

ONTARIO PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS DISCIPLINE TRIBUNAL

Tribunal File No.: 24-017

Date of Order: January 14, 2025

Jennifer Scott (panel chair)
Markus de Demenico (public)
Rupa Patel (physician)
Linda Robbins (public)
Susanna Yanivker (physician)

COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF ONTARIO

College

- and -

Youssef Slataroff

Registrant

ORDER

This referral was heard on January 14, 2025.

Finding

The Tribunal finds that the registrant committed the following act of professional misconduct:

1. under paragraph 1(1)33 of Ontario Regulation 856/93 made under the *Medicine Act, 1991*, in that the member has engaged in 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.

Penalty

1. The Tribunal requires the registrant to appear before the panel to be reprimanded.
2. The Tribunal directs the Registrar to:
 - a. suspend the registrant's certificate of registration for five (5) months commencing immediately.
 - b. place the following terms, conditions and limitations on the registrant's certificate of registration effective upon the completion of the suspension period ordered by the Discipline Tribunal:
 - i. The registrant will, at his own expense, participate in the PROBE Ethics & Boundaries Program offered by the Centre for Personalized Education for

Professionals, by receiving a passing evaluation or grade, without any condition or qualification. The registrant will complete the PROBE program within six (6) months of the date of this Order or, if it is not available within that timeframe, at the earliest available opportunity. The registrant will provide proof of their completion to the College, including proof of registration and attendance and participant assessment reports, within one (1) month of completing it.

Costs

3. The Tribunal requires the registrant to pay the College costs in the amount of \$6000.00 by April 14, 2025.

The reasons for the decision will be released later.

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BETWEEN:

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**The Tribunal delivered the following Reprimand
by videoconference on Tuesday, January 14, 2025.**

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Dr. Slataroff,

As a medical doctor, you are a member of a profession which has the privilege of self-regulation and enjoys the trust of the public through the provision of high-quality care. Your actions have breached these fundamental principles.

As a psychiatrist you see a higher proportion of vulnerable patients, many of whom have experienced past trauma. We would expect a psychiatrist to have specialized expertise in respectful and compassionate communications. Instead of providing expert care to your patients, you demonstrated professional misconduct that is disgraceful, dishonourable and unprofessional. You hugged Patient B and clothing was moved to expose a scar on her neck, touched Patient C's shoulder, and made inappropriate comments towards Patients A, B and C, which, for two of these patients, included comments about their sexual performance that they did not understand. Your conduct towards these patients made them uncomfortable to the point that they stopped seeing you for care.

In 2016, the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee of the College (ICRC) found you crossed boundaries when you asked inappropriate and intrusive questions about patients' sexual histories, some of whom were children. As a result, you entered into an undertaking not to treat patients who were younger than 18. In 2018, you received a caution from the ICRC because you behaved in an unprofessional manner when you made inappropriate comments to a patient about their sexual orientation. While all physicians should understand appropriate boundaries, your past involvement with the ICRC gave you ample opportunity to learn more about the importance of maintaining

appropriate professional boundaries with patients. We are deeply concerned that despite this opportunity, you are before this Tribunal for similar conduct.

It is our duty to ensure that your penalty is in the public interest. You are suspended for five months and must successfully complete the PROBE course. This penalty sends a message to the profession that conduct such as yours is not tolerated. When you return to practise after your suspension, you have undertaken that you will not see patients alone for a minimum of 12 months, after which you will be required to submit to a practice reassessment. This provides the Tribunal with the assurance that patients will be protected.

We strongly urge you to take this opportunity to consider the seriousness of the behaviour that brought you before us today, and to make the appropriate changes to your conduct and patient care.

Should you fail to do so and again come before this Tribunal, the seriousness and pattern of your conduct will be considered, with careful regard to your status as a continued member of this profession.