

ONTARIO PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS DISCIPLINE TRIBUNAL

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario

College

- and -

Ajeet Singh Sidhu

Registrant

NOTICE OF HEARING

On October 28, 2024, a panel of the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee of the College referred specified allegations of the registrant's professional misconduct and/or incompetence to the Tribunal.

In this proceeding, Registrant means "member" as set out in the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*, the Health Professions Procedural Code (Code), the applicable health profession Act, and the regulations thereto.

The allegation(s) are that the registrant:

1. Has committed an act of professional misconduct:
 - a. under clause 51(1)(b) of the Code in that the governing body of another health profession in Ontario, or the governing body of a health profession in a jurisdiction other than Ontario, has found that the member committed an act of professional misconduct that would, in the opinion of the panel, be an act of professional misconduct under section 51 of the Code or an act of professional misconduct as defined in the regulations;
 - b. under subsection 1(3) of Ontario Regulation 856/93 made under the *Medicine Act, 1991* ("O. Reg. 856/93"), the governing body of a health profession in a jurisdiction other than Ontario has made a finding of incompetence or professional misconduct or a similar finding against the member, and the finding is based on facts which would, in the opinion of the College, be grounds for a finding of incompetence as defined in section 52 of the Code or would be an act of professional misconduct as defined in subsection (1); and
 - c. under subsection 1(4) of O. Reg. 856/93, in that the governing body of a health profession in a jurisdiction other than Ontario has provided records to the College evidencing that an allegation of professional misconduct or incompetence or a similar allegation has been made against the member

and he or she has entered into an agreement or compromise with the governing body in order to settle the matter without a finding of misconduct or incompetence or a similar finding being made; the College is satisfied that the records are authentic, accurate and complete; and the act or omission that is the subject of the allegation would, in the opinion of the College, be an act of professional misconduct as defined in subsection (1), or would constitute incompetence as defined in section 52 of the Code.

Further information about these allegations is set out below:

1. Dr. Ajeet Singh Sidhu (“Dr. Sidhu”) was granted an independent license to practice family medicine in Ontario in 2020.
2. On or about September 18, 2023, the governing body of the health profession in California:
 - a. made a finding of professional misconduct and/or a similar finding against Dr. Sidhu, and the finding is based on facts which would, in the opinion of the College, be an act of professional misconduct as defined in section 51 of the Code and/or the regulations; and/or
 - b. has provided records to the College evidencing that an allegation of professional misconduct or a similar allegation has been made against the member and he or she has entered into an agreement or compromise with the governing body in order to settle the matter without a finding of misconduct or a similar finding being made; the records are authentic, accurate and complete; and the act or omission that is the subject of the allegation would, in the opinion of the College, be an act of professional misconduct as defined in the regulations.

The Tribunal will hold a hearing under sections 38 to 56 of the Code, the *Statutory Powers Procedure Act*, and the *Hearings in Tribunal Proceedings (Temporary Measures) Act, 2020*, on a date or dates to be set at a case management conference, to decide whether the registrant has committed an act or acts of professional misconduct and/or is incompetent.

The College will file this Notice with the Tribunal. The Tribunal will then set a date for the first case management conference and send it to the parties with more information about the Tribunal’s process.

If the registrant or their representative does not attend the case management conference or the hearing, the Tribunal may proceed in the registrant’s absence and the registrant is not entitled to any further notice in the proceeding.

If the Tribunal finds the registrant committed an act or acts of professional misconduct, it may make one or more of the following orders under subsections 51(2) of the Code.

- direct the Registrar to revoke the registrant's certificate of registration.
- direct the Registrar to suspend the registrant's certificate of registration for a specified period of time.
- direct the Registrar to impose specified terms, conditions and limitations on the registrant's certificate of registration for a specified or indefinite period of time.
- require the registrant to appear before the Tribunal to be reprimanded.
- require the registrant to pay a fine of not more than \$35,000 to the Minister of Finance.
- if the act of professional misconduct was the sexual abuse of a patient, require the registrant to reimburse the College for funding provided for that patient under the program and/or require the registrant to post security acceptable to the College to guarantee this payment.

The Tribunal may, under subsection 53.1 of the Code, require the registrant to pay all or part of the College's costs and expenses.

The Tribunal's website includes the Tribunal's Rules of Procedure, Practice Directions and guides to the process.

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