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Dr. VARGAS, Danilo R.

Surrey, 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. Danilo R. Vargas, a specialist in otolaryngology, has admitted to violating professional boundaries when he took an individual with whom he had a patient-physician relationship out for dinner during which he made sexual comments.

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

- (a) transfer from the Full – Specialty class of registration to the Conditional – Disciplined class of registration;
- (b) a three-month suspension from practice effective October 1, 2014, with two months stayed if conditions are met;
- (c) a formal reprimand;
- (d) completion of a multi-disciplinary assessment program;
- (e) attendance for an interview at the College for the purpose of discussing the conduct admitted, his current understanding of and insight into ethical and professional issues, the assessment(s)/counselling conducted, and to allow the College to further assess and determine the limits and conditions of Dr. Vargas' registration;
- (f) establishment of a mentorship with a physician approved by the College, with provision of reports acceptable to the College;
- (g) participation in formal education in the area of ethics, boundaries and professionalism;
and

(h) compliance with any monitoring of his practice established and acceptable to the College.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons is the licensing and regulatory body for all physicians and surgeons in the province. Governed by provincial legislation, the College's role is to protect the public by establishing, monitoring and enforcing high standards of qualification and ethical practice across the province.

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