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Dr. COSTIN, Avrum

Richmond, BC

When reporting this release, please provide the name and location of the physician in full in order to avoid confusion with any other physician who may have a similar name or initials.

VANCOUVER, BC: Dr. Avrum Costin, a psychiatrist, has admitted to his failure to comply with a standard, limit or condition imposed under the *Health Professions Act* which restricted his practice to seeing patients on referral, offering consultation services and short-term support psychotherapy, limited to six to eight sessions.

In or about the period July 2, 2004 to June 29, 2005, he failed to comply with the above standard, limit or condition, for a number of patients. In or about the period August 12, 2004 to September 15, 2008, he failed to comply with the above standard, limit or condition, for a patient.

Following the issuance of a disciplinary citation, Dr. Costin consented to the following disposition by the College:

- (a) a transfer from the Full - Specialty class of registration to the Conditional – Discipline class of registration;
- (b) a formal reprimand;
- (c) payment of a fine in the amount of \$3,000; and
- (d) payment of costs in the amount of \$2,000.

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