

**SUMMARY of the Decision of the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee
(the Committee)**
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**Dr. Miklos Matyas (CPSO# 67919)
Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery
(the Respondent)**

INTRODUCTION

The College received two complaints from patients of the Respondent raising concerns about his conduct.

Information was also received from the hospitals where the Respondent's privileges had been temporarily suspended due to his failure to comply with hospital policy. The Committee approved the Registrar's appointment of investigators to review the Respondent's conduct.

Concerns about the Respondent's communications related to COVID-19 and his professionalism were raised in all these matters, which the Committee investigated concurrently.

DISPOSITION

The Committee considered these matters at its meeting of December 19, 2022, and February 27, 2023. The Committee decided to require the Respondent:

- to appear before a Panel of the Committee to be cautioned:
 - to adhere to and fulfil the professional and ethical codes of being a regulated health professional, in particular, in his communications with patients, colleagues and the College, recognizing the physicians' unique position of public trust; and
 - to recognize when one's own values, biases, or perspectives may have an impact on interactions with patients, colleagues and the College, and the quality of care; and
- to complete a specified continuing education or remediation program to include an ethics course for healthcare professionals.

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COMMITTEE'S ANALYSIS

The Committee was concerned about the potential impact of the Respondent's conduct on patient safety and the public interest. In the Committee's view, his statements made to patients and hospital colleagues were contrary to the information and directives provided by the public health agencies during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Committee had concerns about the Respondent's continued elaboration of his beliefs as true knowledge, his labelling of any contrary information as conspiratorial and conflicted, and his actions in blaming and disparaging the two Complainants and diminishing his colleagues' knowledge and professional expertise.

The Committee concluded that the Respondent required specific, focused remediation in order to achieve the following goals:

- understanding of acceptable professional behaviour by a physician in Ontario;
- understanding of general principles in effective communication and the specific issues that led to the current matters, which includes communicating with other members of the health care team in a respectful manner, including other people's areas of greater expertise;
- effective ongoing collaboration skills; and
- responsible use of his position and influence with recognition of social accountability of physicians.

In light of the above, the Committee determined that it was appropriate to caution the Respondent and require him to complete further remediation, as outlined above.