



## Dr. Svitlana CHESHENCHUK (ZIARKO)

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### Council Decision

<b>Date Charge(s) Laid:</b>	September 30, 2017
<b>Outcome Date:</b>	January 19, 2018
<b>Hearing:</b>	Not required
<b>Disposition:</b>	Reprimand, Suspension, Ethics Course, Record-Keeping Course, Costs

The Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons imposes the following penalty on Dr. Svitlana CHESHENCHUK pursuant to **The Medical Profession Act, 1981**:

- 1) Pursuant to Section 54(1)(e) of *The Medical Profession Act, 1981*, the Council hereby reprimands Dr. Cheshenchuk. The format of that reprimand will be determined by the Council;
- 2) Pursuant to Section 54(1)(b) of *The Medical Profession Act, 1981*, the Council hereby suspends Dr. Cheshenchuk for a period of one month, effective immediately;
- 3) Pursuant to section 54(1)(g) of *The Medical Profession Act, 1981*, Council requires that Dr. Cheshenchuk successfully complete an ethics course on professionalism to the satisfaction of the Registrar. Such course shall be completed at the first available date. The programs "Medical Ethics, Boundaries and Professionalism" by Case Western Reserve University, "Probe Program" by CPEP and "Medical Ethics and Professionalism" by Professional Boundaries Inc., are ethics programs acceptable to the Registrar.
- 4) Pursuant to section 54(1)(g) of *The Medical Profession Act, 1981*, Council requires that Dr. Cheshenchuk successfully complete a record-keeping course to the satisfaction of the Registrar. Such course shall be completed at the first available date. The programs Medical Record Keeping by the University of Toronto and Medical Record Keeping for Physicians by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia are record-keeping courses acceptable to the Registrar.
- 5) Pursuant to section 54(1)(i) of *The Medical Profession Act, 1981*, the Council directs Dr. Cheshenchuk to pay the costs of and incidental to the investigation and hearing in the amount of \$7484.61. Such payment shall be made in full by April 19, 2018.

- 6) Pursuant to section 54(2) of *The Medical Profession Act, 1981*, if Dr. Cheshenchuk should fail to pay the costs as required by paragraph 5, Dr. Cheshenchuk's licence shall be suspended until the costs are paid in full.
- 7) The Council reserves to itself the right to reconsider and amend the time within which payment of costs must be made set out in paragraph 5 and the right to reconsider and amend the requirements of the retraining or education set out in paragraphs 3 and 4. Such reconsideration shall only be done if requested by Dr. Cheshenchuk.



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REGISTRAR  
KAREN SHAW, M.D.

19 March, 2018

Dr. S. Cheshenchuk

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Dear Dr. Cheshenchuk,

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2018, Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan accepted your admission of guilt to charges of professional misconduct. Following deliberation, penalty was determined based on the joint recommendation presented by your counsel and the counsel for the College. One component of that penalty was an official reprimand by the Council. It was the will of Council that you be reprimanded.

*You, Dr. Svitlana Cheshenchuk, having been found guilty of professional misconduct while practising medicine in the province of Saskatchewan are hereby reprimanded by the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan.*

Council does not accept your explanation for modifying your patient’s chart. Honesty and integrity must be demonstrated by physicians at all times, as it is crucial to public trust and the high esteem physicians are held to by the general public. You, Dr. Cheshenchuk modified your medical record eight times over a period of eight months when your patient died shortly after leaving your office. Modification of a chart after seeing a patient is acceptable, but it must be done in such a manner that the original entry is still very apparent. The reason for the modification must also be present on the chart as per the CMPA website. You did not follow any of these recommendations in your chart documentation.

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Confounding this, when asked by the College to submit your medical records, you lied about modifying the records and only after you were asked for the full record with any changes was it apparent that you had concealed these changes.

When medical records are changed in a poorly documented manner after an adverse event, there is significant suspicion that the interaction may not have been as documented. In this instance the patient is no longer alive to give their side of the encounter. Critically analyze your care of this patient as it has been our experience that when we have an adverse clinical event, there may be things that can be learned or refreshed that may improve the care given to future patients. We expect you to take this opportunity to address these issues.

Sincerely,

Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan