

SUMMARY of the Decision of the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee (the Committee)

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Dr. Eric Bilodeau (CPSO # 106398)

INTRODUCTION

The College received information that Dr. Bilodeau (Family Medicine) had performed circumcisions on his kitchen counter in his condominium unit. Subsequently, the Committee approved the Registrar's appointment of investigators to conduct a review of Dr. Bilodeau's practice.

COMMITTEE'S DECISION

A General Panel of the Committee considered this matter at its meeting of December 19, 2018. The Committee required Dr. Bilodeau to attend at the College to be cautioned in person with respect to performing surgical procedures in a non-medical setting and breaching infection prevention and control (IPAC) protocols. The Committee also accepted an undertaking from Dr. Bilodeau.

COMMITTEE'S ANALYSIS

As part of this investigation, the Registrar appointed a medical inspector (the MI) to review a number of Dr. Bilodeau's patient charts, interview Dr. Bilodeau, and submit a written report to the Committee.

The MI noted that in four of the five patient cases reviewed, Dr. Bilodeau performed circumcisions in an inappropriate location as it did not meet infection prevention and control standards. As a result the MI concluded that: Dr. Bilodeau fell below the standard of practice of the profession, especially for his infection prevention and control practices; displayed a lack of knowledge and judgment; and exposed, or was likely to expose, his patients to a risk of harm and injury.

The Committee also accepted an undertaking from Dr. Bilodeau restricting him from performing circumcisions, except as permitted by the clinical supervision and remediation program; requiring him to complete one-year clinical supervision; engage in professional education in communications, ethics, professionalism and infection prevention and control; and for his practice to be reassessed six months after the end of the clinical supervision by an assessor selected by the College.