



Dr. James CORUZZI

Charges

Date Charge(s) Laid:	September 27, 2025
Charge(s) Amended:	N/A
Hearing:	Pending
Charge(s):	Prescribing, Improper Dishonesty Undertaking, Breach of
Outcome Date:	To be determined

NOTE: Allegations of unprofessional conduct as set out in the charge below have been referred to the discipline committee. The allegations in the charge have not been admitted, nor has there been a hearing before the discipline committee to determine whether the allegations in the charge will be proved.

A physician who denies some or all of the allegations in a charge is entitled to a hearing before the discipline committee to determine if the allegations in the charge are established by the evidence at the hearing.

The Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan, pursuant to section 47.5 of *The Medical Profession Act, 1981*, lays the following charges against Dr. James Coruzzi:

CHARGE 1

You Dr. James Coruzzi are guilty of unbecoming, improper, unprofessional, or discreditable conduct contrary to the provisions of sections 46(o) and/or 46(p) of *The Medical Profession Act, 1981*, SS 1980-81, c M-10.1 and/or paragraph (g) under the heading "Accountability" in bylaw 7.2, by breaching your undertaking to the CPSS signed January 16, 2024.

The evidence that will be led in support of this charge will include one or more of the following:

1. You signed an undertaking directed to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan (the "College") dated January 16, 2024 which included the following:
 2. *I hereby undertake that I will not prescribe Zolpidem (Ambien®) except to patients presenting to the ER, or within a hospital context, and I will only do so according to current best-practice guidelines.*

3. I hereby undertake that I will not obtain any prescriptions for Zolpidem from any prescriber other than the psychiatrist appointed by the Physician Health Program of the SMA (PHP) or, if not available, from my regular family physician/designate.

2. You breached that undertaking by prescribing Zolpidem to individuals who had not presented to the ER and were not seen within a hospital context (the "individuals").
3. You breached that undertaking by then obtaining the Zolpidem from the individuals.
4. The Zolpidem you obtained from the individuals was retained by you for your own use.

CHARGE 2

You Dr. James Coruzzi are guilty of unbecoming, improper, unprofessional, or discreditable conduct contrary to the provisions of sections 46(o) and/or 46(p) of *The Medical Profession Act, 1981*, SS 1980-81, c M-10.1 and/or paragraph (g) under the heading "Accountability" in bylaw 7.2, by breaching your undertaking to the CPSS signed August 7, 2024.

The evidence that will be led in support of this charge will include one or more of the following:

1. You signed an undertaking directed to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan (the "College") dated August 7, 2024 which included your agreement to prescribe Prescription Review Program (PRP) medications in very limited circumstances, and to not pick up, dispense, administer or otherwise handle any prescription of PRP medications for any patients.
2. You breached that undertaking by arranging for other physicians to prescribe PRP medications to individuals who did not meet the limitations of the undertaking (the "individuals").
3. You breached that undertaking by using dishonest means to arrange for other physicians to prescribe PRP medications to the individuals.
4. You breached that undertaking by then obtaining the prescribed PRP medication from the individuals for your own use.
5. You breached that undertaking by obtaining the prescribed PRP medication and thus handling those prescriptions.

CHARGE 3

You Dr. James Coruzzi are guilty of unbecoming, improper, unprofessional, or discreditable conduct contrary to the provisions of sections 46(o) and/or 46(p) of *The Medical Profession Act, 1981*, SS 1980-81, c M-10.1 and/or the provisions of bylaw 7.1 The Code of Ethics including paragraph 7, and/or the provisions of bylaw 7.2 Code of Conduct including paragraphs b, c, and/or f under the heading "Accountability", and/or paragraph i under the heading "Responsible Behavior", and/or bylaw 8.1(b)(xix), by prescribing to individuals with whom you did not maintain an established physician-patient relationship.

The evidence that will be led in support of this charge will include one or more of the following:

1. On multiple occasions between the dates of July 2023 and October 2024, you prescribed Prescription Review Program (PRP) medications for 7 individuals (the "individuals.")
2. You prescribed to the individuals without obtaining an appropriate history on each occasion.

3. You prescribed to the individuals without performing an appropriate physical evaluation of the individuals on each occasion.
4. You prescribed to the individuals without attending on them in a patient-physician interaction on each occasion.
5. You prescribed to the individuals without creating an appropriate record of attendance with the individuals on each occasion.
6. You maintained a relationship with each of the individuals that was personal, either as a friend, acquaintance or family member.
7. You were not the treating physician of any of the individuals for the conditions for which you prescribed PRP medications.

CHARGE 4

You Dr. James Coruzzi are guilty of unbecoming, improper, unprofessional, or discreditable conduct contrary to the provisions of sections 46(o) and/or 46(p) of *The Medical Profession Act, 1981*, SS 1980-81, c M-10.1 and/or the provisions of bylaw 7.1 The Code of Ethics including paragraph 7, and/or the provisions of bylaw 7.2 Code of Conduct including paragraphs b, c, and/or f under the heading "Accountability", and/or paragraphs i, k, l, v and/or w under the heading "Responsible Behavior", by prescribing to individuals with the intention of obtaining the prescribed medications for your own use.

The evidence that will be led in support of this charge will include one or more of the following:

1. On multiple occasions between the dates of July 2023 and October 2024, you prescribed Prescription Review Program (PRP) medications for 7 individuals (the "individuals.")
2. On many of the occasions on which you prescribed PRP medications to the individuals, you intended to obtain those medications for your own use.
3. On many of the occasions on which you prescribed PRP medications to the individuals, you did obtain the medications for your own use.

CHARGE 5

You Dr. James Coruzzi are guilty of unbecoming, improper, unprofessional, or discreditable conduct contrary to the provisions of sections 46(o) and/or 46(p) of *The Medical Profession Act, 1981*, SS 1980-81, c M-10.1 and/or the provisions of bylaw 7.1 The Code of Ethics including paragraph 7, and/or the provisions of bylaw 7.2 Code of Conduct including paragraphs b, c, and/or f under the heading "Accountability", and/or paragraphs k, l, v and/or w under the heading "Responsible Behavior", by providing dishonest information to one or more physicians to cause them to write prescriptions for individuals with the intention of obtaining the prescribed medications for your own use.

The evidence that will be led in support of this charge will include one or more of the following:

1. On multiple occasions between the dates of February 2024 and January 2025, you approached physicians (the "physicians") to ask them to prescribe Prescription Review Program (PRP) medications for specific individuals (the "individuals.")

2. You knew each of the physicians as professional colleagues and/or friends.
3. You maintained a relationship with each of the individuals that was personal, either as a friend, acquaintance or family member.
4. You asked the physicians to prescribe for the individuals without the individuals being present to be assessed.
5. You provided false or misleading information to the physicians relating to the individuals' circumstances.
6. You arranged with the individuals to obtain the prescribed medications from them for your own use.

CHARGE 6

You Dr. James Coruzzi are guilty of unbecoming, improper, unprofessional, or discreditable conduct contrary to the provisions of sections 46(o) and/or 46(p) of *The Medical Profession Act, 1981*, SS 1980-81, c M-10.1 and/or the provisions of bylaw 7.1 The Code of Ethics, and/or the provisions of bylaw 7.2 Code of Conduct including paragraphs b, c, and/or f under the heading "Accountability", by prescribing to individuals with the intention of obtaining the prescribed medications for your own use, without paying the full cost of those medications and/or without exercising due diligence to ensure the individuals were not obtaining those prescriptions through their own insurance coverage.

The evidence that will be led in support of this charge will include one or more of the following:

1. On a number of occasions in 2024 and 2025, you prescribed Prescription Review Program (PRP) medications to individuals (the "individuals") with the intention to obtain the medication for your own use.
2. On other occasions in 2024 and 2025, you arranged for other physicians to prescribe PRP medications to the individuals from whom you arranged to obtain the medication for your own use.
3. On one or more of those occasions, you obtained the prescribed medication from the individuals without paying the full cost of the medication.
4. On one or more of those occasions, you obtained the prescribed medication from the individuals without exercising due diligence to ensure the individual had not obtained the medication through their own insurance coverage.