



Dr. Rukevwe UGWUMBA

Charges

Date Charge(s) Laid:	October 1, 2022
Hearing:	To be determined
Charge(s):	Unprofessional Conduct Billing, Improper
Outcome Date:	To be determined

Allegations of unprofessional conduct as set out in the charge below have been referred to the discipline committee. The allegations in the charge have not been admitted, nor has there been a hearing before the discipline committee to determine whether the allegations in the charge will be proved.

A physician who denies some or all of the allegations in a charge is entitled to a hearing before the discipline committee to determine if the allegations in the charge are established by the evidence at the hearing.

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 charges against Dr. Rukevwe Ugwumba, namely:

Charge #1:

You Dr. Rukevwe Ugwumba are guilty of unbecoming, improper, unprofessional or discreditable conduct contrary to the provisions of sections 46(k), 46(l), and/or 46(p) of *The Medical Profession Act, 1981*; and/or paragraphs 13, 33, 43 and/or 44 of the Code of Ethics contained in bylaw 7.1 of the bylaws; and/or bylaw 8.1(b)(iii) of the bylaws of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan, by excessive billing and/or claiming for services not provided.

The evidence that will be led in support of this charge will include some or all of the following:

- 1) During the period from 2016 to September 2019 you carried on practice at the Downtown Physician's Clinic in Regina, Saskatchewan.
- 2) During the period from 2016 to September 2019 you caused or permitted excessive billing to Medical Services Branch.
- 3) During the period from 2016 to September 2019 you caused or permitted excessive billing to Medical Services Branch by claiming for services that were not provided.
- 4) On 14 days during the period from 2016 to September 2019, you caused or permitted billing to Medical Services Branch for services provided in Saskatchewan and also submitted

billings to the Ontario public health system for services provided in Ontario on the same days.

- 5) During the period from 2018 to 2019 you caused or permitted billing for PAP smears when you had not provided the services to justify those billings.
- 6) In the alternative, during the period from 2016 to September 2019 you failed to exercise due diligence to ensure you billed appropriately for services provided to patients.

Charge #2:

You Dr. Rukevwe Ugwumba are guilty of unbecoming, improper, unprofessional or discreditable conduct contrary to the provisions of sections 46(o) and/or 46(p) of *The Medical Profession Act, 1981*; and/or paragraphs 31 and/or 33 of the Code of Ethics contained in bylaw 7.1 of the bylaws; and/or bylaw 8.1(b)(viii) of the bylaws of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan, by inappropriately accessing personal health information of individuals without proper authorization.

The evidence that will be led in support of this charge will include some or all of the following:

- 1) During the period October 1, 2017 until August 31, 2019, you carried on practice at the Downtown Physician's Clinic in Regina, Saskatchewan.
- 2) During the period October 1, 2017 until August 31, 2019, you caused or permitted access to the personal health information of a number of individuals (the "individuals") in the Person Health Registration System (PHRS).
- 3) At the time of accessing the information, you did not have the consent of the individuals to access the information and you did not have a legitimate need to know the individuals' information.
- 4) You caused or permitted access to the information for the purpose of submitting billings to Medical Services Branch.
- 5) In the alternative, you failed to exercise due diligence to ensure your staff did not use your log-in credentials to access the individuals' personal health information in the PHRS when they had no legitimate need to know the information.