

DECISION OF THE HEARING COMMITTEE

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

IN THE MATTER OF: The *Pharmacy Act*, R.S.N.S. 2011, c.55 and Regulations
made thereunder

-and-

IN THE MATTER OF: Mr. Wayne Little, Pharmacist, Registrant #2231

In the matter of: A Request for Revocation made by Mr. Wayne Little and consented to by the Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists.

The Hearing Committee met on February 27, 2023, to consider the proposed Request for Revocation from Mr. Wayne Little and consented to by the Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists. The meeting was held via online video conference platform. As a result of the meeting the Committee requested additional information.

The Committee next met on April 20, 2023, to consider the additional joint submissions by Mr. Wayne Little and the Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists. The April 20, 2023 meeting also occurred via online video conference platform.

After careful review of the Request for Revocation, including the consent of the Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists, and the additional information jointly filed by Mr. Little and the Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists, the Hearing Committee hereby accepts the Request for Revocation pursuant to section 77 of the *Registration, Licensing and Professional Accountability Regulations*.



April 21, 2023

Susan Halliday Mahar (Chair), Pharmacist

On behalf of Hearing Committee Members:
Desiree Jones-Matthias, Public Representative
Krista Trider, Pharmacist

Attachment

IN THE MATTER OF:

The *Pharmacy Act*, R.S.N.S. 2011, c. 11

IN THE MATTER OF:

Registrant, Wayne Little, Registrant #2231

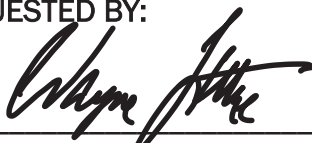
REQUEST FOR REVOCATION

1. I, Wayne Little, hereby request, with the consent of the Registrar, that my registration with the Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists be revoked by the Hearing Committee, pursuant to Regulation 77 of the *Registration, Licensing and Professional Accountability Regulations*, made pursuant to the *Pharmacy Act*, S.N.S. 2011, c. 11 (the “Act”).
2. Pursuant to section 77(1) of the Act, I do not contest the allegations set out in the Notice of Hearing dated January 4, 2023. For clarity, the allegations which I do not contest are:
 - i. That I engaged in professional misconduct as a pharmacist, licensed at all material times to practice pharmacy in the Province of Nova Scotia, by failing to discontinue a diltiazem prescription for Patient X, as directed on a new nadolol prescription dated March 2, 2022, which activity constituted a breach of:
 - sections 31 and 32 of the *Pharmacy Act*; and
 - sections 1.2.1 and 3.2.1 of the *Standards of Practice: General Pharmacy Practice*.
 - ii. That I engaged in professional misconduct as a pharmacist, licensed at all material times to practice pharmacy in the Province of Nova Scotia, by disregarding multiple Level 2 drug interaction warnings and, notwithstanding the warnings, dispensing nadolol to Patient X on March 2, 2022, and May 11, 2022, and diltiazem to Patient X on March 27, 2022, which activity constituted a breach of:
 - sections 31 and 32 of the *Pharmacy Act*;
 - sections 11 and 12 of the *Pharmacy Practice Regulations*; and
 - sections 1.2.1 and 1.4.2 of the *Standards of Practice: General Pharmacy Practice*.
 - iii. That I engaged in professional misconduct as a pharmacist, licensed at all material times to practice pharmacy in the Province of Nova Scotia, by failing to address the interaction of medications being dispensed to Patient X with Patient X and/or Patient X's primary care provider at any point between the dates of March 2, 2022, and May 11, 2022, which activity constituted a breach of:
 - sections 31 and 32 of the *Pharmacy Act*;
 - sections 11 and 12 of the *Pharmacy Practice Regulations*; and

- section 1.2.1 of the *Standards of Practice: General Pharmacy Practice*.
- iv. That I engaged in professional misconduct as a pharmacist, licensed at all material times to practice pharmacy in the Province of Nova Scotia, by failing to ensure Patient X was properly counselled at the time of pick up on March 9, 2022, March 27, 2022, and May 11, 2022, regarding the interaction of medications being dispensed to Patient X on those dates, which activity constituted a breach of:
- Section 32 of the *Pharmacy Act*;
 - sections 11 and 13 of the *Pharmacy Practice Regulations*; and
 - sections 1.3.1 and 1.2.3 of the *Standards of Practice: General Pharmacy Practice*.
- v. That I engaged in professional misconduct as a pharmacist, licensed at all material times to practice pharmacy in the Province of Nova Scotia, by failing to ensure the ongoing appropriateness of drug therapy when he dispensed diltiazem to Patient X on March 27, 2022, despite it being discontinued by the prescriber, which activity constituted a breach of:
- sections 31 and 32 of the *Pharmacy Act*;
 - sections 11, 12, and 14 of the *Pharmacy Practice Regulations*; and
 - sections 1.2.1 and 1.4.2 of the *Standards of Practice: General Pharmacy Practice*.
3. I understand that if my request, made pursuant to section 77(1) of the *Registration, Licensing and Professional Accountability Regulations*, to have my registration revoked is approved by the Hearing Committee, such revocation would be permanent and pursuant to section 77(4) of the *Registration, Licensing and Professional Accountability Regulations*, my registration cannot be subsequently reinstated.
4. I acknowledge that I have had a reasonable opportunity to obtain independent legal advice regarding the complaint filed against me. I acknowledge that I have consulted with independent legal counsel, or had an opportunity to obtain independent legal advice, concerning the interpretation and effect of my request for revocation, as well as the possible outcomes.

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 23 day of January, 2023.

REQUESTED BY:



Wayne Little, Registrant #2231

CONSENTED TO:



Beverley Zwicker, CEO and Registrar, NSCP

APPROVED BY:



Name: Susan Halliday Mahar

Chair, Hearing Committee

Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists

Date: April 21, 2023