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### **Calgary General Practitioner withdrawn from practice**

**Edmonton, AB** – The practice permit of Calgary General Practitioner Dr. Hasan Hafiz has been suspended under section 65 of the Health Professions Act (HPA), after Dr. Hafiz failed to respond to complaints and failed to comply with a previous undertaking he had with CPSA. In these rare instances, CPSA’s Registrar can use this authority under the HPA to remove a physician from practice.

“Cooperating with their regulator when practice issues arise is key and failing to do so undermines the fundamental expectation CPSA has of Alberta’s physicians,” said Dr. Scott McLeod, CPSA Registrar. “Suspending a physician from practice is a last resort. Ideally, we want to work with physicians to improve their practice and ensure they’re providing quality care, but if that approach is unsuccessful, we will take the steps necessary to protect Albertans.”

Dr. Hafiz’s practice permit will be suspended as of Oct. 29, 2020 and he is responsible for making care arrangements for his patients. Sixty family physicians in northwest Calgary are accepting new patients. Patients can use the Foothills Primary Care Network’s [Find a Doctor](#) tool or for more urgent medical needs, contact Health Link at 811. If patients are experiencing difficulties finding a new physician, please contact the Foothills Primary Care Network at 403-284-3726 during regular business hours.

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