



## Summary of December 16, 2010 Settlement Agreement

### Dr. Stephen Harley

On December 16, 2010, a Hearing Committee of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia (the "College") accepted a Settlement Agreement advanced by the College and recommended by Investigation Committee "C" of the College pursuant to Section 57 of the *Medical Act*.

The Settlement Agreement deals with breaches by Dr. Harley of the terms of an earlier Settlement Agreement with the College, dated December 19, 2008. Dr. Harley admits to three allegations set out in the Notice of Hearing. The allegations are as follows:

1. He obtained the narcotics Dilaudid and Hydromorph Contin through non-prescription means for his own use, during the week of October 5-13, 2009.
2. He failed to provide a urine sample when requested to do so on or about October 14, 2009.
3. He attempted to circumvent the random monitoring process outlined in the 2008 settlement agreement.

Dr. Harley has not practiced medicine since October 14, 2009.

The Hearing Committee accepted the disposition proposed by the College and Dr. Harley, as a result of which a six-month suspension was imposed on Dr. Harley's medical license. This suspension has been served. Upon his return to practice, Dr. Harley will be subject to conditions and restrictions. In particular, Dr. Harley is permanently prohibited from prescribing narcotics and other controlled substances.

The Settlement Agreement provides that a breach of any aspect of the Settlement Agreement may be referred as a complaint to the College for further action.

Dr. Harley has been ordered to pay the sum of \$8,500 toward the College's costs in dealing with this matter.