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Dr. Barry Allen Lycka sanctioned for unprofessional conduct

Edmonton, AB – Edmonton dermatologist, Dr. Barry Allen Lycka, was sanctioned by a CPSA Hearing Tribunal for having an inappropriate sexual relationship with a patient and for failing to create and document clinical records for this patient.

Dr. Lycka stated his sexual relationship with the complainant ended prior to becoming the complainant's physician. The Hearing Tribunal felt there was sufficient evidence to prove the sexual relationship continued long after the physician-patient relationship began, and that Dr. Lycka failed to create and store appropriate documents for prescriptions he gave to the complainant.

Dr. Lycka made no contest against the allegations to avoid the distress of a contested hearing and in doing so, made no admission to unprofessional conduct. However, the Hearing Tribunal concluded, based on the evidence, that the charges against Dr. Lycka were proven and his conduct amounted to unprofessional conduct under the *Health Professions Act*.

The Hearing Tribunal imposed the following sanctions:

- Given that Dr. Lycka has withdrawn from practice for health reasons, his practice permit will be suspended for 12 months in the event he is found fit to return to practice.
- Following the suspension, Dr. Lycka will also be required to enter into an After Care Agreement for at least five years, or until he retires from practice.
- Dr. Lycka must complete a Boundaries course before his suspension is over.
- Dr. Lycka will be responsible for the costs of the Boundaries course, the cost of the monitoring and any ongoing treatment under the After Care Agreement.
- Dr. Lycka must pay 100 per cent of the investigation and the hearing costs.

Dr. Lycka was sanctioned earlier this year by CPSA, after he was found guilty of unprofessional conduct for a separate incident.

An Act to Protect Patients does not apply to this case since the complaint predates that legislation.

Resource:

[CPSA Hearing Tribunal decision](#)

[CPSA Hearing Tribunal decision \(March 2020\)](#)

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