

## **Media Release**

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## Dr. Vincenzo Visconti's practice permit cancelled permanently

**Edmonton, AB** - Sherwood Park family physician Dr. Vincenzo Visconti's CPSA registration and permit to practise medicine in Alberta is permanently cancelled. Dr. Visconti's practice permit was suspended indefinitely as of April 20, 2018, under Section 65 of the *Health Professions Act*, which grants regulators the ability to suspend a practice permit before a decision is reached through its usual discipline process.

A complete investigation was conducted into complaints against Dr. Visconti, related to prescribing, billing and peer review issues, which led to his suspension on April 20, 2018. Rather than proceed to a disciplinary hearing, a terms of resolution was reached between the College's Complaints Director and Dr. Visconti.

The terms of resolution, signed on Dec. 11, 2018, includes the following conditions:

- 1. Dr. Visconti requests the cancellation of his registration and practice permit with the College, in accordance with section 43(5) of the *Health Professions Act*. Dr. Visconti shall promptly return his practice permit to the College.
- 2. Dr. Visconti will pay to the College the cost of the three investigations into his practice, totalling \$21,641.09.
- 3. Dr. Visconti shall not apply for re-instatement with the College and agrees that he shall not apply for registration with any other professional regulatory authority governing the practice of medicine in any other jurisdiction.
- 4. Dr. Visconti agrees the College, in response to any inquiry by a professional regulatory authority or on a Certificate of Standing, is entitled to disclose that Dr. Visconti requested the cancellation of his practice permit and registration and has retired from the practice of medicine, as well as the particulars of allegations related to the College's investigation into his prescribing, billing and peer review issues.
- 5. The College shall be at liberty to publish, to the public and the profession, the terms of this agreement and the summary of the findings from the investigation into Dr. Visconti's prescribing, billing and peer review issues.

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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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