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## Dr. Sanjeev Bhardwaj guilty of unprofessional conduct

**Edmonton, AB** – Stony Plain family physician Dr. Sanjeev Bhardwaj has been found guilty of unprofessional conduct by a Hearing Tribunal of Alberta's medical regulator, the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta (CPSA).

Dr. Bhardwaj admitted to unprofessional conduct in all six allegations against him, including failing to meet the minimum standard of care in regards to opioid prescribing and charting for a patient, four counts of sexual involvement with patients, and failing to report these relationships during CPSA's annual practice renewal process.

The sanction decision for Dr. Bhardwaj is pending and will be sent to the media once finalized. Amendments to the *Health Professions Act* (HPA) based on *An Act to Protect Patients* will not apply to this case as the complaint process predates April 1, 2019.

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