

SUMMARY

DR. SADIQ JANJUA (CPSO# 25152)

1. Disposition

On September 19, 2018, the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee (the Committee) ordered general practitioner Dr. Janjua to complete a specified continuing education and remediation program (SCERP). The SCERP requires Dr. Janjua to:

- Practice under the guidance of a Clinical Supervisor acceptable to the College for one (1) year
- Undergo a reassessment of his practice by an assessor selected by the College approximately six (6) months following completion of the education program
- Successfully complete the Medical Record Keeping Course through the University of Toronto School of Medicine
- Engage in self-directed learning by reviewing the CPSO publication, *The Practice Guide*, and discussing it with his Clinical Supervisor.

2. Introduction

A family member of the patient complained to the College that Dr. Janjua failed to properly assess, diagnose, and treat the patient's scarlet fever, and communicated in a rude and dismissive manner, including telling the patient's two-year-old sibling to "shut up." Following the encounter with Dr. Janjua, the patient was taken to another clinic. The patient was prescribed antibiotics for presumptive strep throat which was later confirmed by a positive throat culture.

Dr. Janjua acknowledged that the interaction with the patient and family could have gone better. He denied being rude. He maintained his care was appropriate. He also acknowledged that his documentation of the encounter could be improved.

3. Committee Process

As part of this investigation, the Committee retained an independent opinion provider to review Dr. Janjua's care of the patient and submit a written report.

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, under the heading "Policies & Publications."

4. Committee's Analysis

The Committee took into consideration the IO provider's report. The IO provider opined that Dr. Janjua's care of the patient failed to meet the standard of practice of a general practitioner in a walk-in clinic setting in that the records contain no history of the patient's complaint of a sore throat, no description of the throat, and no diagnosis of the sore throat or the patient's rash to support Dr. Janjua's prescribing of large quantities of two topical creams. The IO provider also opined that Dr. Janjua's actions may represent a lack of knowledge in failing to consider a bacterial etiology of the patient's condition (including strep), and a lack of skill to diagnose a rash typical of scarlet fever. The IO provider was unable to draw a conclusion about the risk of harm to Dr. Janjua's patients on the basis of the single case reviewed.

The Committee concurred with the IO provider's opinion and indicated its concern that Dr. Janjua appeared to have missed a straightforward paediatric presentation of strep throat. The Committee also had concerns about the poor content of Dr. Janjua's medical records in terms of content and legibility. The Committee noted that Dr. Janjua had previously completed the medical record keeping course in 2004.

On the basis of its concerns about Dr. Janjua's clinical care of the patient and the shortcomings in his documentation of the care provided, the Committee ordered the SCERP outlined above.