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**Please note:** an earlier version of this release incorrectly identified Dr. Kriel as a Plastic Surgeon and listed an incorrect amount for costs in the third sanction. These details have been corrected below. We apologize for the error.

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### **Physician suspended after admission of unprofessional conduct**

**Edmonton, AB** – Dr. Adriaan Kriel, a Family Physician from Medicine Hat with an interest in cosmetic procedures, admitted to unprofessional conduct and was sanctioned by a CPSA Hearing Tribunal.

Dr. Kriel was accused of displaying a lack of skill and judgement in his medical practice after performing a cosmetic blepharoplasty (eyelid revision surgery) and liposuction on two patients. Both patients experienced complications, which Dr. Kriel failed to treat appropriately. He performed these procedures over a number of years in unaccredited, non-hospital surgical facilities, which is not permitted under the *Health Professions Act*. Dr. Kriel also inaccurately reported to CPSA he had ceased performing blepharoplasties and any surgical procedures requiring sedation.

Dr. Kriel admitted to the allegations against him and made a joint submission with CPSA on sanction. The Hearing Tribunal accepted Dr. Kriel's admission of unprofessional conduct and ordered the agreed-upon sanctions:

1. Dr. Kriel is suspended from practice for 12 months, to be served in full. Dr. Kriel's practice permit is currently suspended as of Aug. 10, 2020.
2. Dr. Kriel must sign a written undertaking with CPSA, confirming he will not perform any procedure that must be provided in an accredited facility.
3. Dr. Kriel is responsible for the full costs of the investigation and hearing, totalling \$19,252.30.

#### **Resources:**

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