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## Strathmore physician guilty of self-prescribing and inappropriate relationship with a patient

**Edmonton, AB** – Dr. Altaf Khumree, a General Practitioner from Strathmore, was found guilty of three counts of unprofessional conduct by a CPSA hearing tribunal.

At his disciplinary hearing in January 2020, Dr. Khumree was accused of the following:

- 1. Entering into a personal relationship with a patient, for whom he had been providing medical care since 2011, which conflicts with CPSA's standard of practice on boundary violations.
- 2. Inappropriately prescribing medication to himself on several occasions (including opioids and other drugs prone to abuse) between 2012 and 2015, in violation of the Canadian Medical Association's *Code of Ethics*.
- 3. Failing to declare on his CPSA annual renewal that he'd engaged in an inappropriate relationship with a patient, or that he'd been charged with a criminal offence (impaired driving), which conflicts with CPSA's standard of practice on self-reporting.

Dr. Khumree admitted to the allegations against him and sanctions will be determined at a later date, after Dr. Khumree undergoes further assessment. Sanctions under Bill 21, *An Act to Protect Patients*, do not apply to this case as the complaint predates the change in legislation.

Dr. Khumree's practice permit is still active pending the sanction decision, with a condition requiring him to have a chaperone present when treating female patients.

**Resources:** CPSA Hearing Tribunal decision

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