Ethics on Demand – Solicitation

Articles: [Hamilton nurse has licence revoked over thousands in loans from patient](https://www.thespec.com/news-story/9249005-hamilton-nurse-has-licence-revoked-over-thousands-in-loans-from-patient/?utm_source=facebook&source=the%20hamilton%20spectator&utm_medium=socialmedia&utm_campaign=900am&utm_campaign_id=localnews&utm_content=hamilton-nurse-has-license-revoked-over-thousands-in-loans-from-patient)

What was the situation?

A Hamilton area registered practical nurse (RPN) had his licence revoked in Ontario after allegedly soliciting and accepting two loans from a patient. The College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO) discipline committee found the RPN "engaged in disgraceful, dishonourable and unprofessional conduct by failing to maintain the boundaries of the therapeutic nurse-client relationship with a client when he engaged in a financial transaction unrelated to the provision of care and services with that client."

What went wrong?

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| Lack of morality | Lack of professional responsibility | Lack of Integrity |
| Not maintaining standards of professional conduct | Not taking responsibility for professional acts |  |

Using the Code of Ethics

The [CSMLS Code of Ethics](https://www.csmls.org/About-Us/Our-Members/Code-of-Ethics.aspx) serves to define and expand the inherent ethical concepts contained in the [CSMLS Code of Professional Conduct](https://www.csmls.org/About-Us/Our-Members/Code-of-Conduct.aspx), to document expectations of ethical behaviour for all medical laboratory professionals, and to provide a framework during professional and personal self-evaluation. Consider how adhering to these Codes could have prevented the situation. What other Codes are applicable?

*Code of Ethics*

* 2.3 Abstain from using confidential information to the detriment of a patient, or with direct or indirect intent to benefit oneself or another person.
* 2.6 Recognize and disclose conflicts of interest and resolve them in a manner which maintains the integrity of personal health information and protects the best interest of patient care.

*Code of Professional Conduct*

* Medical laboratory professionals shall promote the image and status of their profession by maintaining high standards in their professional practice and through active support of their professional bodies.
* Medical laboratory professionals shall take responsibility for their professional acts.

Relevant Reports

[NOT ENTITLED TO PRACTICE](https://registry.cno.org/Search/Details/81635ef1-b17c-4267-930e-68521bfafce0)

[Winnipeg ‘chocolategate’: Does a box of treats come with strings attached?](https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-winnipeg-chocolategate-does-a-box-of-treats-come-with-strings/)

[Opinion: Heiress’ gifts to medical workers raise thorny ethical issues](https://www.nbcnews.com/healthmain/opinion-heiress-gifts-medical-workers-raise-thorny-ethical-issues-8C11118658)

[When Doctors Give Their Patients Gifts](https://www.nytimes.com/2018/05/10/well/live/when-doctors-give-their-patients-gifts.html)