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To whom it may concern,

I believe that physicians and surgeons should be allowed to refuse to perform non-emergency procedures that conflict with their religious or moral beliefs.

Isn’t it ironic that we are remembering the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I today, July the 25th? Canadians fought in two world wars and gave their lives to obtain many of the freedoms we happen to enjoy today e.g. the freedom of religion. Let’s not lose what we gained.

Our ancestors fought against dictatorships and other undemocratic governments. Why should the CPSO change its current policy which would then force a doctor to go against her conscience in order to practise in the medical profession? Doctors should also have rights. If a patient disagrees with a doctor’s medical or religious beliefs, the patient should find another doctor. Leave the policy as it is.