



# Dr. Robert STEFFEN

## Charges

Date Charge(s) Laid:	June 8, 2024
Charge(s) Amended:	N/A
Penalty Hearing:	Completed
Charge(s):	Unprofessional Conduct
Outcome Date:	November 29, 2024

The Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons directs that, pursuant to section 47.5 of The Medical Profession Act, 1981, the Discipline Committee hear the following charge against Dr. Robert Steffen:

You Dr. Robert Steffen are guilty of unbecoming, improper, unprofessional, or discreditable conduct contrary to the provisions of section 46(o) and/or (p) of The Medical Profession Act, 1981 and/or CPSS Bylaw 7.2, Code of Conduct, Accountability (a), Respect for Others (a, b), and/or Responsible Behaviour (a, s), the particulars of which are that you physically assaulted a child patient during an office attendance.

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

- a) On or about February 29th, 2023 Patient #1, who was then eight years old, attended your office for an appointment with his mother;
- b) When you attempted to provide care to patient #1, he was not cooperating and began to pull on a piece of medical equipment, at which point you pulled Patient #1 off of the clinic bed by his arms and placed him on the ground;
- c) You then picked Patient #1 up and spanked him across the buttocks area, then forcibly placed him back into the chair.