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Dear Abid:

RE: Alexandru Gabriel Radita – Public Fatality Inquiry, Response to Recommendation

Thank you for providing the Honourable Judge S.L. Van de Veen's report. This letter is to provide a response to the recommendation directed at Alberta Health Services (AHS).

Recommendation

It is recommended that Alberta Health Services initiate professional dialogue between traditional medical practitioners and natural medical practitioners in an attempt to create more reliable public health information and eliminate misinformation which undermines public health.

Response

AHS does not accept the above recommendation for the following reasons:

1. AHS does not have any oversight of natural medical practitioners and AHS has oversight only for 'traditional medical practitioners' with an AHS Medical Staff Appointment. Any medical practitioner without an AHS Appointment does not have direct professional interaction with AHS.
2. AHS notes that all of the clinical care in question occurred, and will continue to occur, in the community where AHS has no jurisdiction.
3. AHS is not in a position to either engage in conversations with 'natural medical practitioners' on agreed content for such messaging, or to deliver such messaging outside of what Alberta Health would direct. Alberta Health is in the best position to negotiate agreed upon messaging with the College of Naturopathic Doctors of Alberta (CNDA) and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta (CPSA), and then develop and direct a communications strategy. AHS can assist with circulating any messaging agreed to by Alberta Health and the CNDA and CPSA, if requested.

Sincerely,
Alberta Health Services

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