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Dr. Ghassan Al-Naami served undertaking to withdraw from practice

Edmonton, AB – The College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta (CPSA) has served Dr. Ghassan Al-Naami with an undertaking to withdraw from practice. The Edmonton pediatrician was charged with possession of child pornography and the transmission of child pornography on August 11, 2019.

“CPSA’s role is not to presume guilt before the criminal investigation has concluded; however our responsibility to protect Albertans requires CPSA to take action to ensure patient safety until a verdict is reached,” said CPSA Registrar, Dr. Scott McLeod.

Should Dr. Al-Naami refuse to withdraw from practice, CPSA will seek a chaperone condition for all patient visits with mandatory signage required in the medical office. If sufficient evidence suggests there’s a risk to public safety, CPSA’s Registrar may consider invoking section 65 of the *Health Professions Act* to suspend his practice permit for the duration of the criminal and CPSA investigation.

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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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