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CPSA Appeal Committee dismisses charges against Dr. Musbah Abouhamra

Edmonton, AB – A College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta (CPSA) Council Review Panel overturned a Hearing Tribunal decision of unprofessional conduct for Dr. Musbah Abouhamra.

In 2005, Dr. Abouhamra entered into an agreement with CPSA in which he was “restricted from performing invasive procedures in the office” due to equipment sterilization concerns. Subsequent monitoring by the College revealed that between April 1, 2015 and Dec. 3, 2016, Dr. Abouhamra performed invasive procedures on over 50 occasions.

At a Hearing Tribunal in June 2018, Dr. Abouhamra argued that he believed the condition on his practice permit applied only to his practice in Lloydminster, whereas the invasive procedures he performed were at a different clinic in Edmonton. The Hearing Tribunal negated his argument and found him guilty of unprofessional conduct.

During the appeal, the Review Panel found that Dr. Abouhamra’s belief that he was not in violation of his practice restriction and had the proper permissions from CPSA to perform invasive procedures at the new clinic was in fact reasonable. The Review Panel also agreed that the Hearing Tribunal erred in concluding that Dr. Abouhamra put the public at risk.

Orders of the Review Panel

1. The Review Panel grants Dr. Abouhamra’s appeal, and dismisses the charge against him.
2. Dr. Abouhamra had been ordered to pay a portion of the costs of the investigation and hearing into his conduct pursuant to the Sanction Decision. The Review Panel vacated that order.

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