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Dr. OLSZEWSKI, Jeannine

Surrey, BC

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VANCOUVER, BC: Following a disciplinary hearing on September 29, 2016, the Discipline Committee of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC determined that Dr. Jeannine Olszewski, a family physician, engaged in professional misconduct and contravened sections 4-13(1)(a), (b) and (c)* of the Bylaws under the *Health Professions Act* by

- failing to respond to multiple correspondences sent to her by the College, and
- failing to attend a scheduled meeting at the College, and
- refusing to allow an investigation into her medical practice.

Following a hearing on the penalty, the Board concluded that Dr. Jeannine Olszewski's ongoing refusal to allow a practice investigation, and failure to respond to correspondence from the College, demonstrated a serious disregard for the College's regulatory processes, including obstructing the College from fulfilling its mandate to serve and protect the public.

The Board ordered that Dr. Jeannine Olszewski:

- (a) Will be suspended from practice for three months effective immediately;
- (b) Will be transferred from the Full – General/Family class of registration to the Conditional – Disciplined class of registration while she is suspended or otherwise subject to limits or conditions;
- (c) May not return to practice until she has given an undertaking to the College that she will cooperate with a practice investigation;
- (d) Must pay a fine in the amount of \$3,500; and
- (e) Must pay costs to the College in the amount of \$20,941.40.

*Sections 4-13(1)(a), (b) and (c) of the Bylaws under the *Health Professions Act* generally state that every registrant must, without limitation, cooperate fully with the College, the Board or any committee of the Board, including replying promptly to any communication and appearing before the registrar, Board or any committee appointed by the Board when requested, summoned or notified to do so.

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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