

**SUMMARY of the Decision of the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee  
(the Committee)**  
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**Dr. Peter Baranick (CPSO # 31037)  
(the Respondent)**

**INTRODUCTION**

The Respondent assessed the Patient at a walk-in clinic for abdominal pain.

The Patient contacted the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (the College) to express concerns about the Respondent's care.

**COMMITTEE'S DECISION**

A panel of the Committee considered this matter at its meeting of July 24, 2024. The Committee required the Respondent to appear before a panel of the Committee to be cautioned with respect to carrying out a thorough clinical examination relevant to a patient's presenting complaint, making an appropriate differential diagnosis, and effective communication during patient encounters.

The Committee also accepted an undertaking from the Respondent.

**COMMITTEE'S ANALYSIS**

The Committee had concerns about the Respondent's clinical knowledge and judgment.

Specifically, in reviewing the medical record the Respondent demonstrated a troubling lack of knowledge concerning the appropriate work-up for a patient presenting with abdominal pain in a primary care setting.

The Respondent failed to consider causes of abdominal pain that may require urgent or emergent care and did not consider a variety of relevant factors including whether the Patient had a fever, elevated heart rate, nausea and/or back pain together with abdominal pain. In addition, the Respondent failed to examine the Patient's abdomen.

Given the seriousness of the deficiencies in the Respondent's assessment of the Patient together with his lack of insight into these deficiencies, the Committee determined that it was appropriate to caution the Respondent, as set out above.

*This is a summary of the Committee's decision as it relates to the caution disposition.*