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**Dr. Emadalden Alshigagi found guilty of unprofessional conduct, including failing to maintain professional boundaries with patient**

**Edmonton, AB** – A CPSA Hearing Tribunal has found Dr. Emadalden Alshigagi, a family physician from Edmonton, guilty of unprofessional conduct.

After considering evidence from both parties, including testimony from several witnesses and admissions by Dr. Alshigagi on several charges, the Tribunal found Dr. Alshigagi guilty of the following allegations:

- Failing to maintain appropriate boundaries with a patient. This included exchanging text messages for personal reasons, giving his patient money on multiple occasions, and kissing and hugging his patient.
- Committing sexual abuse (within the meaning of that phrase under the *Health Professions Act*, or HPA) by having sexual intercourse with his patient on one or more occasions and by attempting to have sexual intercourse with this patient at his clinic.
- Continuing to prescribe medications known for risk of abuse or addiction while the patient was receiving similar medications from other physicians, and of sending prescriptions for these medications to multiple pharmacies.
- Failing to meet the minimum expected standards for maintaining appropriate patient records, as outlined in CPSA's *Patient Record Content* standard of practice.

One additional allegation of unprofessional conduct was dismissed.

The Tribunal ordered the immediate suspension of Dr. Alshigagi's practice permit, as required under the HPA for physicians found guilty of sexual abuse.

Following the Tribunal's order of suspension, Dr. Alshigagi obtained a court order from the Court of King's Bench on May 29, 2026 to stay (i.e. temporarily pause) his suspension pending the Tribunal's sanction decision, which will be issued at a later date following a sanction hearing.

To help safeguard the public, robust conditions were placed on Dr. Alshigagi's practice permit while the initial complaint was being investigated. These conditions, including a CPSA-approved chaperone, will remain while Dr. Alshigagi is practising under the Court-ordered stay. CPSA actively monitors compliance with these conditions.

**Resources:**

[CPSA Hearing Tribunal decision](#) (trigger/content warning: sexual abuse)

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