

Hearing Status: CONFIRMED

Physician: Dr. Richard Hatfield

Date of Hearing: May 15, 16 and 17, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: ZOOM

Charges:

1. On or about April 28, 2023, you failed to maintain an appropriate physician and patient boundary with your patient, Patient A, which constitutes sexual misconduct contrary to the Standard of Practice: Boundary Violations: Sexual and the *Health Professions Act*, particulars of which include one or more of the following:
 - a. hugging her from behind;
 - b. hugging her from the front;
 - c. cradling her face with your hands;
 - d. attempting to kiss her; and
 - e. asking her "can I kiss you?"
2. From April 23, 2019 to April 13, 2023, you breached the Standard of Practice: Episodic Care, when you provided care to your patient, Patient A, that you indicate was episodic but failed to do one or more of the following:
 - a. inform her that episodic care is intended to address the patient's presenting concern(s), referred consultation or identified medical condition(s);
 - b. explain to her the limitations of episodic medical care you were providing and the extent of any follow-up processes you would manage;
 - c. establish whether she had a primary care provider, and if so, provide the primary care provider with a record of the encounters with their patient;

- d. document your discussion in the Patient Record with her about the intention and the limitations of episodic care, follow-up processes you would manage, determining whether she had a primary care provider, and providing the primary care provider with a record of the encounters with the patient; and
 - e. either provide necessary follow-up care personally or ensure arrangements were in place for follow-up care.
- 3. You prescribed the stimulant, Vyvanse, to your patient, Patient A, contrary to the Standard of Practice: Prescribing: Drugs Associated with Substance Use Disorders or Substance-Related Harm, when you:
 - a. on or about November 8, 2022, failed to document a discussion with your patient about:
 - i. the efficacy of other pharmacological and non-pharmacological treatment options,
 - ii. common and potentially serious side effects of the medication, and
 - iii. the probability the medication will improve the patient's health and function;
 - b. failed to document a review of the patient's medication history:
 - i. before initiating a prescription on or about November 8, 2022;
 - ii. before increasing the dosage of a prescription on or about November 23, 2022;
 - iii. before renewing a prescription on or about April 12, 2023;
- 4. On or about January 13, 2023, you prescribed the benzodiazepine, Ativan, to your patient, Patient A, contrary to the Standard of Practice: Prescribing: Drugs Associated with Substance Use Disorders or Substance-Related Harm, when you:
 - a. failed to document a discussion with your patient about:
 - i. the efficacy of other pharmacological and non-pharmacological treatment options,
 - ii. common and potentially serious side effects of the medication, and
 - iii. the probability the medication will improve the patient's health and function;
 - b. failed to document a review of the patient's medication history before initiating the prescription.

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To attend, please contact Hearings.Director@cpsa.ab.ca by **May 8, 2024**. Please note that this schedule is subject to change.

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