

## DECISION #3

**Dr. David Milne**  
**80 Hunter St East**  
**Peterborough, Ontario**

### ALLEGATIONS OF PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT

- Contravened a standard of practice or failed to maintain the standards of practice of the profession (para. 1).
- Prescribed, dispensed or sold a drug for an improper purpose or otherwise used improperly the authority to prescribe, dispense or sell drugs (para. 10).
- Disgraceful, dishonourable, unprofessional or unethical conduct (para. 59).

### BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

- Member admitted he improperly prescribed extremely large amounts of narcotic drugs to two patients, with little or no indication, on a frequent basis.
- One patient was prescribed more than 2,000 tablets of narcotics over a 10-month period and the second patient was prescribed more than 16,000 tablets of narcotics in less than 15 months.
- Member continued to prescribe narcotics to the second patient after member was made aware of College investigation and that the patient was a suspected drug trafficker.

### DECISION

#### 1. Finding

The member pleaded guilty and was found guilty of professional misconduct with respect to the above allegations.

#### 2. Penalty

- Reprimand.
- Certificate of registration revoked [effective December 26, 2003].

#### 3. Publication

- Pursuant to the legislation, publication of this matter includes the member's name and address.

#### 4. Panel's Reasoning

- Penalty a joint submission reached as a result of a pre-hearing conference.
- Penalty is fair to member, considering his grievous misconduct and it protects the public interest.
- Penalty is sufficiently severe to deter members from disregarding College's role in governance of the profession and provide public with confidence that the College is acting responsibly and that self-governance of the profession is working.