

Notice of Voluntary Surrender

CRNM Member

Allegation

The member inappropriately restrained a patient.

Findings

The investigation revealed the following:

- The member responded to the patient with an agitated and loud voice.
- The member placed the patient in a broda chair, attempted to administer a benzodiazepine, followed by administration of intramuscular antipsychotic.
- The member denied any wrongdoing during the hospital investigation however he acknowledged in his response to the College that he should have done things differently.
- The investigation revealed that the member neglected to take the needed measures to ensure his fitness to practise due to his stress related issues. The member further advised that in the last few years this unit had evolved and staff came to care for many patients with behavioural issues and that he “was in denial of my inability to continue nursing due to the stress overwhelming me.”

Decision

The investigation committee accepted a voluntary surrender from the member and requested that the member pay costs of \$500. The voluntary surrender remains in effect until the investigation committee is satisfied that the conduct that was the subject of the investigation has been resolved, at which time the investigation committee may impose conditions on the member’s entitlement to practise registered nursing.

The investigation committee directed that the member complete a fitness to practice assessment by a CRNM approved psychiatrist or psychologist that indicates that the member is safe to return to practice to the satisfaction of the investigation committee before the member’s registration may be reinstated. The member will also complete the Righting the Wrong course via the National Council for State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) prior to reinstatement.

The investigation committee is publishing this decision to provide general deterrence and educate the public that this behaviour is viewed as a serious violation of the *Standards of Practice for Registered Nurses*.

The investigation committee will publish the voluntary surrender with no name and no registration number.