

**PHYSICIAN SEXUAL BOUNDARY VIOLATIONS:
EFFECTIVE AND PROACTIVE REGULATION FOR PUBLIC PROTECTION**

**Federation of Medical Regulatory Authorities of Canada
Annual Educational Conference
The Westin Resort & Spa, Whistler, British Columbia
9-10 June 2019**

PROGRAM

Overall Conference Objectives:

At the end of the conference, participants will be able to explain:

- 1. what constitutes a sexual boundary violation in the context of the patient-physician relationship;*
- 2. various legislative and regulatory tools, procedures and interventions to address allegations and findings of physician sexual boundary violations; and*
- 3. the proactive, evidence-based approaches used by medical regulatory authorities and educators to prevent and address such violations.*

SUNDAY, 9 JUNE 2019

07h30-08h30 Breakfast – Emerald C Ballroom

Emerald A-B Ballroom

08h30-08h40 **WELCOME REMARKS**
Dr. Linda Inkpen, President, Federation of Medical Regulatory Authorities of Canada (FMRAC) and 2019 Conference Chair

08h40-09h20 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
Dr. Patricia King, Federation of State Medical Boards
09h20-09h30: Q & A

**Session I – Defining the Issues
Session Chair – Dr. Heidi Oetter**

Session Objectives:

At the end of this session, participants will be able to explain:

- 1. the spectrum of sexual boundary violations including the extent of this issue; and*
- 2. risk factors for physician misconduct and recidivism, and the role of assessment team.*

09h30-09h35 **Remarks by Dr. Heidi Oetter, Session Chair**

09h35-10h15 **Risk Factors, Assessments and Recidivism**
Dr. Gabrielle Hobday, Alliance Assessment Center, Texas
10h15-10h30: Q&A

10h30-10h50 Break

- 10h50-11h30 **What is the Extent of the Problem?**
 Dr. Hartley Stern, Canadian Medical Protective Association
11h30-11h50: Q&A
- 11h50-12h00 **Remarks from Dr. Heidi Oetter, Session Chair, and Adjournment of Session I**
- 12h00-13h15 Lunch - Emerald C Ballroom

Session II – Regulatory and Legislative Tools
Session Chair – Dr. Linda Inkpen

Session Objectives:

At the end of this session, participants will be able to explain:

- 1. national and international medical regulatory authority approaches to investigations and hearings; and*
- 2. the role of the Faculties of Medicine in selecting medical students and teaching professional boundaries to learners, and their interface with medical regulatory authorities when required.*

- 13h15-13h20 **Remarks by Dr. Linda Inkpen, Session Chair**
- 13h20-14h45 **Canadian and International Regulatory Approaches to Investigations and Hearings**
- 13h20-13h50: Highlights from a Survey of Canadian Medical Regulatory Authorities, Dr. Scott McLeod, 2019 FMRAC Program Planning Committee Member
 - 13h50-14h00: Ms. Aleyna Hall, Medical Council of New Zealand
 - 14h00-14h10: Dr. Kgosi Letlape, Health Professions Council of South Africa
 - 14h10-14h20: Ms. Christine Gee, Medical Board of Australia
 - 14h20-14h30: Dr. Scott Steingard, Federation of State Medical Boards
- 14h30-14h45: Q&A*
- 14h45-15h05 Break
- 15h05-15h30 **A Regulatory Response to Sexual Misconduct – Findings from an Independent Review in Nova Scotia**
 Ms. Nasha Nijhawan, on behalf of the Canadian Centre for Legal Innovation in Sexual Assault Response
15h30-15h40: Q&A
- 15h40-16h15 **Selecting Medical Students and Teaching Boundaries to Learners – The Role of Faculties of Medicine and their Interface with Regulators**
 Dr. M. Janette McMillan and Dr. Bruce Fleming, University of British Columbia
16h15-16h25: Q&A
- 16h25-16h30 **Remarks from Dr. Linda Inkpen, Session Chair, and Adjournment of Session II**

MONDAY, 10 JUNE 2019

Session III – Lessons Learned and The Way Forward

Session Chair – Dr. Scott McLeod

Session Objectives:

At the end of this session, participants will be able to explain:

- 1. the differences between the various legislative frameworks across Canada and how several medical regulatory authorities have adapted to them;*
- 2. new or updated medical regulatory authority approaches; and*
- 3. considerations for the emerging role of medical regulatory authorities in protecting and serving the public.*

Emerald A-B Ballroom

08h30-08h35	Remarks by Dr. Scott McLeod, Session Chair
08h35-08h50	A Comparative Analysis of Legislative Frameworks Across Canada Mr. Bryan Salte, 2019 FMRAC Program Planning Committee Member <i>08h50-09h00: Q & A</i>
09h00-09h30	Adapting to New Legislative Frameworks: The Experiences of and Lessons Learned from the Medical Regulatory Authorities in Alberta and Ontario <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Karen Mazurek, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta • Ms. Amy Block, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario <i>09h30-09h40: Q&A</i>
09h40-10h30	New or Updated Medical Regulatory Authority Approaches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 09h40-09h50: Understanding the Components for an Effective Professional Assessment, Dr. Gabrielle Hobday, Alliance Assessment Center • 09h50-10h00: Patient/Victim Support, Ms. Pam Greenberg, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario • 10h00-10h10: Training Chaperones, Ms. Leanne Minckler, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta • 10h10-10h20: Alternatives to Chaperones, Ms. Christine Gee, Medical Board of Australia • 10h20-10h30: Compliance Monitoring Post-Discipline, Mr. Graeme Keirstead, College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia <i>10h30-10h45: Q&A</i>
10h45-11h00	Break
11h00-11h30	Patient Expectations in Physician Encounters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Heidi Oetter, College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia • Ms. Shirley Ross, Public Member, College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia • Dr. Todd Watkins, Canadian Medical Protective Association <i>11h30-11h40: Q&A</i>
11h40-11h50	Reflections and The Way Forward for Medical Regulators Dr. Patricia King, Federation of State Medical Boards
11h50-12h00	CLOSING CONFERENCE REMARKS & ADJOURNMENT DR. LINDA INKPEN

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