

**SUMMARY of the Decision of the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee
(the Committee)**
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**Dr. Cholemkeril Kuncheria Thomas (CPSO #54092)
(the Respondent)**

INTRODUCTION

The College received information raising concerns about the Respondent's emergency medicine practice. Specifically, the Narcotics Monitoring System (NMS) provided information to the College indicating the Respondent had breached the requirement of his undertaking with the College to prescribe no more than a five-day supply of narcotics and controlled drugs.

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

COMMITTEE'S DECISION

A General Panel of the Committee considered this matter at its meeting of June 16, 2021. The Committee required the Respondent to appear before the Committee to be cautioned in person with respect to reviewing and complying with the terms of any undertaking he gives to the College. The Committee also accepted an undertaking from the Respondent.

COMMITTEE'S ANALYSIS

Information from the NMS was received at the College on March 20, 2020, indicating the Respondent was not in compliance with the terms of his undertaking. The NMS provided 73 entries for 30 patients between August 13, 2019, and February 29, 2020, that received a prescription from the Respondent for more than five days' worth of narcotic medications.

The Respondent acknowledged that he inadvertently wrote prescriptions that were not permitted under the terms of his undertaking on two separate incidents on August 20, 2019. He indicated that some of the other instances of non-compliance were due to errors and prescriptions he had written prior to signing the undertaking that were automatically renewed by the pharmacy.

As a result of the investigation, the Committee had concerns about the Respondent's practice and decided that the two-part disposition, described above, was warranted.