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PRESS RELEASE

Nurses recently involved in the Lisa Shore Inquest have asked their governing body, the College of Nurses of Ontario, to investigate the allegations which have made against them at the recent Inquest.

The conduct of Nurses ***Ruth Doerkson, Anagaila Sorieno, and Mary Douglas*** has been placed under public scrutiny as a result of an Inquest into the Death of Lisa Shore at the Hospital for Sick Children, in Toronto.

Ms Douglas, Ms Doerkson and Ms Sorieno have asked that the College of Nurses undertake an immediate investigation and conduct a Public Hearing where their conduct may be examined fully and fairly. Only through this process will these nurses be given the opportunity to make full answer and defence to the allegations made against them and to clear their names.

Elizabeth McIntyre, counsel recently retained to represent these nurses, filed this request behalf of these nurses at the College of Nurses on Friday, March 3, 2000. The nurses are asking the regulatory body to conduct an Immediate investigation and public hearing as soon as possible.

Elizabeth McIntyre states, "inquest proceedings are not for the purpose of determining liability or legal responsibility. Unfortunately, Ms Douglas, Ms Doerkson and Ms Sorieno have been subjected to unsubstantiated allegations of significant wrongdoing through the Inquest process and the media exposure arising as a result of the Inquest."

The Nurses were not represented by separate counsel at the Inquest.

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