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Dr. Daniel McKennitt found guilty of unprofessional conduct

Edmonton family physician Dr. Daniel McKennitt has been found guilty of unprofessional conduct by a Hearing Tribunal of Alberta's medical regulator, the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta (CPSA).

The Hearing Tribunal found Dr. McKennitt guilty on six charges of unprofessional conduct, which are summarized as:

- two counts of violating a continuing care agreement with the College, by prescribing while not permitted to see or prescribe to patients and prescribing to someone with whom he was in a personal relationship;
- one count of deceiving the College during a complaint investigation and one count of deceiving the Edmonton Police Service during investigation of a forged prescription;
- using another physician's prescribing form without authority to do so; and
- engaging in an inappropriate personal relationship with a patient.

Dr. McKennitt's conduct was found to be in violation of the College's Standards of Practice/Canadian Medical Association's [Code of Ethics](#). As a result, the CPSA Hearing Tribunal ordered the following sanctions:

1. Dr. McKennitt received a 24-month suspension of his practice permit, with credit for his time served out of practice due to the suspension of his practice permit, which began on July 21, 2016.
2. Dr. McKennitt's practice permit is now subject to the following conditions:
 - a. No prescribing of any drugs monitored by the Triplicate Prescription Program.
 - b. Practice only in a group setting approved by the College.
 - c. The other physicians and nurses in the group setting must be informed of the decision of the Hearing Tribunal.
 - d. All patients are to be seen with a chaperone present, or a parent or guardian in the case of a minor.
 - e. Participation and full cooperation in the College's Physician Health Monitoring Program, until discharge from the program has been approved by the College.
3. Dr. McKennitt is responsible for the costs of the investigation and the hearing (totalling \$25,131.24), which must be paid over 36 months.

Resources:

[CPSA Hearing Tribunal decision](#)

The College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta is the regulator for all physicians and surgeons in the province and is governed by the Health Professions Act. Our role is to protect the public by issuing practice permits to those who meet educational and training criteria, hold Alberta physicians to ethical and medical practice standards, and investigate and resolve physician-related complaints. The CPSA also ensures the safety and quality of medical and diagnostic testing services in Alberta through an independent accreditation program.

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