

PUBLIC SUMMARY

DR. RAJINDER SINGH SEKHON (CPSO #59727)

1. Disposition

On June 30, 2015, the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee (“the Committee”) required family physician Dr. Sekhon to appear before a panel of the Committee to be cautioned with respect to the timely transfer of medical records.

2. Introduction

Patient A and B complained to the College that Dr. Sekhon, who had taken over their care from their previous family physician who had died, failed to respond to their several requests for a copy of their medical records. Patients A and B complained that the delay in receiving their records was causing some difficulty in their new physician’s efforts to treat them and continue their medications.

3. Committee Process

A panel of the Committee, consisting of both public and physician members, met to review the relevant records and documents related to the complaint, as well as College policies and the relevant legislation.

4. Committee’s Analysis

In his response to the complaint, Dr. Sekhon indicated that he had not released the medical records because Patient A and Patient B had not submitted written consent for the transfer of their medical records. In addition, he claimed that Patient A and Patient B, in communication with his office manager, had requested only the records from their previous family physician, who had died and whose records were in storage.

The Committee noted that the investigative record included a written consent from Patient A and Patient B for the transfer of their medical records, which had been sent to Dr. Sekhon’s office on November 6, 2014, and again on November 12, 2014. The consent for transfer of the medical record clearly indicated that Patient A and Patient B wanted to obtain a copy of Dr. Sekhon’s records for them, as well as a copy of their former family physician’s records.

Dr. Sekhon was in receipt of the written request for the transfer of his medical records and also the records he had in his possession from Patient A and B's previous family physician. Dr. Sekhon had an obligation to transfer the records in a timely manner but did not do so.

The Committee found Dr. Sekhon's response to the complaint to be inaccurate and misleading and was concerned by Dr. Sekhon's failure to transfer the record in a timely manner upon request. In addition, the Committee also considered the fact that it received several concurrent complaints against Dr. Sekhon from patients raising similar concerns with respect to the issue of timely transfer of medical records. Given these reasons, the Committee decided to caution Dr. Sekhon in person.