

**SUMMARY of the Decision of the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee  
(the Committee)**  
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**Dr. Gucharan Singh Syan (CPSO #67196)  
(the Respondent)**

**INTRODUCTION**

The College received information raising concerns about the Respondent's assessment of a female patient, and in particular that he would ask her to take off her blouse and bra to do an examination and on one occasion when she asked to keep her clothes on, agreed but then pulled her bra up her chest during an examination. Subsequently, the Committee approved the Registrar's appointment of investigators to conduct a broad review of the Respondent's practice.

**COMMITTEE'S DECISION**

An Internal Medicine Panel of the Committee considered this matter at its meeting of November 11, 2019. The Committee required the Respondent to complete a specified continuing remediation and education program (SCERP) consisting of enrollment in and successful completion of the Saegis course entitled Successful Patient Interactions.

**COMMITTEE'S ANALYSIS**

The Committee was concerned that, although the examination of the patient was clinically indicated, the Respondent did not acknowledge any privacy concerns when he lifted the patient's bra after she had asked to keep it on. The Respondent also did not explain why he would have followed his usual routine in moving the patient's undergarments aside, apparently without first asking the patient and despite the patient's specific request to keep her bra on.

The Committee acknowledged that the Respondent already has practice restrictions in place as a result of a prior undertaking to the College but noted that these restrictions still allow him to see patients on an outpatient basis and therefore would not prevent a similar occurrence in future.

The Committee attempted to negotiate an undertaking with the Respondent over the course of several months, which the Respondent ultimately declined. For this reason, the Committee decided to require the Respondent to complete a SCERP.