

SUMMARY

DR. LILY CHANG (CPSO# 31237)

1. Disposition

On September 19, 2018, the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee (the Committee) declined to impose an interim order under section 25.4 of the *Health Professions Procedural Code* and instead ordered anaesthesiologist Dr. Chang to complete a specified continuing education and remediation program (SCERP). The SCERP requires Dr. Chang to:

- Complete at the earliest available date and provide proof of successful completion to the College of the following courses:
 - Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS)
 - Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS)
 - Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS).
- Undergo an assessment of her practice by an assessor selected by the College. Among other things, the Assessor will observe Dr. Chang for a full day at the four (4) out-of-hospital premises (OHP) facility sites where she practises most often, review a minimum of 15 charts at each OHP site, and submit a written report to the College. At the discretion of the Assessor and approval of the College, a reassessment may be undertaken six (6) months following completion of the assessment. The assessment will be completed in six (6) months' time.

2. Introduction

The College received information raising concerns about Dr. Chang's emergency management of anaesthesia and, subsequently, the Committee approved the Registrar's appointment of investigators to conduct a broad review of Dr. Chang's practice.

Dr. Chan responded that she was willing to undergo an immediate assessment of her OHP anaesthesia practice.

3. Committee Process

A General Panel of the Committee, consisting of public and physician members, met to review the relevant records and documents related to the complaint. The Committee always has before it applicable legislation and regulations, along with policies that the College has developed, which reflect the College's professional expectations for physicians practising in Ontario. Current versions of these documents are available on the College's website at www.cpso.on.ca, under the heading "Policies & Publications."

4. Committee's Analysis

The Committee found that, on the basis of an external reviewer's report for the hospital where Dr. Chang worked, there were sufficient concerns about her practice to order an assessment of her OHP practice. Given Dr. Chang's willingness to undergo such an assessment, the Committee ordered the assessment by way of the SCERP outlined above.