A Saskatoon doctor is banned from practising for four months after admitting to four charges of unprofessional conduct involving women patients.

Dr. Alistair Dudley, who practices at Idylwyld Medical Centre, must also meet lengthy requirements including counselling, said Bryan Salte, associate registrar of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan.

The incidents happened around January 2015, while Dudley was practising as a locum (filling in for one or more other doctors) in Melfort. A penalty hearing was held at the CPSS council meeting on Friday.

Dudley’s lawyer, Michelle Ouellette, said in a statement that Dudley “apologized to the Council, to the patients who had complained about him, to the physician in whose office he was working, and to his family.

“The evidence before the Council was that the patient interactions that led to the charges against Dr. Dudley were not the result of any sexual motivation or interest. Rather, they resulted from a combination of other factors that Dr. Dudley has already taken steps to address, and is continuing to address,” Ouellette said.

“Dr. Dudley accepts full responsibility for his actions. He is committed to meeting all of his professional responsibilities so that when the suspension is concluded he can return to practice and provide a high quality of medical care to his patients.”

As described in a summary of the charges, Dudley told one patient “that as a guy you would look at her and want to have sex with her and you would lie in order to get it.”

He also made sexual and inappropriate comments to three other patients. The charges were amended to clarify that when he put his hands down a patient’s pants without her consent it was for a scoliosis exam, and that an alleged face massage was actually a sinus exam, Salte said.

The patients provided statements saying they felt disgusted and offended by the incidents. One said she now also has trouble trusting other physicians, Salte said.

“No question, each of them had been offended by the comments.”

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In one case, he is accused of placing his hands inside the pants of a female patient without consent.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons on May 24 laid four charges against Dr. Alistair Dudley, who practices at Idylwyld Medical Centre.

The incidents are alleged to have happened around January this year, while Dudley was practicing as a locum (filling in for one or more other doctors) in Melfort, associate registrar Bryan Salte said.

As described in a summary of the charges, Dudley allegedly told one patient "that as a guy you would look at her and want to have sex with her and you would lie in order to get it." He is also alleged to have hugged the patient.

Dudley allegedly told another patient that "how you looked at her was usually how you look at someone before you kiss them," according to the charges. He also allegedly commented that the leg was shaved, told her she was beautiful, and made a remark about her "nice panties."

Dudley allegedly told a fourth patient that if her constipation was causing her that much pain she should never try anal sex, and referenced his sexual relationship with his wife by saying her anal canal is a "one way street."

He also allegedly did not take adequate steps to ensure other people would not know she had undergone a pregnancy test.

Dudley has not yet informed the college whether he'll admit to the charges, Salte said, adding he hopes to have some clarity by September's meeting of the College council.

In a written statement, Dudley acknowledged the charges and said he was co-operating with the College to resolve them.

He declined to discuss the charges in detail while they are before the College, but said they "arose during an isolated and difficult period in my life, during which I was facing a number of personal challenges; I am taking steps to address these issues. I am confident that these charges do not reflect my true character or my regular practice as a physician."

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Saskatoon doctor faces charges after 4 female patients lodge complaints

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The four women came forward with their complaints in late spring. (CBC)

A Saskatoon family doctor is facing charges of unprofessional conduct after complaints were lodged by four female patients.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan received the complaints about Dr. Alistair Dudley in April.

None of the allegations have been proven, and the college's legal counsel Bryan Salte said Dudley will get the chance to tell his side at a hearing, likely in September.

"As with any situation where someone is charged with unprofessional conduct, you first want to find out if the person is going to admit or deny the charge, and if they are going to admit the charge there's no need to admit the evidence and line up all of the things that are necessary for a hearing," said Salte.

Dudley did not respond to CBC's requests for an interview.

The allegations include the following:

- One woman alleges Dudley placed his hands down her pants without waiting for a response or consent and made comments about her appearance, including the size of her breasts.
- Dudley made references to anal sex unrelated to another female patient's diagnosis and spoke about his sexual relationship with his wife.
- Another woman alleges Dudley said, "Nice panties. I like girls who wear nice panties," and commented on her appearance during her visit.
- An additional complainant alleges Dudley made inappropriate comments about her boyfriend during her visit, commented on her appearance and told her a man would "want to have sex with her, and would lie in order to get it."

A full document outlining the charges Dudley faces is available on the college's website.

Dudley is still practising medicine at Idylwyld Medical Centre, but with conditions. He must be accompanied by a chaperone when examining female patients.

Salte also said there is information posted at the clinic indicating that a chaperone must be present.
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A Saskatoon doctor accused of inappropriately touching female patients is taking new steps to deal with the sexual misconduct allegations.

The college decided Dudley may practice, but a chaperone must be present for all in-person visits.

One man is in police custody after a shooting in a house.