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### **Family Physician found not guilty of unprofessional conduct**

**Edmonton, AB** – Dr. Craig Hodgson, a Family Physician from Whitecourt, was found not guilty of charges of unprofessional conduct by a CPSA Hearing Tribunal.

According to a joint submission, Dr. Hodgson accessed Alberta Netcare patient information without consent by the patient, in an unintentional and understandable act of human error.

The Hearing Tribunal determined the access to file was momentary and minimal, and the patient’s personal health information was not shared or exploited in any way. There appeared to be no harm to the patient or to the public resulting from the unauthorized access.

The Hearing Tribunal found insufficient evidence of unprofessional conduct and dismissed the charge against Dr. Hodgson.

**Resources:**

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