

**SUMMARY of the Decision of the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee  
(the Committee)**  
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**Dr. Richard Anthony Henry (CPSO # 63132)**

**INTRODUCTION**

The College received information raising concerns about Dr. Henry's prescribing practices and clinical care of a patient. Subsequently, the Committee approved the Registrar's appointment of investigators to conduct a broad review of Dr. Henry's practice.

**COMMITTEE'S DECISION**

A General Panel of the Committee considered this matter at its meeting of May 7, 2019. The Committee required Dr. Henry to attend at the College to be cautioned in person with respect to his narcotics prescribing. The Committee also accepted an undertaking signed by Dr. Henry.

**COMMITTEE'S ANALYSIS**

As part of this investigation, the Registrar appointed an independent Assessor to review a number of Dr. Henry's patient charts, interview Dr. Henry, and submit a written report to the Committee. The Assessor found that Dr. Henry failed to meet the standard of practice with regards to his narcotics prescribing.

Specifically, the Assessor noted that Dr. Henry rarely documented changes in the patient's narcotics, the reasons for changes, or any outcomes. The Assessor opined that Dr. Henry appeared to put no effort into assessing whether the patient was a risk for being on narcotics, either by using screening tools or urine drug testing. The Assessor also pointed out that there was no contract in place outlining the expectations of the patient's behaviour in regard to the use of controlled substances.

After considering the Assessor's findings and the Respondent's response, the Committee agreed with the Assessor's findings. The Committee felt that the concerns in this case could be addressed through an undertaking and a caution in person regarding his narcotics prescribing.