

**REPORT OF THE COMPETENCY HEARING COMMITTEE
ESTABLISHED WITH RESPECT TO
DR. H. WROBEL**

A. INTRODUCTION

A Competency Hearing Committee was established by the Executive Committee of the Council of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan on March 4, 2001 with respect to Dr. Wrobel. The membership of the Competency Hearing Committee included Dr. Roy Chernoff, Dr. Malcolm Warburton and Mr. Evert Van Olst (Chair). The Competency Hearing Committee convened on May 21, 2002 and considered the report of the Competency Committee constituted by Dr. E. D. Korchinski, Dr. K. D. Ogle and Dr. J. C. Yelland. The Competency Hearing Committee also, on May 21, 2002, received representations from Dr. Wrobel and his legal counsel.

B. ANALYSIS

Pursuant to Section 45 (8) of *The Medical Professions Act*, the Competency Hearing Committee is to determine whether the member who is the subject of a review by a Competency Committee has adequate skill and knowledge in the practice of medicine. Pursuant to Section 45 (9) the Competency Hearing Committee shall submit to Council a written report of its decision and make any recommendations that it considers advisable.

At the meeting of the Competency Hearing Committee on May 21, 2002, the Committee received and reviewed the report of the Competency Committee assessment of Dr. H. Wrobel. The ten page report described the three evaluation instruments used to assess Dr. Wrobel's practice. With respect to videotaped patient encounters, the report summarized that Dr. Wrobel passed eleven out of

twenty-four videotaped patient interactions. He was judged to pass three out of five simulated office orals. A review of the written component of the assessment concluded that Dr. Wrobel completed this component with a mark of 54 percent. The report concluded that on the basis of the three part assessment, the Competency Committee judged Dr. Wrobel not to be currently competent to practice medicine. The report also recommended four remedial matters to address Dr. Wrobel's practice deficiencies. These included enrolling in a course on addictions, enrolling in a therapeutics course, spending a significant period of time under the supervision and instruction of other physicians and an undertaking by him that Dr. Wrobel's record keeping would improve. The Competency Committee concluded by recommending as well that Dr. Wrobel's practice be re-assessed after a designated period of time.

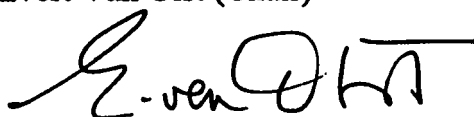
In response to the report of the Competency Committee, Dr. Wrobel and his legal counsel made the following representations. Though he did not agree with the conclusion that he is not currently competent to practice medicine, he agreed that the evaluation was fair, save for some errors, and that the report's recommendations were reasonable. Dr. Wrobel indicated that the evaluation process and the present hearing process were fair to him and that he was given every opportunity to respond to the report.

Dr. Wrobel's counsel indicated that Dr. Wrobel was taking steps to address the four recommendations in the report. Dr. Wrobel is scheduled to begin a course on addiction at Calder Centre in Saskatoon in June 2002. He also intends to complete two courses in the fall of 2002 offered by the Ontario College in prescribing for addictive patients and in medical record keeping. He is exploring a supervised practice modality with Dr. Penny Davis.

C. REPORT TO COUNCIL

It is the unanimous conclusion of the Competency Hearing Committee, based on the report of the Competency Committee and the representations on behalf of Dr. H. Wrobel, that Dr. Wrobel does not have adequate skill and knowledge in the practice of medicine. It supports the recommendations of the Competency Committee found in its report. It leaves to Council as a whole to consider what further or other conditions be imposed, if any.

Evert Van Olst (Chair)



Dr. Roy Chernoff



Dr. Malcolm Warburton

