



Hearing Status: **IN PROGRESS – Date for sanction phase of hearing confirmed**

Physician: Dr. Sanjeev Bhardwaj (Family Medicine, Edmonton)

Date: May 1-3, 2019 (three days)

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta
#2700, 10020 – 100 Street NW
Edmonton, Alberta

Charges:

1. During the period from 2005 to 2015 you failed to meet the minimum standard of care of a family physician in the care you provided to your patient, Patient A, particulars of which include one or more of the following:
 - a. you continued to prescribe high levels of opioids (daily morphine equivalent in excess of 20 milligrams) to your patient despite being aware of signs of aberrant behavior and addiction;
 - b. you failed to enforce the opioid agreement signed by your patient despite being aware of signs of aberrant behavior and addiction;
 - c. you failed to refer your patient to a chronic pain and addiction specialist;
 - d. you failed to follow the 2010 McMaster University National Opioid Use Guideline;
 - e. you continued to renew your patient's prescriptions for high levels of opioids without adequate assessment to justify the continued prescribing; and
 - f. your chart for your patient failed to meet the minimum standard for charting as outlined in the College's Standard of Practice for Patient Record Content.
2. During the period from 2010 to 2014, you had sexual involvement with your vulnerable patient, Patient A, contrary to the College's Standard of Practice regarding Sexual Boundary Violations;
3. During 2006 and 2007, you had sexual involvement on two occasions with your vulnerable patient, Patient B, contrary to the College's Standard of Practice regarding Sexual Boundary Violations;
4. During 2014, you had sexual involvement with your vulnerable patient, Patient C, contrary to the College's Standard of Practice regarding Sexual Boundary Violations; and

5. In or about 2008, you had sexual involvement on one occasion with your vulnerable patient, Patient D, contrary to the College's Standard of Practice regarding Sexual Boundary Violations; and
6. During the period of 2011 to 2016 you reported to the College on your annual renewal information form that you had not engaged in a sexual or inappropriate personal relationship with a patient when you knew that such answer was false.

Although open to the public, the Hearing Tribunal can close a portion or all of the Hearing at any time. When this occurs, all those who registered to attend will be asked to leave.

To reserve your seat, please contact Adele Gendron at 780-969-5015.

Please arrive by 8:45 a.m. in order to read the Hearing Guidelines.

Please note that this schedule is subject to change.

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