

ONTARIO PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS DISCIPLINE TRIBUNAL

Tribunal File No.: 25-006

Date of Order: April 14, 2026

Raj Anand (panel chair)
Jill Cross (public)
Vincent Georgie (public)
Stephen Hucker (physician)
Virginia Roth (physician)

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario

College

- and -

Kevin Joseph Corless

Registrant

ORDER

This referral was heard on April 14, 2026.

Finding

The Tribunal finds that the registrant committed the following act(s) of professional misconduct:

1. under clause 51(1)(b.1) of the Health Professions Procedural Code which is schedule 2 to the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*, S.O. 1991, c.18 (the "Code") in that the registrant engaged in sexual abuse of a patient;
2. under paragraph 1(1)33 of Ontario Regulation 856/93 made under the *Medicine Act, 1991* ("O. Reg. 856/93"), in that the registrant has engaged in an act or omission relevant to the practice of medicine that, having regard to all the circumstances, would reasonably be regarded by registrants as disgraceful, dishonourable or unprofessional; and
3. under paragraph 1(1)30 of O. Reg. 856/93, in that he failed to respond appropriately or within a reasonable time to a written inquiry from the College.

Penalty

1. The Tribunal requires the registrant to appear before the panel to be reprimanded.
2. The Tribunal directs the Registrar to:
 - a. revoke the registrant's certificate of registration effective April 15, 2026 at 12:01 a.m.

Costs

3. The Tribunal requires the registrant to pay the College costs of \$6,000 by May 15, 2026.

Reimbursement for Therapy and Counselling

4. The Tribunal requires the registrant to reimburse the College \$17,940 for funding provided for therapy and counselling under s. 85.7 of the Health Professions Procedural Code and to post security acceptable to the College to guarantee the payment of this amount, by May 15, 2026.

The reasons for the decision will be released later.

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BETWEEN:

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**The Tribunal delivered the following Reprimand
by videoconference on Tuesday, April 14, 2026**

*****NOT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT*****

Dr. Corless,

What you did was profoundly wrong. You were Patient A's family doctor from the time she was a teenager. She confided in you and looked up to you. She relied on you for support and advice concerning her physical, emotional and mental health. After 25 years of building this trust as her physician, you abused it by engaging in behaviour that was disgraceful, dishonourable and unprofessional.

You breached acceptable professional boundaries by showing Patient A inappropriate affection, by confiding in her about your own personal life and sharing personal photos, by giving her gifts, by getting into bed with her on many occasions and, finally, by engaging in sexual intercourse during a very vulnerable time in her personal life. This inappropriate conduct was not a single occurrence, but prolonged and repetitive as exemplified by thousands of text messages over a 6-year period.

Furthermore, you failed to show respect for the authority of the College in failing to cooperate with their investigation.

The panel recognizes that your uncontested statement of facts has obviated the need for Patient A to re-live her experience by testifying and being cross-examined. We also recognize that this uncontested hearing has saved time and costs for all involved. That said, we wish to express our strong and unequivocal disapproval of your misconduct, including sexual abuse of Patient A.

Your actions have had a devastating and lasting impact. In her victim impact statement, Patient A describes how she saw you as a father figure and you violated her trust. She describes the effect on her physical and mental health, including nightmares, sleep disturbance, feelings of low self-worth, social withdrawal, and an ongoing mistrust of physicians.

The impact of your behaviour goes beyond that of a single patient. The public and our patients expect that their physicians will, at all times, act in a manner that is professional, respectful and above reproach. Your misconduct represents a fundamental breach of this duty, and undermines the trust that patients place in us, as physicians, to care for them and put their needs above our own.

This reprimand, and the revocation of your certificate of registration, sends a clear message to you, to Patient A, the profession and the public that there is zero tolerance for doctors who abuse their power and privilege by engaging in sexual abuse. The revocation of your certificate of registration, together with your undertaking not to seek registration in any other jurisdiction, serves to protect the public. You have lost the privilege to practice medicine.