



Discipline Case Summary – July 2, 2013

Breach of privacy/confidentiality – “professional misconduct”

Member: Jane McHattie

Jane McHattie accessed electronic patient records that she had no clinical reason to access. The employer terminated her employment and reported the matter to SCPT as a complaint.

Ms. McHattie indicated that she knew that browsing records was improper and that she wasn't sure why she had done it. She took full responsibility for her actions and is now very aware that this conduct constitutes a breach of confidentiality.

The complainant refused to consent to an agreement that would permit the matter to be resolved without a formal hearing, so a discipline hearing was required and proceeded on agreed facts and a joint submission as to penalty.

The Discipline Committee accepted the terms of the order presented pursuant to the joint submission, and made an order imposing a three-month licence suspension and a one-year probation. As Ms. McHattie had cooperated with the discipline process throughout, there was no order as to costs.