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Court confirms Dr. Camille Torbey guilty of unprofessional conduct

Grande Prairie urologist Dr. Camille Torbey has been found guilty of unprofessional conduct.

The original decision in this case was made in July of 2016 by a College of Physicians & Surgeons (CPSA) Hearing Tribunal. Dr. Torbey appealed the decision in May of 2017 to the CPSA Council, who upheld the original decision. He then appealed Council's decision to the Alberta Court of Appeal, where the appeal was dismissed on Sept. 5, 2018.

In the original charges filed by the CPSA, it was alleged that between Feb. 1 and May 9, 2013, Dr. Torbey, in response to ongoing disputes with administration at Grande Prairie's Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, refused to use his scheduled time in the operating room without properly notifying his patients of his withdrawal of services. Dr. Torbey also inappropriately sent a letter to several of his patients, asking them to become involved in his dispute with the hospital and advocate on his behalf.

Dr. Torbey's conduct 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. A one-month suspension from medical practice (which will be served beginning Nov. 1, 2018).
2. Payment of 50 per cent of the costs associated with the investigation and hearing (totaling \$38,899.59); in addition Dr. Torbey is responsible for the costs associated with the Council Appeal (\$3,325.48) and the Alberta Court of Appeal process (\$3,367.25).

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