

**SUMMARY of the Decision of the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee
(the Committee)**
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**Dr. Mohamed Asadig Abounaja (CPSO #89997)
(the Respondent)**

INTRODUCTION

The Complainant contacted the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (the College) to express concern about the Respondent's care.

COMMITTEE'S DECISION

A Panel of the Committee considered this matter at its meeting of December 20, 2023. The Committee required the Respondent to appear before a Panel of the Committee to be cautioned with respect to overreliance on medical record-keeping templates and the importance of accurately documenting care plans and clinical encounters, as well as the need to communicate with the College in a timely manner.

COMMITTEE'S ANALYSIS

Medical Record-Keeping

The Committee identified several issues with the Respondent's medical record-keeping. The Committee noted that even though the Respondent's consultation note and procedure note documented his two encounters with the Complainant in a detailed manner, those details did not reflect what happened. Specifically, the consultation note did not record a plan to provide Botox injections to the Complainant, and the procedure note did not record the fact that the procedure was halted prematurely due to the Complainant's symptoms. Rather, the notes in the Complainant's chart appear to reflect a medical record template or medical transcription service rather than notes that are unique to the Complainant's encounters with the Respondent.

The Committee found the issues with the Respondent's medical record-keeping particularly concerning because the Respondent has had several opportunities to remediate past issues with his medical record-keeping, including a past undertaking and a current undertaking (related to other matters), that required the Respondent to take a medical record-keeping course.

Communication with the College

The Committee was concerned that the Respondent did not respond to the College's inquiries during the investigation of this matter in a timely manner. Throughout the

investigation, College staff repeatedly requested information from the Respondent and provided him with several opportunities to respond. The Respondent either provided information in a delayed manner or not at all. The Committee expects physicians to respond to any inquiries that they may receive from the College in the interests of professional self-regulation to ensure the best quality of patient care.

As a result, the Committee required the Respondent to appear before the Committee to be cautioned as outlined above.

This is a summary of the Committee's decision as it relates to the Caution disposition.