

THE COLLEGE OF PHYSIOTHERAPISTS OF ONTARIO

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COLLEGE OF PHYSIOTHERAPISTS OF ONTARIO

- and -

ANTOINE DAHER, Registration Number 22471

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee of the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario has referred specified allegations against Antoine Daher to the Discipline Committee of the College. The allegations were referred in accordance with paragraph 26(1)1 of the *Health Professions Procedural Code*. The statement of allegations is attached to this notice of hearing. A discipline panel will hold a hearing under the authority of sections 38 to 56 of the *Health Professions Procedural Code*, as amended, for the purposes of deciding whether the allegations are true. A **pre-hearing conference** may be held at a date and time to be fixed by the Registrar. A discipline panel will subsequently convene for the purposes of conducting the **hearing**.

IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND AT THE HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH, THE DISCIPLINE PANEL MAY PROCEED IN YOUR ABSENCE AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY FURTHER NOTICE IN THE PROCEEDINGS.

If the discipline panel finds that you have engaged in professional misconduct, it may make one or more of the following orders:

1. Direct the Registrar to revoke the member's certificate of registration.

2. Direct the Registrar to suspend the member's certificate of registration for a specified period of time.
3. Direct the Registrar to impose specified terms, conditions and limitations on the member's certificate of registration for a specified or indefinite period of time.
4. Require the member to appear before the panel to be reprimanded.
5. Require the member to pay a fine of not more than \$35,000 to the Minister of Finance.

The discipline panel may, in an appropriate case, make an order requiring you to pay all or part of the College's costs and expenses pursuant to section 53.1 of the *Health Professions Procedural Code*.

You are entitled to disclosure of the evidence against you in accordance with section 42(1) of the *Health Professions Procedural Code*, as amended. You, or your representative, may contact the solicitor for the College, Joanna Birenbaum, in this matter at:

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You must also make disclosure in accordance with section 42.1 of the *Health Professions Procedural Code*, which states as follows:

Evidence of an expert led by a person other than the College is not admissible unless the person gives the College, at least ten days before the hearing, the identity of the expert and a copy of the expert's written report or, if there is no written report, a written summary of the evidence.

Date: October 2, 2025



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Statement of Allegations

1. At all material times Antoine Daher (the “Registrant”) was a registrant of the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario holding an Independent Practice certificate of registration and was practicing at Pro Physio & Sports Medicine Centers in Navan, Ontario.
2. In the period March 1, 2025 to April 30, 2025, the Registrant engaged in professional misconduct within the meaning of the following paragraphs of section 1 of the *Professional Misconduct Regulation*, O. Reg. 388/08:
 - a. paragraph 1 (failing to maintain the standards of practice of the profession);
 - b. paragraph 10 (sexual abuse of a patient); and
 - c. paragraph 18 (engaging in conduct or performing an act relevant to the practice of the profession that, having regard to all the circumstances, would reasonably be regarded by members as disgraceful, dishonourable or unprofessional)
3. In or about March 1, 2025 to April 30, 2025, the Registrant committed an act or acts of professional misconduct under ss. 1(3), 1(4) and s.51(1)(b.1) of the Health Professions Procedural Code, which is Schedule 2 to the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*, S.O. 1991, c.18 (the “Code”), in that he engaged in sexual abuse of a patient by making sexual comments to Patient A, kissing Patient A’s cheek and forehead, hugging Patient A, putting his mouth on Patient A’s hand and putting his mouth on Patient B’s lower leg.

PARTICULARS OF THE ALLEGATIONS

1. At all material times Antoine Daher (the “Registrant”) was a registrant of the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario holding an Independent Practice certificate of registration, and was practicing at Pro Physio & Sports Medicine Centers (the “Clinic”) in Navan, Ontario.
2. In or about April 22, 2025 and April 25, 2025, Patient A attended at the Clinic and was treated by the Registrant for injuries arising from a motor vehicle accident.
3. In the appointment with Patient A on April 22, 2025, the Registrant:
 - a. Hugged Patient A;
 - b. Kissed Patient A on the cheek; and
 - c. Made comments to Patient A that were sexual in nature.
4. In the appointment with Patient A on April 25, 2025, the Registrant:
 - a. Repeatedly hugged Patient A;
 - b. Kissed Patient A on the forehead and cheek;
 - c. Put Patient A’s hand in the Registrant’s mouth;
 - d. Made comments to Patient A that were sexual in nature.
5. The touching and comments set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 above were not clinically indicated, were sexual in nature, were unwelcome to Patient A, and were experienced by Patient A as a violation of Patient A’s sexual integrity.
6. In addition, in the April 25, 2025 appointment with Patient A, the Registrant engaged in professional misconduct when the Registrant put his hand under the waistband of Patient A’s shorts and touched the skin of her left buttock for the purposes of treatment without informed consent.

7. In or about the period of March 4 – March 24, 2025, Patient B attended four appointments with the Registrant at the Clinic, for treatment of injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident. In the course of these appointments, the Registrant:
 - a. Unclassed Patient B's bra for the purposes of treatment, while Patient B was lying prone on the treatment table;
 - b. Lowered and/or had Patient B lower her shorts in the course of treating Patient B's lower back, partly exposing her buttocks without informed consent;
 - c. Put the Registrant's mouth on Patient B's lower leg; and
 - d. Lifted Patient B's shirt to treat Patient B's shoulder without Patient B's informed consent.
8. The touching set out in paragraphs 7(a) and (b) were not clinically indicated, were sexual in nature, were unwelcome to Patient B, and were experienced by Patient B as a violation of Patient B's sexual integrity.
9. In respect of the conduct set out in paragraphs 3, 5, 6 and 7 above, the Registrant failed to respect Patient A and Patient B's personal boundaries, fell below the standards of practice of the profession with respect to physiotherapists maintaining professional boundaries, failed to maintain the standards of practice in respect of informed consent, communication with patients, and patient-centered care, and otherwise engaged in conduct that, having regard to all the circumstances, would reasonably be regarded by members of the profession as disgraceful, dishonourable and/or unprofessional.

APPENDIX

1. Take notice that the documents that have been and will later be disclosed to you will be tendered as business documents pursuant to the *Evidence Act* of Ontario.
2. All documents that are disclosed to you in this matter are disclosed on the basis that they are to be used solely for the purpose of this proceeding and for no other purpose.