



Summary of Adjudication Tribunal Decision

**IN THE MATTER OF: Dr. Etienne Archambault, Postgraduate Resident
Practice Address: Memorial University, St. John's, NL**

An Adjudication Tribunal of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Newfoundland and Labrador has found Dr. Etienne Archambault guilty of professional misconduct in relation to a complaint filed by a member of the public (the “Complainant”).

The Tribunal’s written decision was released on March 4, 2024.

The Tribunal accepted an agreed statement of facts that was jointly prepared by the College and Dr. Archambault. The date, location, and a brief description of the conduct of Dr. Archambault that was found to be deserving of sanction is as follows:

Dr. Archambault met the Complainant in February 2020 at a recreational center. Dr. Archambault shared information with the Complainant relating to the use of medications in the context of supporting athletic endeavors.

During a social encounter in March 2020, Dr. Archambault administered an intramuscular injection to the Complainant with a combination of hormonal therapeutic medications. The Complainant did not have knowledge of the specifics of the injection before it occurred. The following day, the Complainant sought additional information from Dr. Archambault as to the specifics of the injection.

The Complainant was aware that Dr. Archambault was a medical resident. Dr. Archambault and the Complainant did not have a physician-patient relationship.

The Tribunal accepted Dr. Archambault’s plea of guilty of professional misconduct in violation of section 2(15) of the College *By-Law No. 5: Code of Ethics (2020)*, which is conduct deserving of sanction under the *Medical Act, 2011*. The Tribunal found that Dr. Archambault performed without consent a professional service for which consent is required by law.

The Tribunal accepted a submission for sanctions that was jointly prepared by the College and Dr. Archambault. It then ordered that:

1. Dr. Archambault shall not serve any further period of suspension, having served a period of suspension pending a disciplinary hearing, made pursuant to an Order of the Complaints Authorization Committee effective October 6, 2021.

2. Dr. Archambault is eligible to apply for reinstatement to the Educational Register as of the date of the Tribunal's order or decision.
3. Prior to applying for reinstatement on the Educational Register, Dr. Archambault must successfully complete, at his cost, a course acceptable to the Registrar on the subject of professional ethics.
4. Dr. Archambault will pay the costs of the College of the hearing in accordance with the Tariff of Costs.
5. The decision or order of the Tribunal will be published. Publication will take place in the forms and locations set out in the *Medical Act, 2011* and in the *College By-Laws*.

Tanis Adey, MD, MMed, FRCPC, CCPE, ICD.D
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