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Edmonton Neurologist withdrawn from practice

Edmonton, AB – Dr. Bradley Jack Stewart, a Neurologist from Edmonton, has withdrawn from practice following an allegation that he was not abiding by a pre-existing chaperone agreement with CPSA. The agreement required him to have a chaperone present for all clinical encounters with female patients. Dr. Stewart was previously sanctioned for unprofessional conduct in 2013, stemming from an inappropriate relationship with a patient.

"If evidence suggests the agreement CPSA has with a physician is not being followed, we act quickly to impose additional measures to protect patients," said Dr. Scott McLeod, CPSA Registrar. "Dr. Stewart's previous sanction for unprofessional conduct combined with the current allegations suggest ungovernable behaviour, which is a grave concern to CPSA and the rationale for recommending his withdrawal from practice."

Dr. Stewart agreed to the chaperone condition in 2016, following a complaint to CPSA. This requirement remained in place after a criminal charge of sexual assault was laid against him by the Edmonton Police Service in 2017 pertaining to the same matter. CPSA's previous investigation is on hold pending Dr. Stewart's upcoming criminal trial in February 2021, as we must allow criminal investigations to take precedence over our process.

These new allegations against Dr. Stewart suggest the chaperone condition was not sufficient to protect patients. As a result, CPSA has taken action to secure Dr. Stewart's withdrawal from practice.

Resources:

CPSA Hearing Tribunal decision - 2013

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