

## **SUMMARY**

### **DR. RANJIT KUMAR CHANDRA (CPSO# 68606)**

#### **1. Disposition**

On August 13, 2018, the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee (the Committee) required paediatrician Dr. Chandra to appear before a panel of the Committee to be cautioned with respect to scientific fraud and gross professional misconduct.

#### **2. Introduction**

The College received information raising concerns about Dr. Chandra's professional conduct related to scientific research into nutritional supplements in infants and the elderly, and subsequently, the Committee approved the Registrar's appointment of investigators to review Dr. Chandra's practice.

Dr. Chandra responded that the report raising concerns about his scientific research was not independent, fair, or objective.

#### **3. Committee Process**

A General Panel of the Committee, consisting of public and physician members, met to review the relevant records and documents related to the complaint. 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.cpso.on.ca](http://www.cpso.on.ca), under the heading "Policies & Publications."

#### **4. Committee's Analysis**

Evidence of Dr. Chandra's committing scientific fraud and other serious wrongdoing during a

time frame prior to and while working at Memorial University of Newfoundland from 1994 to 2002 has been accepted by the court in hearing a libel suit brought by Dr. Chandra against the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. Dr. Chandra lost the case and was ordered to pay the CBC \$1.6 million.

Dr. Chandra declined to enter into an undertaking with the College to resign his certificate of registration and never reapply.

In ordinary circumstances, the Committee would refer allegations of professional misconduct to the Discipline Committee on the basis of the information before it. The Committee was aware, however, that Dr. Chandra's certificate of registration with the College had already been revoked by the Discipline Committee for OHIP fraud. The Committee was further aware that the Ontario Provincial Police have issued an arrest warrant for Dr. Chandra, who no longer resides in Canada.

On the basis of the unusual circumstances in this case, the Committee decided to caution Dr. Chandra, as outlined above. Should Dr. Chandra ever reapply for a certificate of registration on Ontario, he would first be required to attend at the College for the caution as outlined above.