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## CPSA suspends permit of physician charged with sexual interference and sexual assault

**Edmonton, AB** – The College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta (CPSA) has suspended the practice permit of Dr. Ramneek Kumar upon thorough review of the case involving charges of two counts of sexual interference and one count of sexual assault of a minor by RCMP.

“As Alberta’s medical regulator, our first priority is to protect the public,” says CPSA Registrar Dr. Scott McLeod. “CPSA followed appropriate process and protocols to use the *Health Professions Act’s* full authority to suspend his practice permit.”

While the charges have yet to be proven in a court of law, CPSA does not believe it’s appropriate for Dr. Kumar to practise medicine for the duration of the legal process. Under section 65 of the *Health Professions Act*, CPSA has the authority to suspend a practice permit pending the resolution of the formal process.

On April 2, 2019, CPSA announced a chaperone condition on Dr. Kumar’s practice permit to ensure public safety while the suspension under section 65 was pursued.

Dr. Kumar’s practice permit has been suspended effective May 13, 2019, pending the resolution of the criminal charges and any associated CPSA disciplinary processes. Dr. Kumar has the right to appeal CPSA’s practice permit suspension to the Court of Appeal of Alberta.

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*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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