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Dr. J. Rowan Scott sanctioned for unprofessional conduct

Edmonton, AB – Psychiatrist Dr. J. Rowan Scott was sanctioned for unprofessional conduct by a CPSA Hearing Tribunal.

It was alleged that in a medical letter written in February 2020, Dr. Scott speculated on the behaviour and potential psychiatric diagnoses of someone who was not his patient and who he had never examined. After a hearing held in May 2024, the Hearing Tribunal found that the charges against Dr. Scott were proven and amounted to unprofessional conduct. The Tribunal's written decision finding Dr. Scott guilty was not published, as the hearing was closed to the public. A Tribunal can close a hearing to the public under certain circumstances, such as to protect the personal health or financial information of the parties.

The Tribunal reconvened at an open hearing in February 2025 to hear submissions on sanction. In determining sanction, the Tribunal noted that Dr. Scott retired in December 2020 and has no intention of returning to practice.

After considering submissions from both parties, the Tribunal ordered the following:

- Dr. Scott will receive a reprimand.
- Dr. Scott is responsible for paying 25 per cent of the total costs for the investigation and hearing, to a maximum of \$25,000.

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