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Summary of Adjudication Tribunal Decision

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An Adjudication Tribunal of the College found on July 17, 2015 that Dr. Syed Azhar Rizvi, a psychiatrist, was guilty of professional misconduct by engaging in sexual intercourse and other sexual activity with a female patient.

The Adjudication Tribunal found that the sexual and intimate relationship commenced on August 4, 2005, during and following the female patient's medical appointment on that date with Dr. Rizvi at the Terrace-in-the-Square Clinic, at Churchill Square, in St. John's, Newfoundland.

The Adjudication Tribunal found that the sexual and intimate relationship continued after the doctor-patient relationship ended in 2005 and prevailed over a period of time from August 4, 2005 into 2006, 2007, and 2008, until the female patient ended the relationship in 2009.

The female patient, who was the complainant to the College, has requested that her name be withheld from this Summary.

In its written decision on sanction dated September 9, 2015, the Adjudication Tribunal of the College, found that Dr. Rizvi should be subject to the following sanctions:

- 24 months suspension of licence, effective immediately upon the Tribunal's decision on sanction (September 4, 2015),
 - Completion of:
 - o the course facilitated by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) known as "Understanding Boundaries in Managing the Risks Inherent in the Doctor-Patient Relationship", and,
 - o the CPSO-facilitated Ethics Course,or equivalent acceptable to Registrar of College,
- at the Respondent's cost, to be completed within six months prior to expiry of the 24 months suspension of licence or within six months prior to return to practice in this Province, whichever is the latter,
- At end of the 24 months suspension, the Respondent must meet all licensure requirements applicable to a physician who has not held a College license for two years,
 - A reprimand by the Tribunal of the Respondent,
 - For one year after return to practice in this Province, the Respondent must have a chaperone arrangement acceptable to the Registrar of the College for all female patients seen by the Respondent, and in the case of the Respondent holding a full licence at that time, the chaperone arrangement must satisfy the Registrar of the College that the chaperone will be present at all times when the Respondent may see female patients and the chaperone must be an accredited regulated health professional acceptable to the Registrar of the College,
 - An award pursuant to paragraph 49(3)(e) of the Medical Act, 2011 of costs incurred by the College.

The most recent practice address of Dr. Rizvi, in this Province, was:

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The Respondent has filed a notice of appeal of the Decision of the Adjudication Tribunal.

The College

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