

**SUMMARY of the Decision of the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee
(the Committee)**
(Information is available about the complaints process [here](#) and about the Committee [here](#))

**Dr. Lakha Singh (CPSO #82982)
(the Respondent)**

INTRODUCTION

The College received information raising concerns about the Respondent's psychiatry practice. Specifically, the Respondent was removed from her hospital's inpatient psychiatry service because of an incident in which she completed a Form 4 under the *Mental Health Act* on a patient she had not seen or assessed that day. Subsequently, the Committee approved the Registrar's appointment of investigators to conduct a broad review of the Respondent's practice.

COMMITTEE'S DECISION

A Mental Health Panel of the Committee considered this matter at its meeting of July 13, 2021. The Committee required the Respondent to appear before a panel of the Committee to be cautioned in person with respect to inappropriate completion of a Form 4 (recertification of a patient absent direct assessment). The Committee also accepted an undertaking from the Respondent that is now posted on the public register.

COMMITTEE'S ANALYSIS

The Respondent acknowledged completing the Form 4 on a patient she had neither seen nor assessed that day. She indicated she was cooperating with the hospital's investigation into the incident and no further incidents had arisen at the hospital regarding her care.

The Committee noted that the hospital received 13 patient/family complaints pertaining to the Respondent between 2011 and 2018. These included complaints regarding the Respondent's clinical care, documentation, inappropriate comments, and insufficient time spent with patients prior to placing them on a Form 3 under the *Mental Health Act*.

In addition, the Respondent's credentialing file contained correspondence regarding her non-compliance with the documentation standards of the hospital and efforts the medical leadership team made between 2013 and 2019 to address this non-compliance.

In light of the above, the Committee had concerns about the Respondent's standards of care, documentation and professionalism and decided on the disposition as described.