



Dr. Robert STEFFEN

Charges

Date Charge(s) Laid:	June 8, 2024
Charge(s) Amended:	N/A
Penalty Hearing:	Completed
Charge(s):	Unprofessional Conduct Prescribing, Improper Dishonesty
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 charges against Dr. Robert Steffen:

Charge 1

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.

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

- a) On or about February 3rd, 2019 you struck a nine-year old child in the face for disobeying a direction.

Charge 2

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, the particulars of which are that between approximately 2019 and 2023 you inappropriately prescribed yourself medication on one or more occasions.

Charge 3

You Dr. Robert Steffen 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; and/or the expectation of honesty included in the Code of Ethics contained in bylaw 7.1; and/or paragraphs (f) and/or (g) under

Accountability in the Code of Conduct contained within bylaw 7.2 of the bylaws of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, by providing false and/or misleading information to the College.

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

- a) You were the subject of a complaint to the College of Physicians and Surgeons in which it was alleged that you had self-prescribed medication.
- b) You were notified of the complaint and provided an opportunity to respond to the complaint.
- c) On or about July 21, 2023, you responded to the College by letter. That letter was false and/or misleading as to one or more of:
 - i. the number of times you had self-prescribed medication;
 - ii. The types and/or number of medications you had self-prescribed;
 - iii. The reasons for and/or circumstances in which you had self-prescribed medication.