

DISCIPLINE CASE SUMMARY

December 8, 2015

Andrea Dodge, P.T. No. 1749

PCC FILE 2014.3

Failure to make reasonable efforts to obtain supplementary patient information

During the course of the Member providing treatment to her patient, MP, in relation to a Workers' Compensation claim between December 3, 2013 and January 31, 2014, MP told the member that he had completed an MRI in March of 2012 and received a neurosurgical consultation report dated July 25, 2012.

The Member did not take any steps to obtain a copy of the MRI or the neurosurgical report as part of MP's history.

The Member acknowledged that, notwithstanding the fact that treatment of MP was provided on the basis of his clinical presentation and that she determined that a review of the MRI was not necessary, she should have made reasonable attempts to obtain this information after MP drew the information to her attention.

The Discipline Committee concluded that the Member's failure to obtain the supplementary information constituted a breach of paragraph 9 of the SCPT Code of Ethics and paragraph 1(2) of the SCPT Practice Guideline No. 1.

Both the Professional Conduct Committee and the Member were prepared to resolve the matter without a hearing but this was not possible because MP did not consent, which is a requirement of the Act.

The discipline hearing proceeded on an Agreed Statement of Facts and Documents and a Joint Submission on Penalty submitted by the Professional Conduct Committee and the Member. In accordance with the Joint Submission, the Discipline Committee ordered that the Member be reprimanded and that she pay costs in the amount of \$1,000 within 30 days of the date of the Discipline Committee's order. The Member voluntarily provided a letter of apology to MP prior to the discipline hearing.