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Competent Care & Ethical Practice

NOTICE OF REPRIMAND

**Dr. Robert Cooper Registration # 12476
Pictou, Nova Scotia**

On September 12, 2005, Investigation Committee “A” issued a *reprimand* to Dr. Robert Cooper of Pictou, Nova Scotia.

The Committee was concerned that during an Emergency Room visit Dr. Cooper failed to:

1. conduct an adequate history of the patient’s complaint to allow him to establish perineal numbness, changes in bladder control, and increasing left-leg pain and paresthesiae;
2. conduct an adequate physical examination to allow him to elicit saddle anesthesia, reflex changes, and long tract neurological signs;
3. consider and rule out cauda equina syndrome; or
4. arrange emergent neurosurgical consultation.

In addition, the Committee had concerns about the content, completeness, and legibility of the portion of the medical record, for which Dr. Cooper was responsible.

This reprimand constitutes a finding of professional misconduct\professional incompetence that will be entered on Dr. Cooper’s formal discipline record.