



Dr. Svitlana CHESHENCHUK (ZIARKO)

Charges

Date Charge(s) Laid:	September 30, 2017
Hearing:	None required
Charge(s):	Unprofessional Conduct
Outcome Date:	January 19, 2018

1. The Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons directs that, pursuant to section 47.5 of **The Medical Profession Act, 1981**, the Discipline Committee hear the following charge against Dr. Svitlana Cheshenchuk, namely:

*You Dr. Svitlana Cheshenchuk are guilty of unbecoming, improper, unprofessional, or discreditable conduct contrary to the provisions of section 46(o) and/or section 46(p) of **The Medical Profession Act, 1981 S.S. 1980-81 c. M-10.1**, and/or bylaw 8.1(b)(vi) and/or bylaw 8.1(b)(ix) of the bylaws of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan. The evidence that will be led in support of this charge will include one or more of the following:*

- a) *You failed to maintain records for your patient, S.H. that met the requirements of bylaw 23.1 of the College bylaws;*
- b) *You altered a medical record regarding the examination and treatment of S.H.*
- c) *On or about Friday October 17, 2014 you completed a medical record for patient S.H.*
- d) *On or about Monday October 20, 2014 you learned of the death of patient S.H.*
- e) *On or about Monday October 20, 2014 you altered the medical record of S.H. and added the words "suggested to go to ER, was reluctant to do ECG and go to ER, stated "it's bronchitis, I know.""*
- f) *On or about Wednesday October 22, 2014 you altered the medical record of S.H. to read, "suggested to go to ER, explained that had abnormal ECG and should be checked for MI, was reluctant to do ECG and go to ER, stated "it is Bronchitis, I know" and was obviously irritated by my advice. ECG, rx tecta, see list of meds "*

- g) *On or about Wednesday February 18, 2015 you altered the medical record of S.H. to read, "suggested to go to ER, explained that had abnormal ECG and should be checked for MI, was reluctant to do ECG and go to ER, stated it is Bronchitis, I know" and was obviously irritated and annoyed. ECG, rx tecta, see list of meds /ECg sent to cardiologist, urgent, patient refused to go to ER"*
- h) *On or about Wednesday February 18, 2015 you altered the medical record of S.H. to read, "suggested to go to ER, explained that had abnormal ECG and should be checked for MI, was reluctant to do ECG and go to ER, stated it is Bronchitis, I know" and was obviously irritated and annoyed. ECG, rx tecta, see list of meds/ECg sent to cardiologist, urgent, patient did not want to listen to any suggestions, refused to go to ER/. no family contact was provided."*
- i) *On or about Thursday May 21, 2015 you added to the previous alteration in "g" the following; "b/p 123/67, pale, stressed out." Altered diagnosis to read "URTI"*
- j) *On or about Wednesday June 10, 2015 you altered the medical record of S.H. by deleting the words "pale, stressed out" and added the words "ASA at this time refused" and "even though was asked to, refused to call for ambulance." Altered diagnosis to read Bronchitis.*
- k) *On or about Monday June 15, 2015 you altered the medical record of S.H. by adding the words "Said, I will think about WHAT you SUGGEST"*
- l) *On or about Monday June 22, 2015 you altered the medical record of S.H. by checking off boxes indicating S.H. complained of "chills, discharge from nose" and past medical history of Bronchitis and altered "b/p 124/88"*
- m) *You failed to exercise due diligence to ensure that the information in your patient records accurately reflected the care which you provided to patient S.H..*
- n) *Your medical records were not completed in a timely manner.*

2. The Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons directs that, pursuant to section 47.5 of **The Medical Profession Act, 1981**, the Discipline Committee hear the following charge against Dr. Svitlana Cheshenchuk, namely:

*You Dr. Svitlana Cheshenchuk are guilty of unbecoming, improper, unprofessional, or discreditable conduct contrary to the provisions of section 46(o) and/or section 46(p) of **The Medical Profession Act, 1981** s.s. 1980-81 c. M-10.1, and/or bylaw 8.1(b)(ix) of the bylaws of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan.*

The evidence that will be led in support of this charge will include one or more of the

following:

- a) You submitted altered medical records to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan about the matter involving patient S.H.*
- b) You failed to exercise due diligence to ensure the records provided to the College were accurate.*
- c) You failed to inform the College that the medical records had been altered.*
- d) A request was sent to you on October 21, 2015 requesting a copy of the audit trail from the Electronic Medical Record ["EMR"] for the period October 17, 2014 to June 25, 2015, the result of which was a summary of log changes.*
- e) The College sent your office a request on October 29, 2015 requesting details of the changes.*
- f) On November 4, 2015 your office advised the College that you did not alter the EMR in a substantive way.*
- g) You failed to exercise due diligence to ensure that the November 4, 2015 response to the College was accurate.*
- h) On November 16, 2015 the College sent a request to your office demanding particulars of the changes made to the EMR.*
- i) On November 18, 2015, the College received the details from your office, which illustrated numerous substantive changes made to the patient file over the course of more than 8 months from the date of the original patient visit.*