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Dr. Neil Skjodt sanctioned for failing to respect autonomy of patients

Edmonton, AB – A CPSA Hearing Tribunal sanctioned Dr. Neil Skjodt of Sherwood Park for misconduct towards three patients.

At a hearing in February 2025, Dr. Skjodt admitted to failing to provide his patients with adequate details on why he conducted certain exams and to explain the manner in which they were done, leaving the patients feeling vulnerable and like their autonomy was not respected. This contravenes the Canadian Medical Association's *Code of Ethics & Professionalism*, which requires physicians to consider the well-being of their patients, practise medicine in a manner that treats patients with dignity, and make every reasonable effort to communicate with patients and ensure the information exchanged is understood.

The Tribunal accepted Dr. Skjodt's admission of unprofessional conduct, along with a joint submission on sanction. Their orders include the following:

- Dr. Skjodt's practice permit is suspended for four months, with two months considered served to account for the condition on Dr. Skjodt's practice in place since 2016. His suspension began in May 2025.
- At his own expense, Dr. Skjodt must complete and unconditionally pass a course on ethics and boundaries. If Dr. Skjodt does not pass the required course, he must then undertake one-on-one ethical remediation with a medical ethicist. Dr. Skjodt's practice condition allowing him to only treat male patients will remain in effect until this requirement is met to the satisfaction of CPSA's Complaints Director.
- Dr. Skjodt is responsible for a portion of costs from the investigation and hearing, totalling $50,000.

Resources:
CPSA Hearing Tribunal decision (2025)
CPSA media release (January 2023)
CPSA Council Appeal Panel decision (2022)
CPSA Hearing Tribunal decision (2022)

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