

## **CPSA Statement**

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## Dr. Keith Hoyte Guilty Plea & CPSA's Role in Patient Support

**Edmonton, AB -** CPSA has grave concerns about the abuse endured by Dr. Hoyte's female patients under the guise of medical care in our province. Medical Regulatory Authorities in Alberta have recently been given much more effective tools to address sexual abuse by physicians through the Act to Protect Patients (Bill 21) that was passed on November 19, 2018.

It is CPSA's role to protect the public and support patients. If Albertans ever have questions or concerns about the care they receive from physicians in Alberta, they're encouraged to contact us at 1-800-661-4689 or <a href="mailto:complaints@cpsa.ab.ca">complaints@cpsa.ab.ca</a>. No one should have to question whether their care was appropriate or remain silent when they've been mistreated.

Dr. Hoyte has not been in practice since 2013, before these charges came to light. The Calgary Police Service contacted CPSA to confirm his status as a retired physician when the charges were made, otherwise CPSA has had no role in this case.

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