

## SUMMARY

### DR. FATEMEH ROYA YAR (CPSO# 73794)

#### 1. Disposition

On June 20, 2018, the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee (the Committee) ordered family medicine specialist Dr. Yar to complete a specified continuing education and remediation program (SCERP). The SCERP requires Dr. Yar to:

- Practice under the guidance of a Clinical Supervisor acceptable to the College for a minimum of six (6) months, to include (among other things) monthly visits and review of 15-20 patient charts, homework at each meeting, and monthly reports to the College by the Clinical Supervisor
- Undergo a reassessment of her practice by an assessor selected by the College approximately three (3) months following completion of the remediation program
- Enroll in and successfully complete the following courses:
  - Safer Opioid Prescribing Series (all three components) through the University of Toronto
  - CMPA modules on Documentation
    - Documentation
    - Documentation II
- Engage in self-directed learning, to include review and written summaries of the following:
  - Clinical Practice Guidelines
    - The 2017 Canadian Guidelines for Opiates for Chronic Non-Cancer Pain
    - 2018 Canadian Guidelines on Pharmacologic Glycemic Control of Type 2 Diabetes
  - CPSO Policy Statement #4-12, *Medical Records*.

## **2. Introduction**

The College received information raising concerns about Dr. Yar's family practice through a reassessment by an assessor related to an earlier investigation of Dr. Yar's practice.

Subsequently, the Committee approved the Registrar's appointment of investigators to consider the assessor's opinion with respect to Dr. Yar's practice and allow Dr. Yar the opportunity to provide a response.

Dr. Yar responded by addressing in detail the assessor's opinion with respect to her care of patients which the assessor did not feel met the standard of care. In support of her response, Dr. Yar included reports from her former supervisor and also indicated that she had discussed the assessor's report with another family physician who was supportive of her care. In addition, Dr. Yar included documentation of her attendance at and participation in many continuing medical education (CME) courses.

## **3. Committee Process**

As part of this investigation, the Registrar relied upon the report of an assessor who conducted a reassessment of Dr. Yar's practice and reviewed a number of Dr. Yar's patient charts, interviewed Dr. Yar, and submitted 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 investigation. 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**

The Committee noted that, notwithstanding Dr. Yar's rebuttal of the concerns identified about her care, and the positive and supportive opinions of a prior clinical supervisor and another colleague, many of the issues the assessor identified with respect to Dr. Yar's practice (documentation, test results management, prescribing, diagnosis/treatment of several diseases) remain concerning. The deficiencies the assessor identified, despite Dr. Yar's completion of remediation, are broad-based, comprehensive and recurrent. Given these identified deficiencies, the Committee determined it needed to take continuing steps to ensure that Dr. Yar is safe to practise medicine in Ontario and that, most importantly, the public will be protected.