

ONTARIO PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS DISCIPLINE TRIBUNAL

Tribunal File No.: 25-041

**Date of Order:** June 3, 2026

Jennifer Scott (panel chair)  
Jill Cross (public)  
Stephen Hucker (physician)  
Camille Lemieux (physician)  
Rob Payne (public)

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario

**College**

- and -

Omar Afandi

**Registrant**

**ORDER**

This referral was heard on June 3, 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*, 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.

**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 June 4, 2026 at 12:01 a.m.
  - b. place the following terms, conditions and limitations on the registrant's certificate of registration effective immediately:
    - i. The registrant will, at his own expense, participate in the PROBE Ethics & Boundaries Program offered by the Centre for Personalized Education for Professionals, by receiving a passing evaluation or grade, without any

condition or qualification. The registrant will complete the PROBE program within six (6) months of the date of this Order or, if it is not available within that timeframe, at the earliest available opportunity. The registrant will provide proof of his successful completion to the College, including proof of registration and attendance and participant assessment reports, within one (1) month of completing it.

**Costs**

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

**The reasons for the decision will be released later.**

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**Tribunal File No.: 25-41**

**BETWEEN:**

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario

**College**

- and -

Dr. Omar Afandi

**Registrant**

**The Tribunal delivered the following Reprimand  
by videoconference on Wednesday, June 3, 2026**

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

Physicians in Ontario must access and use personal health information in a manner that supports safe and quality medical care, and only in accordance with Ontario law, and College of Physicians and Surgeons and other relevant policies. Protection of personal health information is the cornerstone of ensuring public trust in the profession. College policies clearly outline the circumstances under which a patient's personal health information may be accessed and used. Furthermore, College policies clearly prohibit physicians from soliciting patients or from directing patients to a particular provider outside of the usual referral process, as such activities would be considered a conflict of interest.

You exploited and abused your position of trust by accessing the personal health information of approximately 146 patients between April 18 and May 7, 2024 . Not only did you access this personal health information, you also transferred it to your personal cellphone and used it to contact patients for the purposes of soliciting clinical work that was not covered by OHIP, for your own financial gain. This was premeditated conduct. In acting in this manner, you engaged in conduct that is disgraceful, dishonourable and unprofessional. We are particularly concerned: by the number of medical records that you accessed in a short period of time; that you accessed this information through an electronic medical records system that is shared with four hospitals, including the hospital that you had a medical staff appointment with at the time; and that you transferred this personal health information to a private clinic of which you are a part owner for the purposes of soliciting medical care. Your conduct undermines trust in the profession and will not be tolerated.

We acknowledge your admission of having engaged in disgraceful, dishonourable or unprofessional conduct and are encouraged by the rehabilitative efforts you have undergone by voluntarily engaging in ethics instruction.

Today's penalty reflects the seriousness of your professional misconduct. We expect you to respect the privacy of patients, to act in an ethical and professional manner at all times, and to comply with the regulatory requirements of the College and the policies of any medical facilities where you have privileges.