

Media Release

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Dr. Subrata Chakravarty found guilty of unprofessional conduct

Edmonton, AB – Westlock Anesthesiologist Dr. Subrata Chakravarty 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. Chakravarty inappropriately touched a medical student, whom he had been instructing earlier that day, at his home on Dec. 15, 2016, and requested that she sleep in a bed with him while she was under the influence of alcohol.

Dr. Chakravarty's conduct was found to be in violation of the College's Standards of Practice/Canadian Medical Association's <u>Code of Ethics</u>. As a result, the CPSA Hearing Tribunal ordered the following sanctions:

- 1. Dr. Chakravarty will receive a six-month suspension of his practice permit, beginning Feb. 2, 2019.
- 2. At his own cost, Dr. Chakravarty will enter into and fulfill a new Continuing Care Agreement with the Assistant Registrar responsible for the CPSA's Physician Monitoring Program for Boundary Violators, for a period of at least five years (as a result of an earlier complaint, Dr. Chakravarty willingly enrolled in a Physician Monitoring agreement with the College in 2014 that was still ongoing at the time of this transgression).
- 3. Dr. Chakravarty's practice permit will include a restriction that he have neither oversight nor other involvement with learners in any capacity, which will remain in effect until he has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Complaints Director that he is safe to be trusted in the role of instructor.
- 4. Dr. Chakravarty is responsible for the full cost of the Comprehensive Occupational Assessment Program (COAP) report that was mandated as part of the CPSA's investigation, in addition to 75 per cent of the costs of the investigation and the hearing before the Hearing Tribunal (totalling \$28,096.56).

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The College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta is the regulator for all physicians and surgeons in the province and is governed by the Health Professions Act. Our role is to protect the public by issuing practice permits to those who meet educational and training criteria, hold Alberta physicians to ethical and medical practice standards, and investigate and resolve physician-related complaints. The CPSA also ensures the safety and quality of medical and diagnostic testing services in Alberta through an independent accreditation program.

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