

**IN THE MATTER OF** an allegation made by **the Registrar of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Newfoundland and Labrador** against **Dr. Cyril Raymond Riche** pursuant to Section 42(2) of the *Medical Act, 2011*, SNL 2011 c. M-4.02.

## **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT SUMMARY**

On June 9, 2015, Dr. Linda Inkpen, the Registrar of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Newfoundland and Labrador filed an allegation against Dr. Cyril Raymond Riche pursuant to section 42(2) of the *Medical Act, 2011*.

Dr. Riche is a medical practitioner licensed pursuant to the *Medical Act, 2011* to practise in the area of General Practice. His practice address is 18 Gibson Drive, Mount Pearl, Newfoundland and Labrador, A1N 5K8.

The Registrar alleged that Dr. Riche had been regularly prescribing narcotic medication to an immediate family member and that he had done so without consulting with any of the other health care professionals who were providing medical care to this family member. The matter was referred to the Complaints Authorization Committee.

The Complaints Authorization Committee requested that Dr. Riche appear before the Committee. On June 8, 2016, Dr. Riche appeared before the Committee to answer questions posed by Committee members. At this meeting, Dr. Riche acknowledged that he had been regularly prescribing narcotic medication to an immediate family member, that he had done so without consulting the team of specialists who are providing medical care to this family member, and that while he completed medical records for his visits, they were not written contemporaneously and they did not accurately record the prescribed medication.

On October 12, 2016, the Complaints Authorization Committee referred the allegation back to the Registrar for Alternative Dispute Resolution in accordance with s. 44(1)(a) of the *Medical Act, 2011*.

Dr. Riche has acknowledged that his behavior constituted professional misconduct. In particular he acknowledged that his behavior was in violation of:

The College's Guideline "Physicians prescribing narcotics, benzodiazepines and other controlled substances",

The Canadian Medical Association's Code of Ethics, s. 20,

The College's By-Law 4: Code of Ethics, s. 4(l), and

The College's By-Law 6: Medical Records, s. 10.

Dr. Riche and the College agreed to the following disposition of this allegation:

- 1) Dr. Riche was reprimanded for his admitted professional misconduct.
- 2) Dr. Riche's licence to practise medicine will be suspended for a period of 30 days commencing May 1, 2017.
- 3) Dr. Riche is required to complete courses on Ethics, Prescribing and Charting.
- 4) Dr. Riche will pay a contribution towards the costs of the College's involvement in this allegation.
- 5) This summary will be posted on the College website.