

SUMMARY

DR. VISHAL MODI (CPSO #99919)

1. Disposition

On April 14, 2016, the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee (“the Committee”) ordered family physician Dr. Modi to complete a specified continuing education and remediation program (“SCERP”). The SCERP requires Dr. Modi to:

- attend the Medical Record-Keeping Course through the University of Toronto;
- provide a written summary of College policy #4-12, *Medical Records*;
- engage in educational sessions with a clinical supervisor focused on the quality of his documentation and care; and
- undergo a reassessment of his practice approximately 12 months following completion of the education plan.

2. Introduction

A specialist in critical care and internal medicine contacted the College in March 2015 with concerns about Dr. Modi’s care of a patient with chronic *Clostridium difficile* and a sacral ulcer. The internist, who provided care to the patient in the hospital, indicated that it appeared Dr. Modi had simply continued to prescribe hemorrhoid cream to the patient without ever examining her or ordering stool cultures or a colonoscopy.

Dr. Modi indicated to the College that he no longer provided care to the patient in question, whom he last saw in December 2014.

The Committee approved the Registrar’s appointment of investigators to conduct a broad review of Dr. Modi’s practice.

3. Committee Process

As part of this investigation, the Registrar appointed a Medical Inspector (MI) to review a number of Dr. Modi's patient charts, interview Dr. Modi, and submit a written report.

The Family Practice 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 had concerns regarding Dr. Modi's practice, on the basis of the MI's report, which characterized Dr. Modi's physical examinations as overly brief and noted a lack of judgement on Dr. Modi's part relating to brief or absent documentation of his examinations of patients who presented with concerning histories. The MI also noted that Dr. Modi did not consistently follow up on test results.

Dr. Modi indicated that he had received his Certificate of Independent Practice in 2014 following a satisfactory practice assessment. He provided a copy of the assessment report in which the assessor opined that he displayed good history-taking and physical examination skills, and made appropriate clinical decisions.

Dr. Modi acknowledged the deficiencies in his practice and stated that he took the MI's concerns about his documentation and physical examinations seriously and planned to fully record his examinations in the future.

The Committee noted that the 2014 practice assessment report, while very positive overall, identified several opportunities for improvement in Dr. Modi's practice, including with regard to immunization rates, diabetes management, appropriate physical examinations and thorough documentation.

On the basis of the MI report and taking into account the practice assessment report, the Committee was of the view that Dr. Modi would benefit from focused education in a number of areas, including medical record-keeping, diabetes management, and the appropriate work-up of dizziness.