



Patients in Ontario Demand to be Heard Before Regulators Invade Their Privacy

Attend the OPSDT Hearing 10am on April 9, 2024

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After two years of opposing the patients of an Ontario physician from speaking in the Courts, the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) seeks to deny them once again. Ironically, the CPSO is silencing patients while claiming to speak for them, and destroying the doctor-patient relationship of trust, while claiming to protect them in a power grab over personal health information.

On Tuesday, April 9, at a motion hearing, Ms. Peel and another patient will speak on behalf of a group of Dr. Kustka's patients. They will ask the Tribunal to have a say on whether Dr. Kustka was being "non cooperative" or whether she was just protecting their privacy by not disclosing their personal information to the CPSO without their consent.

In 2021, the CPSO opened an investigation into Dr. Kustka's medical practice based on a racially prejudiced complaint to the Registrar by a non-patient. Ms. Peel deeply respects her doctor for not violating the law and explains, "My doctor complied with the CPSO investigation in accordance with the existing laws, while also legally contesting the validity of the investigation in court." She fulfilled her ethical duty to her patients by respecting our request to release only redacted records to the investigators. At tremendous personal risk, she has stoically endured untold stress and financial hardship defending the rights of her patients to the privacy of their personal information.

In April 2023, the Divisional Court of Ontario dismissed Dr. Kustka's judicial review as premature and the Ontario Court of Appeal refused to hear the appeal. "The CPSO exists to protect the public. We are the public," said Ms. Peel, "and we deserve to have our voices heard."

Patients are asking members of the public to attend the hearing via Zoom because medical privacy impacts everyone in Ontario.

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