, either expressly or otherwise, to Dr. Drover carrying out a breast examination.

The Tribunal found that Dr. Drover did not apply and maintain the standards of practice expected by the profession in these circumstances, resulting in violations of the College's By-Law 5: Code of Ethics, sections 4(pp) and 4(qq). The Tribunal found that Dr. Drover was guilty of conduct deserving of sanction.

The Tribunal reconvened on September 27, 2019, at which time the parties made a joint submission on sanction.

On October 1, 2019, the Tribunal ordered as follows:

1. Dr. Drover is reprimanded for his conduct;
2. Dr. Drover's licence to practise medicine is suspended for one month;
3. Dr. Drover is to complete the course "Successful Patient Interactions" offered by Saegis Solutions;
4. Dr. Drover's licence to practise medicine will include a restriction that he must be supervised by a chaperone for all examinations of female patients until he has completed the "Successful Patient Interactions" course ;
5. Dr. Drover pays the costs of the College in the fixed amount of \$15,000; and
6. The Registrar will publish a summary of the decision and order of the Tribunal.

The most recent practice address of Dr. Drover:

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Linda Inkpen, MD
Registrar
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