

IN THE MATTER OF an allegation made against Dr. Adekunle Owolabi pursuant to Section 42(1) of the *Medical Act, 2011*, SNL 2011 c. M-4.02.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Dr. Adekunle Owolabi is a medical practitioner licensed pursuant to the *Medical Act, 2011* to practise in the area of General Practice. His practice address is the Labrador West Health Centre, 1700 Nichols-Adam Highway, Labrador City, NL, A2V 0B2.

On May 25, 2016, an allegation was filed with the College against Dr. Owolabi. The Complainant alleged that Dr. Owolabi had made inappropriate comments to her during a medical appointment in the summer of 2014. She also alleged that Dr. Owolabi made inappropriate contact with her without legitimate medical reason. The matter was referred to the Complaints Authorization Committee.

On March 22, 2017, 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*. The Complainant and Dr. Owolabi both agreed to participate in Alternative Dispute Resolution.

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

The College's By-Law 5: Code of Ethics, s. 4(oo): *Inappropriate comments or questions reflecting a lack of respect for patient's dignity or privacy.*

The College's By-Law 5: Code of Ethics, s. 4(ss): *Massage or other sustained touching of a patient without legitimate medical reason.*

Dr. Owolabi, the Complainant, and the College acknowledged that Dr. Owolabi completed a course in professional boundaries since this allegation was received by the College.

Dr. Owolabi, the Complainant, and the College agreed to the following disposition of this allegation:

- 1) Dr. Owolabi was reprimanded for his admitted professional misconduct.
- 2) Dr. Owolabi's licence to practise medicine will include a restriction that he must be chaperoned when seeing female patients for a period of 6 months following the expiry of his current chaperone restriction.
- 3) This summary will be posted on the College website.