

Doctor admits showing patients naked selfies was 'inappropriate'

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Georgetown family physician Dr. Nigel Phipps has admitted to showing naked pictures of himself - selfies, to be specific - to more than a dozen patients.

But why? "I thought they would think what I thought ... I thought it was humorous, innocuous," the 57-year-old doctor testified in his own defence at his discipline hearing Thursday at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO), about how he wanted to share with patients what he thought was

a "funny" story of a stranger accidentally seeing one of the naked selfies several years ago.

"Through counselling, I realize people don't think what you think."

Indeed, a number of complainants testified Thursday, as well as at the beginning of the hearing in July, that they felt embarrassed, violated, and confused when their doctor showed them the photos in the examination room. "A strong yuck factor," as one patient put it in an agreed statement of facts filed by

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Dr. Nigel Phipps admits to showing four photos of himself in various stages of undress to several patients and staff.

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