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College moves to ensure Dr. Janke will not practice medicine while charges are pending

The CPSA is deeply disturbed by the criminal charges announced today against Dr. Janke.

Although the allegations have not yet been proven, it would be unacceptable for him to practice medicine while this matter is pending.

We are seeking to contact Dr. Janke or his legal counsel urgently to secure his withdrawal from practice pending the resolution of the charges and any potential CPSA investigation. We hope and expect to secure that agreement today, effective immediately.

In the unlikely event we cannot secure agreement on a voluntary withdrawal, we will use all the powers we have under the Health Professions Act to protect the public. All options are being considered and we should be able to take action by the close of business today.

We are in close contact with Alberta Health Services and Alberta Health and will provide any support we can to ensure continuity of care for patients. Patients of Dr. Janke in his community practice in Sylvan Lake should contact the clinic to be seen by another physician. Anyone with information regarding potential further allegations of misconduct should contact ALERT as per their release.

Dr. Janke has never been subject to discipline by the College. In this matter, we will defer to the criminal investigation and then consider our own investigation once the charges are resolved. A criminal conviction automatically results in a subsequent CPSA discipline case; even if the charges do not result in a conviction, we will still consider the allegations independently and determine if professional discipline is warranted.

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