

**SUMMARY of the Decision of the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee  
(the Committee)**  
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**Dr. Jeffrey Rice Holmes Matheson (CPSO #63625)  
(the Respondent)**

**INTRODUCTION**

The Complainant was referred to the Respondent (a general practitioner) regarding headaches and tinnitus. The Complainant contacted the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (the College) to express concerns about the Respondent's care and conduct, including that the Respondent demanded that her health conditions (which included tinnitus, hearing loss and headaches) were caused by the COVID-19 vaccination and suggested she complete the post vaccine detox regime outlined on the FLCCC Alliance Website (<https://covid19criticalcare.com/treatment-protocols/i-recover/>).

**COMMITTEE'S DECISION**

A General Panel of the Committee considered this matter at its meeting of September 14, 2023. The Committee required the Respondent to appear before a Panel of the Committee to be cautioned to not communicate information to patients that is contrary to public health guidelines, and this includes not referring patients to websites that contain information contrary to public health guidelines.

The Committee also accepted an undertaking from the Respondent.

**COMMITTEE'S ANALYSIS**

In June 2022, the Discipline Tribunal ordered that the Registrar place the following terms, conditions and limitations on the Respondent's certificate of registration effective immediately:

the Respondent shall not communicate to his patients advice or recommendations that are contrary to directives and/or guidelines issued by the provincial government or public health authorities regarding public health measures related to COVID-19.

The Committee is concerned that not long after starting to practise again following the suspension of his licence, the Respondent admits that he provided the Complainant with a link to the website of FLCCC Alliance for a post-vaccine treatment protocol or "detox regime" as he thought the Complainant's symptoms could be related to the

COVID-19 vaccine, and, in particular, there was a possible correlation between tinnitus and the vaccine.

FLCCC Alliance website contains information, advice, and/or recommendations that are contrary to public health guidelines related to COVID-19 and suggests treatment for “post-vaccine syndrome.” In the Committee’s view, the Respondent’s actions—in suggesting that the Complainant’s health condition was caused by the COVID-19 vaccine and directing her to the FLCCC Alliance website—were contrary to the spirit and intent of the 2022 Discipline Order. The Respondent should not be sending patients to resources/websites that provide information, advice, or recommendations that are contrary to public health guidelines related to COVID-19.

The Respondent’s lengthy history with the College of complaints, investigations and Discipline proceedings elevated the Committee’s concern. At the same time, the Respondent has advised that going forward he will not ever discuss with any patient any issue that is in any way connected to COVID-19, and that he most sincerely wishes to work entirely cooperatively with the College and hopes that he can demonstrate that he is and will remain an entirely governable member of this profession. Given this, the Committee believed education and remediation, along with a caution, was appropriate.