



INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE POLICY Expanded Investigations

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CONTEXT

In the course of an investigation, an investigator may investigate any other matter related to the professional conduct or skill in the practice of an investigated member in accordance with subsection 98(2) of *The Regulated Health Professions Act* (“RHPA”).

POLICY

When an investigator determines that any other matter should be investigated pursuant to subsection 98(2) of the RHPA, a decision must be made as to whether it is more appropriate to open a new investigation file or to combine the existing matter and the expanded investigation in one file. The following factors must be considered in making this determination:

1. Whether the possibility reasonably exists that the disposition of the matters would be facilitated by separate files, for example where censure is appropriate on one matter and remediation on another.
2. Where the underlying matter involves a complainant with rights afforded to the complainant under subsection 97(1) and 102(3) of the RHPA,
 - a. whether the expansion would unduly delay the conclusion of the complainant’s own matter; and
 - b. whether the expanded investigation raises matters to which the complainant ought not to be privy, including information respecting other patients or general practices of the physician which are confidential.