

**DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE OF  
THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF ONTARIO**

**B E T W E E N:**

**COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF ONTARIO**

**- and -**

**RAVISHANKAR THIMMANGUR SHENAVA**

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

**THE INQUIRIES, COMPLAINTS AND REPORTS COMMITTEE OF THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF ONTARIO** has referred to the Discipline Committee of the College the allegation that Dr. Ravishankar Thimmangur Shenava, (“Dr. Shenava”), a member of the College, has committed an act of professional misconduct:

1. under clause 51(1)(b.1) of the Health Professions Procedural Code which is schedule 2 to the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*, S.O. 1991, c.18 (the “Code”) in that he engaged in sexual abuse of a patient; and
2. under paragraph 1(1)33 of Ontario Regulation 856/93 made under the *Medicine Act, 1991* (“O. Reg. 856/93”), in that he has engaged in conduct or an act or omission relevant to the practice of medicine that, having regard to all the circumstances, would reasonably be regarded by members as disgraceful, dishonourable or unprofessional.

Further information about the allegations is contained in Schedule “A” to this notice of hearing.

**A PANEL OF THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A HEARING** under the authority of sections 38 to 56 of the Health Professions Procedural Code for the purposes of deciding whether Dr. Shenava has committed an act or acts of professional misconduct. The hearing will be held at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, 80 College Street, Toronto, Ontario or such other venue as the College may advise, on a date to be determined after consultation between College counsel and Dr. Shenava or his counsel, and fixed by the Hearings Office.

**IF DR. SHENAVA DOES NOT ATTEND AT THE HEARING**, the discipline panel may proceed in his absence and he will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceeding.

**IF THE PANEL FINDS** that Dr. Shenava has committed an act or acts of professional misconduct the panel may make one or more of the following orders authorized under subsections 51(2) and 51(5) of the Code.

*Subsection 51(2) of the Code*

*(2) If a panel finds a member has committed an act of professional misconduct, it may make an order doing any one or more of the following:*

- 1. Directing the Registrar to revoke the member's certificate of registration.*
- 2. Directing the Registrar to suspend the member's certificate of registration for a specified period of time.*
- 3. Directing the Registrar to impose specified terms, conditions and limitations on the member's certificate of registration for a specified or indefinite period of time.*
- 4. Requiring the member to appear before the panel to be reprimanded.*
- 5. Requiring the member to pay a fine of not more than \$35,000 to the Minister of Finance.*
- 5.1 If the act of professional misconduct was the sexual abuse of a patient, requiring the member to reimburse the College for funding provided for that patient under the program required under section 85.7.*
- 5.2 If the panel makes an order under paragraph 5.1, requiring the member to post security acceptable to the College to guarantee the payment of any amounts the member may be required to reimburse under the order under paragraph 5.1. 1991, c. 18, Sched. 2, s. 51 (2); 1993, c. 37, s. 14 (2).*

*Subsection 51(5) of the Code*

*(5) If a panel finds member has committed an act of professional misconduct by sexually abusing a patient, the panel shall do the following in addition to anything else the panel may do under subsection (2):*


- 1. Reprimand the member.*
- 2. Revoke the member's certificate of registration if the sexual abuse considered of, or included, any of the following,*
  - i. sexual intercourse,*
  - ii. genital to genital, genital to anal, oral to genital, or oral to anal contact,*
  - iii. masturbation of the member by, or in the presence of, the patient,*
  - iv. masturbation of the patient by the member,*
  - v. encouragement of the patient by the member to masturbate in the presence of the member.*

**THE DISCIPLINE PANEL MAY**, under subsection 53.1 of the Code, make an order requiring Dr. Shenava to pay all or part of the College's costs and expenses.

**THE COLLEGE INTENDS TO INTRODUCE** as business records, under section 35 of the *Evidence Act*, any writings or records that were made in the usual and ordinary course of business. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the College intends to introduce as business records the medical and hospital charts related to the patient care that is the subject of the allegations.

Dr. Shenava is entitled to disclosure of the evidence against him and of other information in the College's knowledge or possession. To obtain disclosure, Dr. Shenava or his counsel or agent should contact the Legal Office of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, 80 College Street, Toronto, Ontario, M5G 2E2, telephone (416) 967-2600 or 1-800-268-7096.

Date: May 18, 2016

  
 Chair, Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee

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**SCHEDULE "A"**

1. Dr. Shenava is a psychiatrist whose practise is located in Windsor, Ontario.

**PATIENT A**

2. Patient A, whose identity has been disclosed under separate cover, was a patient of Dr. Shenava from approximately August 2012 to December 2012.
3. In approximately mid-December 2012, in the course of the doctor-patient relationship, Dr. Shenava made remarks to Patient A that were inappropriate and/or of a sexual nature, touched Patient A on various parts of her body in a manner that was inappropriate and/or of a sexual nature and hugged and kissed Patient A.

**PATIENT B**

4. Patient B, whose identity has been disclosed under separate cover, was a patient of Dr. Shenava from approximately August 2014 to October 2014.
5. In the course of the doctor-patient relationship, Dr. Shenava made remarks to Patient B that were inappropriate and/or of a sexual nature and touched Patient B on various parts of her body in a manner that was inappropriate and/or of a sexual nature.

**PATIENT C**

6. Patient C, whose identity has been disclosed under separate cover, was a patient of Dr. Shenava from approximately January 2009 to October 2014.
7. In approximately December 2013, in the course of the doctor-patient relationship, Dr. Shenava made remarks to Patient C that were inappropriate and/or of a sexual nature, touched Patient C on various parts of her body in a manner that was inappropriate and/or of a sexual nature and hugged and kissed Patient C.

**PATIENT D**

8. Patient D, whose identity has been disclosed under separate cover, was a patient of Dr. Shenava from approximately April 2011 to July 2015.
9. In the course of the doctor-patient relationship between Dr. Shenava and Patient D, Dr. Shenava made remarks to Patient D that were inappropriate and/or of a sexual nature and touched Patient D on various parts of her body in a manner that was inappropriate and/or of a sexual nature.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST DR. SHENAVA WILL BE PROVIDED IN ADVANCE OF THE HEARING.**

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