

## Summary

The Professional Conduct Committee of the College of Respiratory Therapists met on June 3, 2014 to review a Request for Consent Revocation from Cory MacDonnell. The Request for Consent Revocation was advanced pursuant to Section 35 of the *Respiratory Therapists Act*.

The following allegations arose from a complaint against Mr. MacDonnell that was investigated by the College:

**Allegation I.** While employed as a respiratory therapist at a hospital in Nova Scotia, Cory MacDonnell was incapacitated.

**Allegation II.** While employed as a respiratory therapist at a hospital in Nova Scotia, Cory MacDonnell demonstrated professional misconduct when:

- (i) Between December, 2011 and March, 2012, he made inappropriate comments to hospital staff and patients;
- (ii) Between December, 2011 and 2 March, 2012, he was often difficult to locate within the hospital and slow to respond when paged.

**Allegation III.** While employed as a respiratory therapist at a hospital in Nova Scotia, Cory MacDonnell demonstrated incompetence when:

- (i) Between December, 2011 and March, 2012, he did not perform intubation, arterial lines and NRP procedures competently and/or consistently;
- (ii) Between December, 2011 and March, 2012, he required supplementary supervision and/or guidance while treating patients; and
- (iii) Between December, 2011 and March, 2012, he required excessive assistance while treating patients.

Mr. MacDonnell was directed by the Complaints Committee of the College to undergo a Competence Assessment. The results of this Competence Assessment were favourable to Mr. MacDonnell.

Mr. MacDonnell did not contest the allegations advanced by the Complaints Committee. He requested and agreed to the revocation of his licence.

The Professional Conduct Committee accepted Mr. MacDonnell's request and revoked his license to practice respiratory therapy. The Committee unanimously agreed that the revocation serves and protects the public interest and preserves the integrity of the respiratory therapy

profession.

The Committee indicated that Mr. MacDonnell may be permitted to apply for reinstatement of his licence following a period of at least two years from the date of the Professional Conduct Committee's Decision. Should he wish to apply for the reinstatement of his licence at that time, he will need to demonstrate to the College's Reinstatement Committee that appropriate remediation has occurred and that it is in the public interest to reinstate his licence. The burden will be on Mr. Donnell to meet the requirements for reinstatement and the other requirements for licensing that are in effect at the relevant time.