



Summary of Alternative Dispute Resolution Settlement Agreement

IN THE MATTER OF: Dr. Eric Elli, Family Medicine
Practice Address: Blackmarsh Family Care Centre, St. John's, NL

Dr. Eric Elli is a medical practitioner licensed pursuant to the *Medical Act, 2011* to practice family medicine.

On January 16, 2019, a patient filed an allegation against Dr. Elli in relation to his conduct during a clinical encounter which occurred on January 4, 2019.

Following an investigation, the Complaints Authorization Committee of the College referred the allegation back to the Registrar for Alternative Dispute Resolution in accordance with s. 44(1)(a) of the *Medical Act, 2011*.

Dr. Elli admitted that prior to conducting an examination of the Complainant's ear, he made comments to the Complainant about another (unnamed) patient which were not appropriate or clinically warranted.

Dr. Elli acknowledged that his behavior constituted professional misconduct. In particular he acknowledged that his behavior was in violation of the College's *By-Law 5: Code of Ethics* (2019 version):

4(o) Inappropriate comments or questions reflecting a lack of respect for patient's dignity or privacy.

Dr. Elli and the College agreed to the following disposition of this allegation:

1. Dr. Elli was cautioned for his admitted professional misconduct.
2. Dr. Elli must successfully complete, at his cost, the SAEGIS Clinical Communication Program.
3. This summary will be posted on the College website.

Linda Inkpen, MD
Registrar, CPSNL
March 24, 2021