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TORONTO JEWISH DOCTORS TARGETED Doctors and learners called in for “discussions” with hospitals and the University of Toronto

Following a November 22 open statement on Zionism and antisemitism from 555 Jewish physicians to the University of Toronto Temerty Faculty of Medicine, hundreds of complaints have been filed with the University and various Toronto hospitals.

The complaints are part of an ongoing social media campaign against the statement’s signatories, other Jewish doctors and Jewish learners regarding their previous posts, reposts or likes on social media. The doctors’ names, photographs and workplaces are being spread to thousands of social media followers. The public is being encouraged to complain to the hospitals, the university and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario

The University and some hospitals have been calling in Jewish physicians for “discussions”. Jewish learners are being called into the university. In almost all cases, the complainants are not identified nor is their complaint shown to the Jewish doctors or learners. It is impossible for the Jewish doctors or learners to defend themselves.

These hospitals and the university are yielding to this drive against Jewish physicians. They have become part of the problem. In line with the organized campaign of harassment and the complaints to the CPSO, these meetings and discussions are another attempt to intimidate and silence Jewish doctors.

These hospitals and the university must stop acting on anonymous complaints. Jewish physicians and learners must always be given copies of any complaints to which the hospitals and university respond, and the complainant must be identified. Complaints which are obviously frivolous and vexatious or are part of this mass campaign should be dismissed out of hand with no action. Anything less makes these organizations complicit in the antisemitic gang up on Jewish academic and community physicians and learners.

About Doctors Against Racism and Antisemitism

Doctors Against Racism and Antisemitism (DARA) is a grass roots organization of health care professionals whose activities are directed at upholding human rights in the medical realm and academic environments. DARA’s goals are to support global knowledge-sharing by medical and

scientific communities by opposing boycotts of academics based on nationality, race or religion. We are committed to monitoring and responding to articles promoting racial or geopolitical bias in scientific journals, at medical conferences, and on university campuses.

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