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Edmonton’s Dr. Barry Lycka sanctioned for unprofessional conduct

Edmonton, AB – Edmonton Dermatologist Dr. Barry Lycka was sanctioned by a CPSA hearing tribunal, after he was found guilty in 2019 of unprofessional conduct.

The tribunal found that Dr. Lycka displayed a lack of skill and judgement when in 2017, he failed to discuss and document informed consent with a patient seeking treatment for bruxism (teeth grinding). At a later appointment, Dr. Lycka also asked this patient to sign a letter that provided a refund in exchange for the patient agreeing not to complain to CPSA about her treatment and subsequent complications.

Dr. Lycka’s registration with CPSA is still active, but he is currently withdrawn from practice.

After considering submissions from both CPSA and Dr. Lycka, the hearing tribunal ordered the following sanctions:

1. Dr. Lycka will receive a reprimand.
2. If CPSA’s Physician Health Monitoring Program finds Dr. Lycka fit to continue practising medicine, his practice permit will be suspended for two months.
3. Dr. Lycka is responsible for paying 85 per cent of the costs associated with the investigation and hearing (totalling \$53,555.42).

Resources:

[CPSA hearing tribunal decision \(including sanction\)](#)

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