



Dr. Ian COWAN

Charges

Date Charge(s) Laid:	March 24, 2023
Hearing:	To be determined
Charge(s):	Unprofessional Conduct
Outcome Date:	To be determined

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 directs that, pursuant to section 47.5 of *The Medical Profession Act, 1981* the Discipline Committee hear the following charges against Dr. Ian Cowan:

Charge 1

You Dr. Ian Cowan are guilty of unbecoming, improper, unprofessional, or discreditable conduct contrary to the provisions of section 46(o) and/or section 46(p) of *The Medical Profession Act, 1981* and/or Sections 7.1 and/or 7.2 of the Regulatory bylaws of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan

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

- a) On February 26th, 2022 you sent or caused to be sent a fax message to a pharmacy directing the cancellation of a patient's prescription
- b) The message indicated the cancellation was related to issues you and the patient had with the pharmacy's providing of services to a nearby homeless encampment;
- c) The fax message indicated "Should I have other patients who are getting their meds from you, I will encourage them to take their business elsewhere."

- d) That the fax message used a tone and included language that was unprofessional and/or discriminatory, including referring to “drug-addicted campers” and that you would not support a pharmacy that is “giving these ‘campers’ needles and pipes to use crack cocaine and crystal meth”.

Charge 2

You Dr. Ian Cowan are guilty of unbecoming, improper, unprofessional, or discreditable conduct contrary to the provisions of section 46(o) and/or section 46(p) of *The Medical Profession Act, 1981* and/or Sections 7.1 and/or 7.2 of the Regulatory bylaws of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan;

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

- a) You were the physician for a patient who had their prescriptions filled at a particular pharmacy;
- b) In speaking to the patient you said or used language to the effect that the staff of the pharmacy were “crooked”; and
- c) You improperly encouraged your patient to move their prescription to another pharmacy.