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Dr. Alan McMahon agrees to irrevocable practice permit and registration cancellation after admission of unprofessional conduct

Edmonton, AB – The practice permit of nephrologist and internal medicine specialist Dr. Alan McMahon was cancelled after Dr. McMahon admitted to unprofessional conduct before a CPSA Hearing Tribunal.

Dr. McMahon was accused of failing to maintain adequate medical records while prescribing opioids and benzodiazepines for two patients (from 2011 to 2020 and 2013 to 2020, respectively), neither of whom required the care of a nephrologist. Dr. McMahon was also accused of failing to coordinate care with other healthcare professionals who were prescribing monitored medications to one of those patients, while he prescribed opioids to the same patient.

Dr. McMahon admitted to the allegations and as part of a joint agreement on sanction, agreed to irrevocably cancel his practice permit and registration with CPSA effective March 31, 2024. Dr. McMahon is also responsible for two-thirds of the costs of the investigation and hearing.

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