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### **MEDIA RELEASE – October 28, 2013**

## **Dr. ROHANI, Farrokh**

Victoria, BC

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**VANCOUVER, BC:** Following a hearing with respect to penalty, the Board of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia has cancelled the registration of Dr. Farrokh Rohani, formerly a general practitioner in Victoria, effective 2400 hours October 25, 2013.

Dr. Rohani was charged with sexual assault contrary to section 271 of the *Criminal Code* for the sexual assault of a patient who was 16 years of age at the time of the incident, which occurred on August 11, 2008. Dr. Rohani voluntarily withdrew from practice on September 23, 2008 and has not practised medicine since that time. Dr. Rohani was convicted of the sexual assault charge in the Supreme Court of British Columbia and received a sentence of one year in jail. Dr. Rohani subsequently took an appeal to the Court of Appeal for British Columbia from that conviction and his appeal was dismissed.

In considering the appropriate penalty, the Board considered the facts as outlined in the Reasons for Judgment of Madame Justice Allan dated July 22, 2010. The Board concluded that the conduct of Dr. Rohani was so egregious, and the abdication and abuse of his responsibilities as a physician was so disgraceful, that the most severe penalty available under the *Health Professions Act*, cancellation of his registration, was required. Dr. Rohani was also ordered to pay \$14,094.50 in contribution to the College's costs.

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