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## **Dr. Wynand Wessels guilty of unprofessional conduct**

**Edmonton, AB** – A CPSA hearing tribunal found Grande Prairie Surgeon Dr. Wynand Wessels guilty of unprofessional conduct after he fashioned and hung a rope in the shape of a noose on an operating room door, which was directed at one or more of his colleagues.

The hearing tribunal found the rope was intended for “anyone misbehaving in the hospital” and added “based on the location of the rope, and the position of power Dr. Wessels held, the Hearing Tribunal found he acted with the intention of sending a message that would be reasonably interpreted as intimidating or threatening.”

The hearing tribunal decided enough evidence existed to prove that these actions contravened the *Health Professions Act*, the *Code of Ethics & Professionalism* and CPSA’s *Standards of Practice*, and harmed the integrity of the profession.

The hearing tribunal will reconvene at a later date to determine Dr. Wessels’ sanction.

### **Resources:**

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