

Disciplinary report - Dr. Wlodzimierz Rydz

On March 12, 2010, the Council of the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta found that Dr. Wlodzimierz Rydz of Edmonton, Alberta, demonstrated unbecoming conduct in the treatment of his patient in that:

1. Between January 14, 2006 and February 15, 2007, he had an inappropriate relationship with his patient, Ms "A", which included sexual intercourse;

The Council of the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta ordered that:

1. Dr. Wlodzimierz Rydz' registration with the College be suspended for a period of 18 months, of which Dr. Wlodzimierz Rydz shall serve a period of 16 months (less 4 days) of active suspension from medical practice, with the balance of the suspension (2 months and 4 days) being held in abeyance pending Dr. Wlodzimierz Rydz' successful completion of the terms and conditions ordered. The Investigating Committee views a suspension as necessary based on the seriousness of the conduct. Dr. Rydz has served the suspension.
2. That Dr. Wlodzimierz Rydz' registration with the College shall be subject to the following conditions, whereas these conditions are viewed as necessary for the protection of the public:
 - a) Dr. Wlodzimierz Rydz shall, at his cost, successfully complete a boundaries course acceptable to the College Registrar within a time frame acceptable to the Registrar;

- b) Dr. Wlodzimierz Rydz shall, at his cost, enter into a continuing care agreement with the College for participation in the aftercare program for boundary offenders for a period of five years;

- c) Dr. Wlodzimierz Rydz shall be responsible for the costs of the investigation and the costs of the proceedings before the Investigating Committee and Council in the amount of \$28,683.59 in regard to this matter. Dr. Wlodzimierz Rydz shall also be responsible for the costs of fulfilling the terms and conditions on his practice as set by the Order. Dr. Wlodzimierz Rydz shall, within 30 days of the date of an invoice from the College, pay any ongoing costs relating to the terms of the Order of Council, and in the event of failure of full payment within the 30 day period, that Dr. Wlodzimierz Rydz' practice permit shall be suspended until payment of the outstanding costs;

- d) Dr. Wlodzimierz Rydz shall practise only in a setting acceptable to the Registrar of the College, and that setting shall be the currently shared Le Marchand Mansion office of Dr. Sy-Hua Chiu. Dr. Wlodzimierz Rydz shall designate a practice monitor, but not Dr. Sy-Hua Chiu, who is acceptable to the Registrar. The practice monitor will meet with Dr. Wlodzimierz Rydz at a frequency acceptable to the Registrar during the period of the aftercare program;

- e) The Registrar may waive or delay appointment of a practice monitor if Dr. Wlodzimierz Rydz' practice is restricted to seeing only male patients and his only practice location is his current office in Le Marchand Mansion in conjunction with Dr. Chiu. The Registrar, in exchange for the appointment of a practice monitor being waived or delayed, may require Dr. Chiu to give her written undertaking to the College that she will promptly report to the Complaints Director of the College any breach by Dr. Wlodzimierz Rydz of the male patient only restriction;

- f) Dr. Wlodzimierz Rydz shall restrict his practice to male patients. Dr. Wlodzimierz Rydz shall post in a prominent location within the practice setting, a statement in the form attached to this Order. Dr. Wlodzimierz Rydz agrees that the restriction to see male patients only is to be recorded on any practice permit issued to him;

- g) Dr. Wlodzimierz Rydz shall disclose the particulars of the conduct and the Order of Council in this matter to his medical practice colleagues and the office practice staff. This disclosure will continue for the term of the aftercare program;

- h) An inspector shall be appointed by the Registrar and will attend at Dr. Wlodzimierz Rydz' practice site during his regular office hours and without notice. The inspector will ensure compli-

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ance with the terms and conditions of Dr. Włodzimierz Rydz' practice as set by the Order. Dr. Włodzimierz Rydz will provide his authorization and consent to allow Alberta Health and Wellness to provide all necessary billing information on request by the Registrar or inspector to ensure compliance with all practice restrictions. This will continue for the duration of the aftercare program.

3. The College or Dr. Włodzimierz Rydz may, on at least 30 days notice to the other party, bring this matter back before a regular meeting of Council to deal with any issue relating to this matter, including but not limited to the performance or non-performance of the terms of the Order of Council, any modification or addition to the restrictions on the practice of Dr. Włodzimierz Rydz, or the imposition of

further sanction, including all or any portion of the period of suspension held in abeyance.

4. The name of Dr. Włodzimierz Rydz and the particulars of this matter shall be published in a manner determined by the Registrar, excluding information that would identify the complainant.

Investigation costs were paid.