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## Discipline Summary

**Devinder (Dev) Gullia (Brampton, ON)**

**April 29, 30, May 1, 3, 2024**

### Decision

On July 25, 2024, the Discipline Committee found that Mr. Gullia committed acts of professional misconduct in that he:

1. sexually abused a client;
2. contravened a standard of practice of the profession or a published standard of the College, or failed to maintain the standard of practice of the profession, in particular, the Standards of Practice: *Prevention of Sexual Abuse, Professional Boundaries, Draping and Physical Privacy, Consent*, and the *Guide to Record Keeping Requirements*;
3. physically abused a client; and
4. engaged in conduct or performed an act relevant to the practice of the profession that, having regard to all the circumstances, would reasonably be regarded by registrants as disgraceful, dishonourable or unprofessional.

The Discipline Committee found that Mr. Gullia sexually and physically abused a client by touching the client's breasts and genitals during Massage Therapy appointments. Although there may be a clinical reason for a Registered Massage Therapist to massage a client's breasts, the Committee found that the nature of the touch in this case was sexual and not clinical.

The complete decision and reasons are available online on the [Canadian Legal Information Institute \(CanLII\) website](#).

### Interim Suspension

The Discipline Committee immediately suspended Mr. Gullia's Certificate of Registration, as required by s. 51(4.2)(c) of the Health Professions Procedural Code, being Schedule 2 of the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991, S.O., c.18*. The order remains in effect until the Committee issues its penalty decision.

Details on the penalty and costs hearing will be posted on the College [website](#).