



Ms. Lindsay RICHELs

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## Council Decision

<b>Date Charge(s) Laid:</b>	September 14, 2018
<b>Outcome Date:</b>	March 30, 2019
<b>Hearing:</b>	Not Required
<b>Disposition:</b>	Reprimand

The Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons imposes the following penalty on Ms. Lindsay Richels pursuant to *The Medical Profession Act, 1981*:

Pursuant to Section 54(1)(e) of *The Medical Professional Act, 1981*, the Council hereby reprimands Ms. Richels. The format of that reprimand will be determined by the Council.

Ms. Richels,

On March 30, 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, Ms. L Richels, having been found guilty of professional misconduct are hereby reprimanded by the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan.*

You entered into a Collaborative prescribing agreement with a Physician even though you are on an educational license. This arrangement allowed you to provide Botox, Belkyra and Dermal filler injections to individuals in Saskatchewan thereby engaging in the practice of medicine that is not authorized by your educational license as a medical student or as a pharmacist practicing in Saskatchewan.

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.

Council considered and accepted the mitigating factors put forward by your Counsel, including the fact that you had special training in Botox injection as a pharmacist in Alberta where pharmacists can apparently provide Botox and Dermal filler injections, that you started providing these injections before you became a medical student and that you immediately ceased performing these injection when the college contacted you with their concern. Council also acknowledged the fact that individuals who you provided the injections to were not put at an enhanced risk and there was no evidence of substandard practice associated with the injection of Botox and dermal fillers. However, this in no way absolves you from your responsibility to abide by the licensing rules of the College.

Decisions in medical practice cannot be based on assumptions. We must do our due diligence at all times before embarking on a management plan. It is therefore the hope of Council that you would reflect and learn from this experience, but also that you would allow it to affect you positively in your decision making at all times and that you would maintain the utmost professional and ethical standards as you progress in your education and training to become a full-fledged and most welcome member of the medical profession.

Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan