

EXTRACT OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2002

53g Dr. E. D. Korchinski, accompanied by his legal counsel Mr. Neil Gabrielson was present at Council on Thursday, February 14, 2002 (the day prior to the regularly scheduled Council meeting) to speak to penalty following his guilty plea to a charge of unprofessional conduct. Mr. B. Salte, College legal counsel, was also present at this time. The penalty hearing was conducted in open session and Ms. L.W., the former patient of Dr. Korchinski, was present.

54g Mr. Salte pointed out that during the time in question, Dr. Korchinski had a doctor-patient relationship with L.W. Dr. Korchinski has admitted that he acted inappropriately towards this patient.

55g Mr. Salte reported that Dr. Korchinski subsequently withdrew from practice, admitting he was [INFORMATION DELETED] during the time of the incident. .

56g Mr. Salte stated he felt this incident did not warrant suspension, but that perhaps Dr. Korchinski might be issued a "suspended" suspension. He pointed out that because Dr. Korchinski pled guilty to the charge there were no costs associated with the case.

57g Mr. Gabrielson stated that Dr. Korchinski is very remorseful for having to appear before Council and that he has pled guilty to the charge of unprofessional conduct. Dr. Korchinski's illness clouded his judgment. A monitoring system has been put into place which hopefully will prevent the recurrence of any future such action on his part.

58g Mr. Gabrielson stated there are various boundary violations, but pointed out that in Dr. Korchinski's case it was only verbal boundary breach. He cautioned Council to remember that any penalty it imposes must fit the crime and recommended Dr. Korchinski be issued a reprimand.

59g Dr. Korchinski expressed his remorse to Council for having acted in the manner he did and said he now understands his responsibilities and obligations. He indicated he has a very strong encounter group to help him get through any similar problems in the future.

MOTION

Pursuant to Section 54(e) of **The Medical Profession Act, 1981**, a formal written reprimand be issued to Dr. E. D. Korchinski in respect to his admitted unprofessional conduct involving a boundary violation in his relationship with his patient L. W.