

SUMMARY

DR. RAJINDER SINGH SEKHON (CPSO# 59727)

1. Disposition

On December 10, 2015, the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee (“the Committee”) required family and emergency medicine physician Dr. Sekhon to appear before a panel of the Committee to be cautioned with respect to deficiencies in medical record-keeping.

The Committee also referred concerns about Dr. Sekhon’s billing practices to the General Manager of OHIP.

2. Introduction

A patient complained to the College that Dr. Sekhon failed to provide appropriate care and abandoned him in a time of crisis, behaved in an unprofessional manner, failed to refer him to a specialists, and failed to complete government pension forms.

Dr. Sekhon informed the College that he addressed the patient’s concerns, maintaining that he did provide appropriate care. Dr. Sekhon indicated that the physician-patient relationship broke down after an encounter when he told the patient that ultrasound test results were normal and declined to refer him to an orthopaedic surgeon.

3. Committee Process

As part of this investigation, the Committee retained an Independent Opinion provider (“IO provider”) who specializes in family medicine. The IO provider reviewed the entire written investigative record and submitted a written report to the Committee.

A panel of the Committee, consisting of public and physician members, 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 accepted the IO provider's conclusion that, overall, Dr. Sekhon's care of the patient met the standard of care. The Committee took no action on those aspects of the complaint dealing with clinical care.

The Committee agreed with the IO provider's concerns that Dr. Sekhon's documentation was substandard, and that the patient's complaint pointed to very concerning record-keeping and billing issues. The IO provider noted Dr. Sekhon's inappropriate use of templates in the medical record and misuse of OHIP billing codes.

Taking into account the concerning IO report, and Dr. Sekhon's troubling history with the College, the Committee required Dr. Sekhon to appear before a panel of the Committee to be cautioned with respect to deficiencies in medical record-keeping.