

Nova Scotia Regulator of Paramedicine

Consent Reprimand

MACDONALD, MELISSA

Digby, NS

NSRoP Registration Number: 13497

On May 30, 2024, the Investigation Committee of the College of Paramedics of Nova Scotia (CPNS) ordered, pursuant to section 67(6)(a)(i) of the *Paramedics Regulations*, and with the consent of Ms. MacDonald, that she receive a reprimand for: failing to follow appropriate procedure with respect to non-transport, failing to assess properly, and failing to document accurately.

Ms. MacDonald acknowledged that she was involved in a request for service that did not follow appropriate operational guidelines, which led to a patient being released from care in front of a hospital. Ms. MacDonald's documentation of the call inaccurately suggested that the patient had not been transported. The Committee was also concerned that the patient's assessment was inappropriate based on the reported symptoms and that there was no clinical consult which was mandatory under the circumstances. Based on the available information, the Committee was satisfied that Ms. MacDonald breached the *Code of Ethics* and the *Standards of Practice* related to, *inter alia*, acting in a manner that ensures the patient's safety, maintaining professional accountability for actions in practice, being accountable for patient care including assessment, establishing and continuously developing critical and clinical judgment, and maintaining accurate and complete documentation.

The Committee determined that under these circumstances, Ms. MacDonald's breach of the *Code of Ethics* and *Standards of Practice* was unprofessional, and that pursuant to s. 67(4)(g) of the *Regulations*, there is sufficient evidence that, if proven, would constitute professional misconduct. The Committee therefore determined that a reprimand was the appropriate outcome in this situation.

On August 21, 2024, Ms. MacDonald consented to the reprimand.