

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario**

February 3, 2015

Present:

Dr. Carol Leet (Chair)

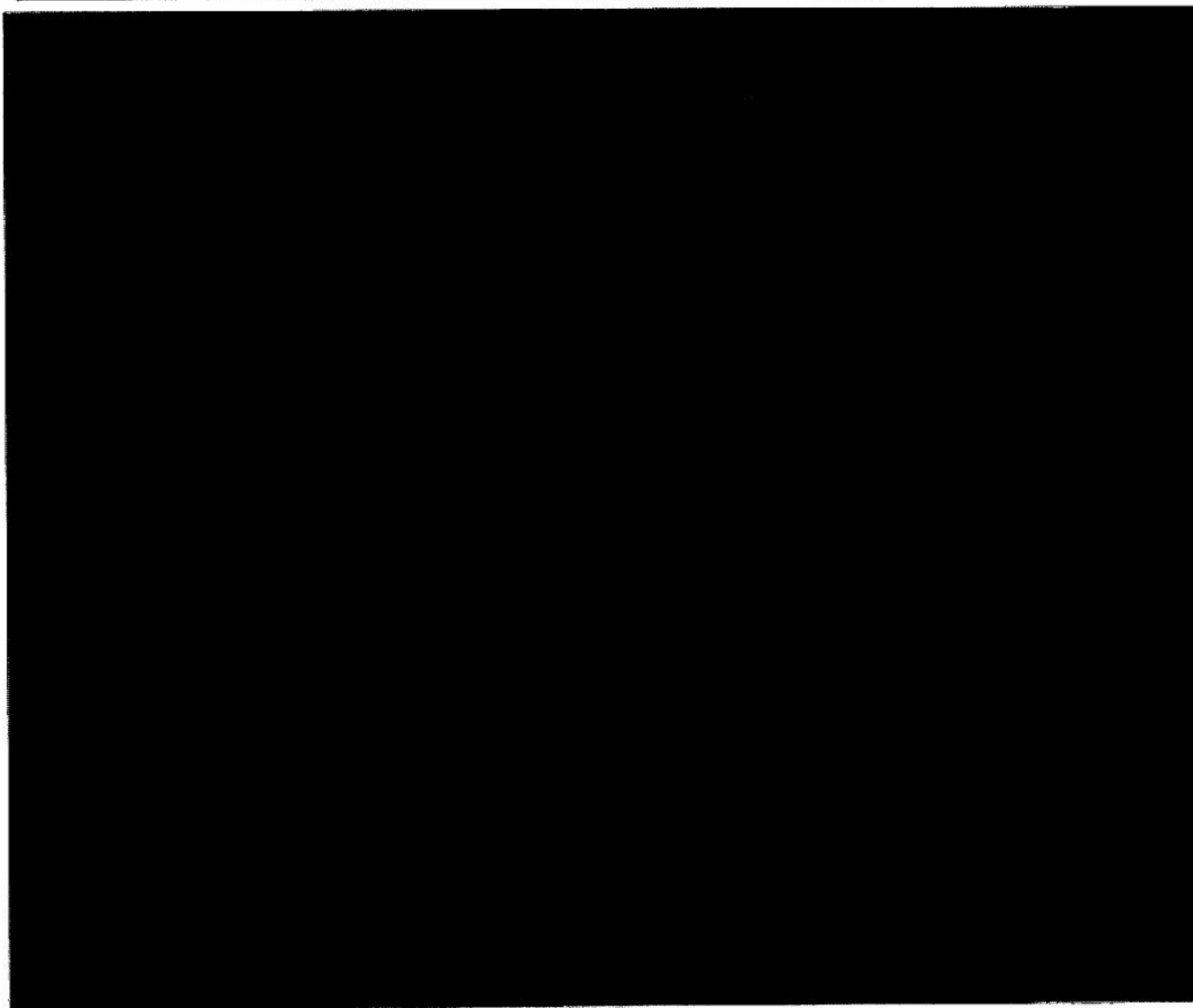
Mr. Sudershen Beri

Dr. Marc Gabel

Dr. Joel Kirsh

Mr. Ron Pratt

Dr. David Rouselle

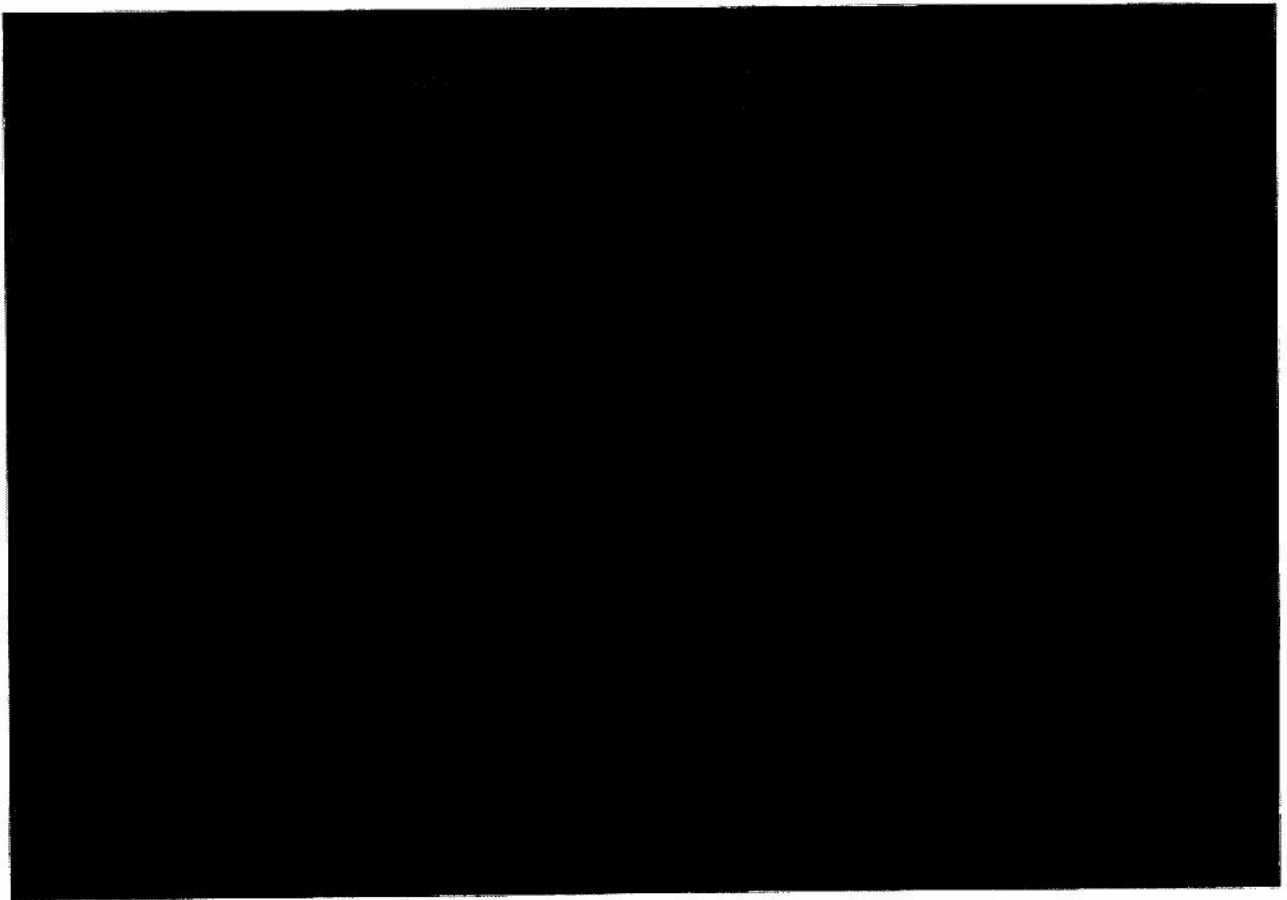


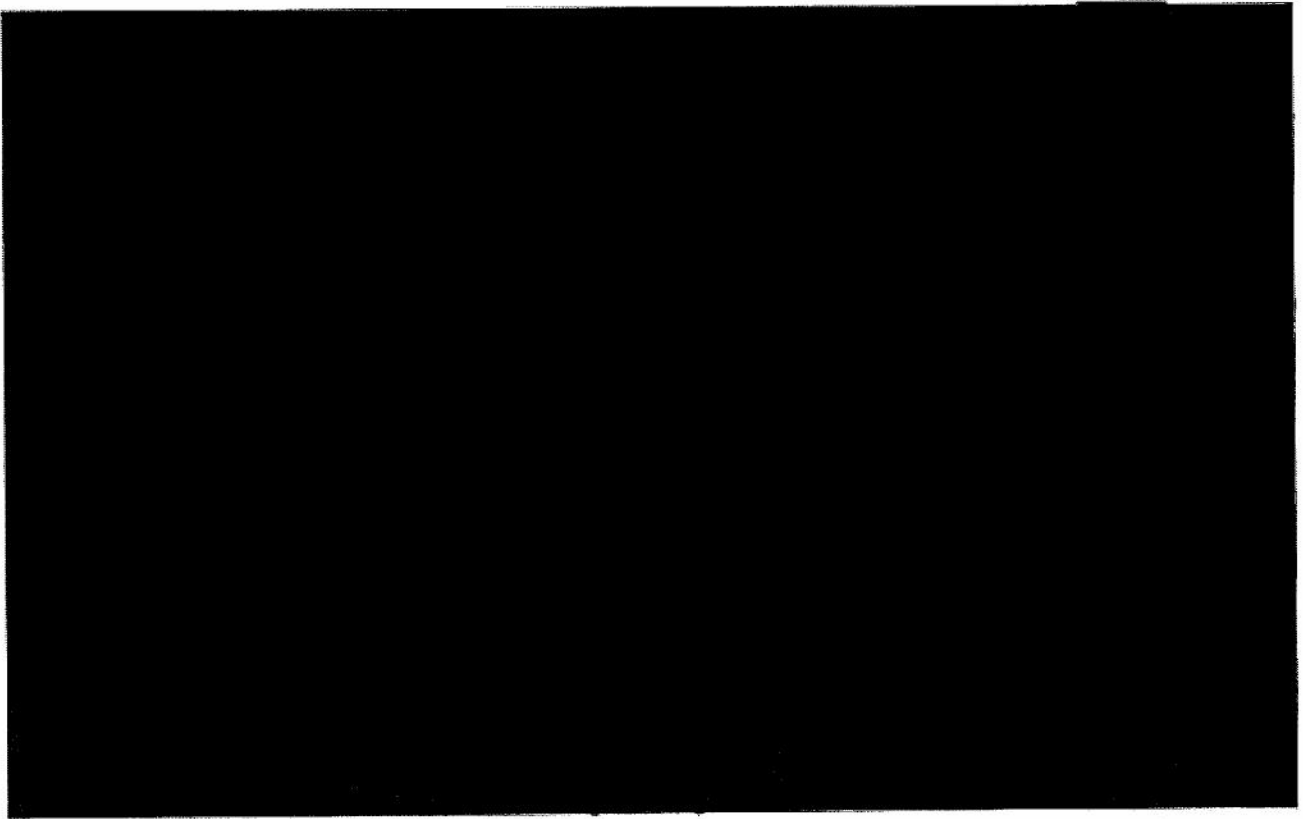
2. Professional Obligations and Human Rights – Consultation Report & Revised Draft Policy

The Executive Committee reviewed the feedback and proposed revisions to the draft Professional Obligations and Human Rights policy. The Executive Committee recommended that the revised draft policy be forwarded to Council for final approval. The policy requires physicians who are unwilling to provide certain elements of care due to their moral or religious beliefs to refer patients to another health care provider, or to an agency that will coordinate and/or provide the treatment or service to which the physician objects. It was the Committee's opinion that the referral requirement strikes an appropriate balance between physician and patient rights, while ensuring that patient access to care is not impeded.

It was noted that the Supreme Court ruling on the legality of assisted dying will be handed down on February 6th, 2015. This decision will be reviewed and considered in light of expectations set out in the draft policy.

3-EX-February-2015 Upon a motion by Sudershen Beri and seconded by David Rouselle and CARRIED, the Executive Committee directs that the revised draft *Professional Obligations and Human Rights* policy be forwarded to Council for approval.





Carol Leet

Carol Leet, President

Ellen Spiegel

Ellen Spiegel, Recording Secretary