



CDSBC Statement on Dr. Rishiraj Penalty Decision

22 October 2015

The Discipline Committee Panel hearing the Dr. Bobby Rishiraj case has released its penalty decision. This case primarily centred on a young woman who went into cardiac arrest while in Dr. Rishiraj's care, and who subsequently suffered a severe brain injury.

The Panel made [several findings against Dr. Rishiraj earlier in 2015](#); the penalty decision is the final stage in the discipline process.

The penalty includes:

- A reprimand;
- Suspension from practice for three months (effective 21 October 2015);
- Payment of a fine of \$50,000 and payment of costs of \$50,891.30;
- Successful completion of a multi-day ethics course;
- For a period of five years after the suspension is lifted:
 - he may only provide moderate sedation using only one drug of the benzodiazepine class, and
 - CDSBC may monitor and inspect his practice at any time without notice.

The full decision is available on the College's website at <https://cdsbc.org/Documents/Rishiraj-Penalty-Decision.pdf>.

This has been a tragic case for everyone involved. CDSBC's primary concern is that the public is being protected, and that everything possible is being done to prevent something like this from happening again. That mandate has been met.

Our thoughts remain with this young woman and her family. They have been through a terrible ordeal and have shown incredible courage throughout the process.

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