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Dr. Habeeb Tunde Ali's practice permit cancelled

Edmonton, AB – Cochrane family physician Dr. Habeeb Tunde Ali's practice permit in Alberta has been cancelled effective immediately due to his failure to pay the outstanding fees related to his previous conviction for unprofessional conduct. The Registrar of College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta revoked Dr. Ali's permit under section 43 of the *Health Professions Act.*

Dr. Ali was found guilty of unprofessional conduct in 2014 after facing three charges, including failure to pay annual fees to the CPSA, failure to cooperate and meet with the CPSA's Continuing Care Agreement and failure to comply with his obligations as a bankrupt person. Dr. Ali unsuccessfully appealed the hearing decision to the CPSA's Council in May 2016, then appealed to the Alberta Court of Appeal in December 2017, which was also unsuccessful.

In spring 2018, Dr. Ali received a stay in his permit cancellation from the Alberta Court of Appeal to allow him to seek leave to appeal the costs award to the Supreme Court of Canada. On March 14, 2019, the Court declined to hear Dr. Ali's appeal. The stay on the College process immediately expired and Dr. Ali's practice permit was cancelled.

Patients of Dr. Ali can contact the Oasis Medical Clinic, where he was practising, to be referred to another physician in the clinic, or the Calgary Foothills Primary Care Network at (403) 284-3726. Alternatively, patients can contact Health Link through the Alberta Health Services website (<u>www.albertahealthservices.ca</u>) or by dialing 811 to be directed to a physician accepting patients in the area or visit <u>www.cpsa.ca</u> to use the Find a Physician tool.

Resources: Dr. Ali's previous hearing decisions and appeals:

<u>CPSA Hearing Tribunal decision</u> <u>CPSA Council Review Panel</u> <u>Alberta Court of Appeal Decision</u>

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