

**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

In June 2020, the Respondent conducted the Patient's bilateral breast augmentation procedure. The Patient attended various follow-up appointments at the Respondent's office until October 2020.

In the summer of 2021, the Respondent took a leave of absence and then subsequently closed his practices.

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

COMMITTEE'S DECISION

A panel of the Committee considered this matter at its meeting of November 20, 2024. The Committee required the Respondent to appear before a Panel of the Committee to be cautioned with respect to his failure to abide by his obligations and responsibilities regarding temporary absences or closure of a medical practice while ensuring continuity of patient care, including not communicating with patients.

COMMITTEE'S ANALYSIS

As part of this investigation, the Committee retained an independent Assessor who specializes in plastic surgery. The Assessor opined that the Respondent did not meet the standard of practice of the profession when he suddenly closed his practice without following College policy, leaving the Patient without any assistance to address her postoperative concerns. The Assessor further concluded that this conduct also displayed a lack of knowledge of professional obligations during a practice closure.

While the Committee acknowledged the Respondent's explanation and reflection, the Committee concurred with the Assessor's view and decided to caution the Respondent regarding this aspect of his care and conduct.

In coming to this disposition, the Committee considered that the Respondent's significant history of complaints with the College which also raised concerns about his improper practice closure. The Committee was satisfied that in the circumstances, a caution in person for this matter would serve to protect the public interest.

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