



Summary of Adjudication Tribunal Decision

IN THE MATTER OF: Dr. Aidan Drover, Family Medicine
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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.

Linda Inkpen, MD
Registrar, CPSNL
November 4, 2019