Dr. WIGMORE, Ernest William
Cranbrook, BC

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VANCOUVER, BC: Dr. Ernest William Wigmore, a family physician, has admitted unprofessional conduct with respect to the following:

• In the period May 4, 2010 to July 17, 2011, Dr. Wigmore breached the limits and conditions of his registration which required him to restrict the daily number of patients seen to a maximum of 35.

• With respect to his care of two patients in the period December 2009 to April 2011, Dr. Wigmore failed to adequately disclose the results of medical imaging reports and failed to adequately diagnose or assess his patients or provide follow-up treatment. Dr. Wigmore also failed to maintain medical records to the standard required for those patients.

• With respect to his care of a third patient, in July 2011, Dr. Wigmore failed to adequately assess a patient before providing a prescription for a narcotic.

Effective August 2011, Dr. Wigmore absented himself from practice and consented to the following disposition by the College:

Dr. Wigmore will be transferred from the Full – General/Family Practice class of registration to the Conditional – Disciplined class of registration, effective 2400 hours, February 29, 2012, subject to the following:

(a) Dr. Wigmore will irrevocably resign as a registrant of the College effective 2400 hours February 29, 2012 and agree not to seek future registration to practise medicine.

(b) Dr. Wigmore will be formally reprimanded in writing by the Board of the College.

(c) Dr. Wigmore will pay a fine of $10,000 dollars.

(d) Dr. Wigmore will pay costs of $3,000.
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