

PUBLIC SUMMARY

Dr. Andre Valentin Bedard (CPSO# 71585)

1. Disposition

On July 9, 2015, the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee (“the Committee”) required Dr. Bedard (Family Medicine) to appear before a panel of the Committee to be cautioned with respect to presentation, assessment and treatment of seizures in the emergency setting.

2. Introduction

A family member of Patient A complained to the College that Dr. Bedard failed to perform a complete and thorough assessment of Patient A’s seizure, failed to investigate the cause of Patient A’s seizure, and prematurely discharged Patient A with inappropriate instructions.

3. Committee Process

A Family Practice Panel of the Committee, consisting of public and physician members, met to review met to review the relevant records and documents related to the complaint, as well as College policies and relevant legislation.

4. Committee’s Analysis

The Committee decided that the appropriate disposition in this case was to caution Dr. Bedard in person, as it was of the view that Dr. Bedard failed to consider a seizure disorder as part of his differential diagnosis. Although he stated in his response to the College that he did consider a seizure disorder as part of his differential diagnosis, Dr. Bedard did not document “seizure” as a working diagnosis and the Committee looks to the contemporaneous record as an actual reflection of what transpired. In addition, Dr. Bedard did not order the appropriate follow up investigations, such as an electroencephalogram to rule out the possibility of a seizure disorder in Patient A. Dr. Bedard then discharged Patient A prematurely without ensuring Patient A understood not to operate a motor vehicle for at least 24 hours.

Although Dr. Bedard stated in his response to the College that he did advise Patient A not to drive for 24 hours, again Dr. Bedard did not document this in Patient A’s medical record and the Committee regards a contemporaneous record as an accurate reflection of what happened.

Moreover, Dr. Bedard failed to report Patient A's condition to the Ministry of Transportation, in accordance with the Highway Traffic Act and the College's policy on *Mandatory and Permissive Reporting*.