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Dr. Roger Hodkinson sanctioned by CPSA Hearing Tribunal

Edmonton, AB – Edmonton pathologist Dr. Roger Hodkinson admitted to charges of unprofessional conduct and was sanctioned by a CPSA Hearing Tribunal.

On several occasions in 2020 and 2021, Dr. Hodkinson made public statements (at an Edmonton City Council meeting, in a media interview and on social media) about public health measures in place at the time due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The comments offered by Dr. Hodkinson fell outside the scope of practice of a pathologist, and were inconsistent with accepted public health medicine guidelines. This is contrary to expectations outlined in the <u>Canadian Medical Association's Code of Ethics and</u> <u>Professionalism</u>, which states that physicians must clearly indicate when they are offering an opinion that is contrary to the accepted view of the profession, and be cautious not to overstep the limits of their knowledge and skills.

At a hearing held in November 2024, Dr. Hodkinson admitted to the allegations against him and acknowledged that his conduct breached the *Code of Ethics and Professionalism*. The Hearing Tribunal recognized Dr. Hodkinson's admission of unprofessional conduct and accepted a joint submission on sanction, ordering the following:

- Dr. Hodkinson will receive a caution.
- At his own cost, Dr. Hodkinson must complete an online course from the Canadian Medical Association on influence and advocacy.
- Dr. Hodkinson is responsible for a portion of the costs of the investigation and hearing, totalling \$5,000.

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