

## SUMMARY

### DR. SANJIB KUMAR MUKHERJEE (CPSO# 22649)

#### 1. Disposition

On December 20, 2016, the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee (“the Committee”) ordered internal medicine specialist Dr. Mukherjee to complete a specified continuing education and remediation program (“SCERP”). The SCERP requires Dr. Mukherjee to:

- Engage in self-directed learning that includes a review and a written summary of the Canadian Cardiovascular Society Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Stable Ischemic Heart Disease, College Policies #4-12, *Medical Records*, and #3-16, *Physician Behaviour in the Professional Environment*, and the College’s Practice Guide.
- Practice under the guidance of a Clinical Supervisor acceptable to the College for six months to address deficiencies including conducting comprehensive and coherent histories and physical examinations, recognizing indications for further investigation of asymptomatic patients with electrocardiogram (“ECG”) changes and/or symptomatic patients with near syncope, appropriate use of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (“NSAIDs”), use of anti-thrombotic and antiplatelet therapy post angioplasty, and accurate assessments of cardiac rhythm disturbances.
- Undergo a reassessment of his practice by an assessor selected by the College approximately six months after completing the education program.

#### 2. Introduction

The College received information raising concerns about the quality of Dr. Mukherjee’s consultation notes and subsequently, the Committee approved the Registrar’s appointment of investigators to conduct a broad review of Dr. Mukherjee’s practice.

Dr. Mukherjee responded by explaining his care and noting that some of the charts reviewed contain very small handwritten notes. He arranged for those notes to be rewritten into some patient charts. He apologized for not checking all of the charts in this regard.

### 3. Committee Process

As part of this investigation, the Registrar appointed a Medical Inspector to review a number of Dr. Mukherjee's patient charts, interview Dr. Mukherjee, and submit a written report.

A panel of the Committee, consisting of public and physician members, met to review the relevant records and documents related to the investigation. The Committee always has before it applicable legislation and regulations, along with policies that the College has developed, which reflect the College's professional expectations for physicians practising in Ontario. Current versions of these documents are available on the College's website at [www.cpsso.on.ca](http://www.cpsso.on.ca), under the heading "Policies & Publications."

### 4. Committee's Analysis

The Committee found that there were deficiencies in Dr. Mukherjee's practice, pertaining to his patient management, history taking, and documentation, with some information suggesting that patients could be at risk of harm.

The Committee noted that Dr. Mukherjee was cooperative throughout the process with the College and showed that he makes efforts to continue his education.

The Committee was of the view that Dr. Mukherjee would benefit from supervision to address the concerns identified.