

**SUMMARY of the Decision of the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee
(the Committee)**
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Dr. Haider Hasnain (CPSO #64959)

INTRODUCTION

The College received an anonymous letter reporting concerns with Dr. Hasnain's conduct and care while practising at the Tecumseh/Manning Medical Centre (TMC). These concerns about Dr. Hasnain included:

- Forcing patients he sees to use a pharmacy in which he had a financial interest;
- Providing third party reports that were biased for personal financial gain;
- Engaging in a sexual relationship with a former patient;
- Inappropriately using his Electronic Medical Record (EMR) software by using an auto-fill function that did not correctly reflect his assessment of patients;
- Inappropriately billing the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) for services he did not render;
- Rostering patients to his family practice without their consent;
- Ordering medically unnecessary diagnostic imaging and medical devices for his patients from a facility and supplier with whom he had a financial interest;
- Inappropriately prescribing narcotics and anabolic steroids to police officers for personal gain; and
- Providing substandard medical care and inadequately managing test results.

Subsequently, the Committee approved the Registrar's appointment of investigators to conduct a broad review of Dr. Hasnain's practice.

On August 26, 2019, the Discipline Committee directed the Registrar to revoke Dr. Hasnain's certificate of registration effective immediately following a penalty hearing for a different matter.

COMMITTEE'S DECISION

A Family Practice Panel of the Committee considered this matter at its meeting of October 3, 2019. The Committee required Dr. Hasnain to attend at the College to be cautioned in person with respect to maintaining the standard of care and regarding his clinical judgment.

COMMITTEE'S ANALYSIS

As part of this investigation, the Registrar appointed an independent Assessor to review 23 of Dr. Hasnain's patient charts, and submit a written report to the Committee.

Re: Ordering medically unnecessary diagnostic imaging and medical devices for his patients from a facility and supplier with whom he had a financial interest

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Re: Providing substandard medical care and inadequately managing test results.

The Assessor opined that:

- In eight charts, Dr. Hasnain met the standard of care.
 - Dr. Hasnain did not display a lack of knowledge in any charts.
 - In two charts, Dr. Hasnain displayed a lack of skill.
 - In 14 charts, Dr. Hasnain displayed a lack of judgment.
 - In five charts, Dr. Hasnain could have exposed Dr. Hasnain's patients to harm or injury.
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- The Assessor found several deficiencies in Dr. Hasnain's clinical care. While some of these concerns were with related to his medical record-keeping, some of the deficiencies in the record crossed the line from simple omissions in record-keeping and into deficiencies that affected patient care. Specifically, critical details and a cumulative care profile were often so inadequate or entirely absent that it would be impossible to appropriately follow certain patients.
 - Overall, the Assessor identified deficiencies in patients' health management (including preventative care), regular and reasonably in-depth diabetic assessments, and his monitoring of anticoagulants.
 - In reviewing the Assessor's report and the information before it, the Committee had great concerns with Dr. Hasnain's capacity to practise medicine safely. If Dr. Hasnain's certificate of registration was not already revoked, the Committee would have considered further education and supervision to deal with the serious clinical concerns.
 - The Committee found that should Dr. Hasnain ever return to medical practice, it would be very important for him to go through extensive education and be under supervision to ensure he does not present a risk of harm to his patients. They also determined that

it would be appropriate to issue a caution in person regarding maintaining the standard of care and his clinical judgment.

Re: Other Concerns

- Dr. Hasnain has a history of sexual abuse, as determined by the Discipline Committee. However, in this case, both parties denied the existence of a sexual relationship. Further, Dr. Hasnain's certificate of registration was already revoked by the Discipline Committee, which meant there was no further public protection interest to be satisfied by another Discipline hearing. As a result, the Committee took no further action on this concern.
- While the circumstances were suspicious, the Committee could not find any satisfactory information that would indicate that Dr. Hasnain was forcing his patients to use one specific pharmacy or that there was a conflict of interest.
- In reviewing the investigative file, the Committee could not find information supporting these allegations. As a result, the Committee took no further action on these two aspects of the investigation.
- Dr. Hasnain certainly required education to improve his medical record-keeping at the time relevant to this investigation. However, after this investigation commenced, Dr. Hasnain signed an undertaking to complete education to improve his medical record-keeping as a resolution to a different matter. This sufficiently satisfied the Committee that there was no need to take further action in this regard.
- Ultimately, the Committee found that Dr. Hasnain billed an overwhelming amount to OHIP, but could not find any information that this was done fraudulently. Therefore, the Committee took no further action on this aspect of Dr. Hasnain's practice.
- There was no information before the Committee to show that Dr. Hasnain rostered patients without their consent. Therefore, the Committee took no further action on this aspect of the investigation.