

**SUMMARY of the Decision of the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee
(the Committee)**
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**Dr. Mahmud Kara (CPSO #59474)
(the Respondent)**

INTRODUCTION

The Respondent carried out a breast augmentation-mastopexy, abdominoplasty and liposuction on the Complainant in January 2021. As part of her surgical package, laser scar treatments were included.

The Respondent took a leave of absence and then subsequently closed his practices in the summer of 2021 and as a result, he did not provide the Complainant with the laser scar treatments agreed to.

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

COMPLAINANT'S CONCERNS

The Complainant is concerned with the care and conduct of the Respondent after she had plastic surgery in January 2021. Specifically, the Respondent:

- **failed to provide the laser care therapy sessions that were included with her surgery;**
- **inappropriately advised to have antibiotics for her dental surgery;**
- **failed to provide postoperative follow up at the planned six-, nine-, and twelve-month intervals; and,**
- **inappropriately closed his practice abruptly without providing notice, follow up, or transfer of care.**

COMMITTEE'S DECISION

The Committee considered this matter at its meeting of May 8, 2023. The Committee required the Respondent to appear before a Panel of the Committee to be cautioned with respect to his failure to abide by obligations and responsibilities regarding temporary absences or closing of a medical practice while ensuring continuity of patient care, including not communicating with patients and not following the College policy, *Closing a Medical Practice*. The Committee also decided to accept an undertaking that is now posted on the public register.

COMMITTEE'S ANALYSIS

Failed to provide the Complainant with the laser care therapy sessions agreed to

- and -

Failed to provide postoperative follow up at the planned monthly intervals

- and -

Inappropriately closed his practice abruptly without providing notice, follow up, or transfer of care

As part of this investigation, the Committee retained an independent Assessor who specializes in plastic surgery. The Assessor expressed the view that, contrary to the College's policy, *Closing a Medical Practice*, the Respondent did not have a proactive plan in place for his office's closure and he did not take reasonable steps to ensure the Complainant's ongoing care. In this way, the abrupt closure of the Respondent's practice and his out-of-hospital facility did not meet the standard of care.

The Committee concurred with this view and decided to caution the Respondent in regard to this aspect of his care and to accept the undertaking.

Inappropriately advised the Complainant to have antibiotics for her dental surgery

The Committee took no action with respect to this area of concern.