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Dr. SINAWAN, Riaz Ahmad

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. Riaz Ahmad Sinawan, a family physician, has admitted to engaging in unprofessional conduct by

- failing to comply with the duty of confidentiality by disclosing a patient's name, contact information, and other comments that could reasonably be seen as revealing confidential information to a third party, and requesting that the third party contact the patient to assist Dr. Sinawan in resolving a complaint filed by the patient to the College when Dr. Sinawan had no consent to do so, and
- in the course of the investigation of the complaint, failing to comply with the responsibility to the College under bylaw 4-13 of the *Health Professions Act* by not providing truthful responses to College inquiries, and by asking a third party to prepare a false statement, which Dr. Sinawan submitted to the College.

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

- (a) The name of Dr. Riaz Ahmad Sinawan will be transferred from the Provisional – Active, General Family Practice class of registration to the Conditional – Disciplined class;
- (b) Completion of a multi-disciplinary assessment program;
- (c) Participation in continuing medical education in the areas of ethics, boundaries and professionalism;
- (d) A formal reprimand;
- (e) A fine in the amount of \$5,000; and
- (f) Payment of costs of the investigation.

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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