

ONTARIO PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS DISCIPLINE TRIBUNAL

Tribunal File No.: 25-022

Date of Order: April 8, 2026

Jay Sengupta (panel chair)
David Bird (public)
Jill Cross (public)
Joanne Nicholson (physician)
Rupa Patel (physician)

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario

College

- and -

Peter Tanuseputro

Registrant

ORDER

This referral was heard on April 8, 2026.

Finding

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

1. under paragraph 1(1)33 of Ontario Regulation 856/93 made under the *Medicine Act, 1991* ("O. Reg. 856/93"), in that the member 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 members as disgraceful, dishonourable or unprofessional;
2. under paragraph 1(1)34 of Ontario Regulation 856/93 made under the *Medicine Act, 1991*, in that the member engaged in conduct unbecoming a physician.

Penalty

1. The Tribunal requires the registrant to appear before the panel to be reprimanded.
2. The Tribunal directs the Registrar to:
 - a. suspend the registrant's certificate of registration for eight (8) months commencing on April 9, 2026 at 12:01 a.m.

Costs

3. The Tribunal requires the registrant to pay the College costs in the amount of \$6,000 by May 8, 2026.

The reasons for the decision will be released later.

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BETWEEN:

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario

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Dr. Peter Tanuseputro

Registrant

**The Tribunal delivered the following Reprimand
by videoconference on Wednesday, April 8, 2026**

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Dr. Tanuseputro,

This reprimand relates to your conduct toward two colleagues, Ms. A and Ms. B, arising from separate incidents between 2018 and 2021, in social and workplace-related settings.

In April 2018, following an after-work social gathering with colleagues where alcohol was consumed, you engaged in inappropriate and unwanted sexual comments and touching toward Ms. A while driving her home. Ms. A was a research assistant at the hospital where you worked. This conduct had a negative impact on Ms. A's mental, physical, and interpersonal well-being.

In 2020, and again in 2021, you engaged in inappropriate conduct toward Ms. B, who worked with you and was also your graduate student. Your conduct included unprofessional comments and unwanted physical contact, including hugging her and kissing her hair while in her vehicle after a work-related event. These incidents occurred in the context of social or work events involving alcohol, and, in 2020, marijuana. Your conduct had a negative effect on Ms. B's career and emotional well-being.

Your conduct towards Ms. A and Ms. B violated hospital workplace policies, and related legislation, which prohibit sexual harassment, and did not comply with the College's policy on Professional Behaviour. Your actions demonstrated a serious lapse in judgement.

You do not contest and the panel has found that these acts constitute dishonorable, disgraceful or unprofessional conduct as well as conduct unbecoming of a physician.

Physicians hold positions of power and trust that extend beyond patient care and includes the workplace and academic environments. As a physician, it is expected that you model respect, maintain appropriate professional boundaries, and conduct yourself in a manner that upholds public trust in the profession. As an academic physician who works with students, it is also essential that you remain professional and attuned to power imbalances in relationships.

We acknowledge that you have engaged in some remedial steps through one on one counselling. The Panel expects that during your eight-month suspension, you will reflect seriously upon your conduct, understand the harm it caused, and demonstrate meaningful insight into your actions. Should you return to practice in this jurisdiction, you are expected to demonstrate a commitment to maintaining appropriate professional boundaries in all future interactions and to ensure that this behaviour is not repeated in the future.