



Dr. Patrick DUFFY

Council Decision

Date Charge(s) Laid:	September 14, 2018
Outcome Date:	January 18, 2019
Hearing:	Not Required
Disposition:	Reprimand, Costs

The Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons imposes the following penalties on Dr. Patrick Duffy pursuant to **The Medical Profession Act, 1981**:

- 1) Pursuant to Section 54(1)(e) of *The Medical Profession Act, 1981*, the Council hereby reprimands Dr. Duffy. The format of that reprimand to be determined by the Council;
- 2) Pursuant to section 54(1)(i) of *The Medical Profession Act, 1981*, the Council directs Dr. Duffy to pay the costs of and incidental to the investigation and hearing in the amount of \$1,400.00 payable on or before March 1, 2019.
- 3) Pursuant to section 54(2) of *The Medical Profession Act, 1981* the Council directs that Dr. Duffy's licence will be suspended if the costs in paragraph 2) are not paid as required and that he will remain suspended until those costs are paid.



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REGISTRAR
KAREN SHAW, M.D.

29 March, 2019

Dr. P. Duffy

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Dear Dr. Duffy,

On January 18, 2019, the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan accepted your admission of guilt to charges of misconduct. Following deliberation, penalty was determined based on the joint recommendation presented on your behalf by counsel for yourself and the College. One component of that penalty was an official reprimand by the Council.

You, Dr. P. Duffy, having been found guilty of professional misconduct while practicing medicine in the province of Saskatchewan are hereby reprimanded by the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan.

You entered into a collaborative prescribing agreement with a medical student holding an educational license with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan thereby allowing this individual to engage in the practice of medicine in a manner not authorized by the individual's educational license.

One of the most important statutory functions of Council is the protection of the public. One of the ways Council achieves this end is to ensure that its members do not practice medicine beyond the scope of the license they are issued. Council therefore considers your action grievous and unacceptable.

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and guiding the profession to achieve the highest standards of care***

Council considered and agrees with the mitigating factors put forward by your counsel. Council recognizes that you have practiced medicine for nearly 30 years without previous complaints or disciplinary action, no patient was harmed; neither was there any complaint made by any patient. Your actions were more naïve than deliberate as you believed you could enter into the agreement with this individual who is also a qualified pharmacist. Council also accepted that you did not profit from this arrangement and the arrangement has ended. However, this in no way absolves you from your responsibility to abide by the licensing rules of the College.

It is the hope of Council that you would reflect and learn from this experience, and maintain the utmost professional and ethical standards going forward.

Sincerely,

The Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan