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## Dr. Moises Lasaleta found guilty of unprofessional conduct

Calgary general practitioner Dr. Moises Lasaleta has been found guilty of unprofessional conduct.

The CPSA received boundary violation allegations against Dr. Lasaleta in June 2016, and opened an investigation into the allegation. Soon after, Dr. Lasaleta returned to his native country, the Philippines, without notifying the College. In July 2017, an additional complaint was lodged against Dr. Lasaleta, alleging he had failed to respond to a March 2017 request for medical records. Numerous attempts by the College to communicate with Dr. Lasaleta regarding these issues via mail, email and telephone went unanswered for unreasonable lengths of time. This Hearing Tribunal ruled only on the complaint around Dr. Lasaleta's lack of responsiveness; the initial boundary complaint remains under investigation.

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

1. Dr. Lasaleta will receive a one-month suspension of his practice permit; as Dr. Lasaleta cannot practice at this time, this suspension will commence once a new practice permit has been issued by the College.
2. Dr. Lasaleta is responsible for the costs of both the investigation and subsequent hearings (totalling \$20,134.41).
3. Dr. Lasaleta signed an Undertaking to the College in which he committed to provide a timely response to all future correspondence and inquiries from the College.

### Resources:

[CPSA Hearing Tribunal decision](#)

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