

**SUMMARY of the Decision of the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee  
(the Committee)**  
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**Dr. William Wai-Leung Chan (CPSO #29143)  
General Practice**

**INTRODUCTION**

In 2013, Dr. Chan was charged under the *Workplace Safety and Insurance Act* with three counts of knowingly making a false or misleading statement or representation to the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) to obtain payment for goods or services provided to WSIB.

In 2015, Dr. Chan pleaded guilty to one count and the other two charges were withdrawn. The sentence was a fine of \$7,500 and restitution of \$2,282.04.

The Agreed Statement of Facts state that Dr. Chan submitted 95 billings to WSIB via the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (the Ministry) between January 1, 2011 and July 31, 2012, for medical care provided to several patients. Of those 95 billings, 80 of them, with a value of \$2,282.04, did not contain any occupational factor that contributed to the patient's reason for their visit. Upon being made aware of the error, Dr. Chan repaid the amounts at issue in full.

In relation to 103 additional patients, Dr. Chan submitted 700 billings with a value of \$18,243.02 in error to WSIB between January 1, 2011, and July 31, 2012. Dr. Chan voluntarily repaid WSIB the amount of \$18,243.02 regarding those billings.

Dr. Chan answered "yes" to the question on his 2016 College Annual Renewal Form asking if he had been charged with, and/or found guilty of, any offences in Canada or elsewhere. Subsequently, the Committee approved the Registrar's appointment of investigators to obtain further information about this incident.

**COMMITTEE'S DECISION**

A General Panel of the Committee considered this matter at its meeting of September 18, 2019. The Committee required Dr. Chan to attend at the College to be cautioned in person with respect to making a false or misleading statement or representation to WSIB to obtain payment, and failing to disclose charges to the College.

**COMMITTEE'S ANALYSIS**

Dr. Chan admitted to being "wilfully blind" with respect to whether it was appropriate to bill WSIB rather than the Ministry. He also explained that he misunderstood the question on his

College Annual Renewal Forms (he believed it was asking if he had been found guilty of a criminal offence).

The Committee was of the view that Dr. Chan was responsible for his billings and their proper submission. Dr. Chan also should have disclosed the charges in his 2014 and 2015 Annual Renewal Forms, which asked whether he had been charged with “any offence in Canada or elsewhere.” The Committee found that pleading ignorance of the law and being unaware of his reporting responsibilities were not adequate excuses for failing to bill properly and failing to disclose charges to the College.

The Committee was therefore of the view that it would be appropriate to caution Dr. Chan in person, as outlined above.