



Dr. Jordan VELESTUK

Charges

Date Charge(s) Laid:	March 30, 2019 June 22, 2019
Penalty Hearing:	January 24, 2020
Charge(s):	Unprofessional Conduct; Improper Billing; Improper Prescribing
Outcome Date:	January 24, 2020

Charge 1

Pursuant to section 47.5 of *The Medical Profession Act, 1981*, the Council directs the discipline committee to hear the following charges of unbecoming, improper, unprofessional or discreditable conduct:

*You Dr. Jordan Velestuk are guilty of unbecoming, improper, unprofessional, or discreditable conduct contrary to the provisions of section 46(o), and/or 46(p) of **The Medical Profession Act, 1981** S.S.1980-81 c. M-10.1 and bylaw 8.1(b)(iii) of the bylaws of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan.*

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

- a) In approximately December, 2016, you agreed with the College of Physicians and Surgeons that you would not practise medicine;*
- b) You returned to medical practice in or about November, 2017 after receiving the permission of the College of Physicians and Surgeons to do so;*
- c) You caused or permitted billings to be submitted to Medical Services Branch in the period of February through May of 2017 for Patient Number 1;*
- e) You failed to exercise due diligence to ensure that you billed appropriately for medical services which you claimed to have provided to Patient Number 1.*

Charge 2

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

- a) *On or about May 30, 2017 Medical Services Branch sent correspondence to you asking for information related to your billings to Medical Services Branch;*
- b) *On or about June 2, 2017 Carie Dobrescu of Medical Services Branch sent an email to an email address associated with Queen City Medical Clinic which stated "Attached is the list of services referenced in the May 30, 2017, letter. A paper copy is also being mailed out";*
- c) *On or about June 6, 2017 an email was sent to Carie Dobrescu. The email was purportedly from "Chelsea";*
- f) *On or about June 2, 2017 Carie Dobrescu of Medical Services Branch sent an email to an email address associated with Queen City Medical Clinic asking for details of physicians who provided services and on what dates;*
- i) *On or about June 8, 2017 an email was sent to Carie Dobrescu purportedly from "Chelsea" which stated "Yes, Dr. Velestuk is making the old charts for patients" and "If you want you can email Dr. Rossouw about his locum work, I've copied him in this email";*
- j) *The email of June 8, 2017 was copied to the email address doc.koos@yahoo.com;*
- k) *You sent the email of June 8, 2017;*
- l) *On or about June 8, 2017 Carie Dobrescu sent an email addressed to Dr. Rossouw at the email address doc.koos@yahoo.com;*
- m) *On or about June 8, 2017 an email was sent to Carie Dobrescu responding to the email of June 8, 2017. The email message was purportedly from Dr. Rossouw;*
- n) *The email of June 8, 2017 purportedly from Dr. Rossouw stated:*
 - "Yes, I can confirm that I did work at his office during that period. As for the dates, you'll have to give me some time to get back to you. I worked many days, and in addition, did a lot of fax refills for his patients on days that I was and wasn't there. They would have one of the receptionists bring them to me at my house on off days so they wouldn't pile up";*
- o) *You sent the email of June 8, 2017 purportedly from Dr. Rossouw;*
- p) *On or about June 8, 2017 a second email was sent to Carie Dobrescu purportedly from Dr. Rossouw;*
- q) *The second email purportedly from Dr. Rossouw stated:*
 - "I did not bill any services under my number. When I started at the office Dr. Velestuk was away, and his staff wasn't sure how to set me up, so I logged in with his name and we just kept it that way. Is something the matter?";*
- r) *You sent the second email of June 8, 2017 purportedly from Dr. Rossouw;*

Charge 3

Pursuant to section 47.5 and/or 47.6 of *The Medical Profession Act, 1981*, the Council directs the discipline committee to hear the following charges of unbecoming, improper, unprofessional or discreditable conduct:

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S.S.1980-81 c. M-10.1 and bylaw 8.1(b)(iii) of the bylaws of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan.

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

- a) In approximately December, 2016, you agreed with the College of Physicians and Surgeons that you would not practise medicine;
- b) You returned to medical practice in or about November, 2017 after receiving the permission of the College of Physicians and Surgeons to do so;
- c) You caused or permitted billings to be submitted to Medical Services Branch for the period of December, 2016 through May of 2017;
- d) Your billings included billings for services that were not rendered;

Charge 4

Pursuant to section 47.5 of *The Medical Profession Act, 1981*, the Council directs the discipline committee to hear the following charges of unbecoming, improper, unprofessional or discreditable conduct:

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

- a) You treated a patient identified in this charge by the initials L.B.;
- b) You failed to meet the standards of the profession in relation to maintaining medical records for L.B.;
- c) You failed to meet the requirements of bylaw 23.1 in relation to medical records for L.B.;
- d) You provided L.B. with injections but failed to record what had been injected in your medical records;
- l) You failed to maintain the standards of the profession by failing to record in your medical records action to be taken to address concerns about stolen prescriptions, a urine drug screen which showed non-prescribed drugs and sale of prescribed medications;

Charge 5

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

- a) You treated a patient identified in this charge by the initials L.R.;

- b) *You failed to meet the standards of the profession in relation to maintaining medical records for L.R.;*
- c) *You failed to meet the requirements of bylaw 23.1 in relation to medical records for L.R.;*
- d) *You provided L.R. with injections but failed to record what had been injected in your medical records;*
- e) *Your medical records for L.R. recorded occasions when L.R. was to receive injections but your medical records do not record whether injections were, or were not, provided;*
- f) *You provided L.R. with injections but failed to record the location(s) of the injections in your medical records.*

Charge 6

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

- a) *You treated a patient identified in this charge by the initials L.G.*
- b) *You dispensed ketamine to L.G. but did not record that medication in the EMR medication section;*
- c) *You provided L.G. with injections but failed to record what had been injected in your medical records;*
- d) *You provided L.G. with injections but failed to record the location(s) of the injections in your medical records.*

Charge 7

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

- a) *You treated a patient identified in this charge by the initials N.K.;*
- g) *You provided N.K. with injections but failed to record what had been injected in your medical records;*
- h) *You provided N.K. with injections but failed to record the location(s) of the injections in your medical records.*

Charge 8

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

- a) You treated a patient identified in this charge by the initials K.T.
- b) On or about November 14, 2017 you injected a substance or substances into K.T.;
- c) Shortly after receiving the injection K.T. had a reaction to the injected substance or substances;
- d) You attended K.T. when he was in his car;
- e) K.T. was taken to hospital;
- g) You discharged K.T. as your patient;
- h) You failed to meet the requirements of the Code of Ethics in discharging K.T. as a patient;
- i) You failed to meet the expectations contained in the College of Physicians and Surgeons Guideline Patient-Physician Relationships in discharging K.T. as a patient;
- j) You did not provide K.T. with an explanation for discharging him from your practice.

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

- a) You signed an undertaking dated May 1, 2013 to cease medical practice and not to return to the practice of medicine until you received the approval of the College of Physicians and Surgeons to do so;
- b) You signed an Agreement dated June 18, 2013 with the Physician Health Program. Among the terms of that Agreement were that you agreed to the following:
 - Abstain from using any opiates, benzodiazepines, other controlled substances and/or any other prescription drugs except those specifically prescribed for me by my family physician or specialist. If prescribed, I will inform Ms. Senger immediately.
 - Provide anonymous random body fluid samples upon request (up to 5 times/month) for a period of three years.
- c) After you signed the Agreement with the Physician Health Program, the College of Physicians and Surgeons approved you to return to practise;
- d) On November 21, 2014 the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons imposed a penalty on you which contained the following term:

Pursuant to section 54(1)(g), Dr. Jordan Alexander Velestuk is hereby required to participate in Physician Support Program of the Saskatchewan Medical Association, to participate in a program of random fluid screening through the Physician Support Program and to follow the recommendations of the program. That requirement will continue indefinitely unless the Council relieves Dr. Velestuk of the requirement;

- e) *In the period of April 2014 through June, 2016 you provided a series of urine samples to physicians to be analyzed for drugs;*
- f) *With the exemption of one sample which was positive for Pseudoephedrine and one sample that was positive for Diphenhydramine, all samples were negative for tested medications;*
- g) *On one or more occasions you provided urine to be tested that which you did not produce on the date of testing.*

Charge 10

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

- a) *In connection with your practice in Regina, Saskatchewan you prescribed prescription review medications which were stated to be for "office use" or contained a reference to similar effect;*
- b) *Some or all of the prescription review medications referenced in paragraph a) were not prescribed for a medical or therapeutic purpose;*
- c) *Some or all of the prescription review medications referenced in paragraph a) were used by you.*