Dr. Viliam Makis found guilty of unprofessional conduct

Edmonton, AB - Edmonton Nuclear Medicine Physician Dr. Viliam Makis has been found guilty of unprofessional conduct by a Hearing Tribunal of Alberta’s medical regulator, the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta (CPSA).

Dr. Makis was accused of confronting a colleague, and accused her of dishonesty. He also allegedly made threatening remarks related to the future of her career. The Hearing Tribunal reviewed the evidence which led them to find Dr. Makis guilty of unprofessional conduct.

Dr. Makis’ 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. Makis received a reprimand.
2. Within forty (40) days of service of this decision, Dr. Makis will provide the Registrar with evidence that he has arranged to undertake an assessment of his fitness to practice medicine. He shall also disclose the results of that assessment to the Registrar.
   a. The Registrar (or his nominee) shall determine what steps will be taken upon receiving the results of the assessment. If this requirement is not fulfilled, Dr. Makis’ practice permit will be suspended.
   b. Should Dr. Makis refuse to arrange or fail to attend a voluntary assessment of his fitness to practice medicine, the Registrar will arrange for the assessment.
   c. Should the assessment find Dr. Makis fit to practice medicine without conditions, his permit to practice medicine, if previously suspended, shall be restored. Should the assessment find Dr. Makis fit to practice medicine with conditions, the permit to practice shall be issued as per those conditions.
3. If Dr. Makis is found fit to practice without conditions, he will be responsible for the full costs of the investigation, hearing and assessment (totalling $74,453). If the assessment reveals a concern regarding Dr. Makis’ fitness to practice medicine, he will be responsible for 50% of the total costs.

Dr. Makis has appealed the decision to the CPSA’s Council. The hearing date has not yet been set.

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CPSA Hearing Tribunal decision

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