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### MEDIA RELEASE – July 25, 2017

## Dr. MILNE, Stephen Michael Coquitlam, 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. Stephen Michael Milne, a general/family practitioner, has admitted to engaging in unprofessional conduct by:

- (a) Failing to take necessary steps to ensure proper informed consent prior to taking a digital electronic medical record photograph for clinical purposes during the course of an examination of an exposed patient; and
- (b) Failing to maintain adequate records at the time of taking the photograph, and subsequently supplementing and enhancing his clinical records at the time of responding to the complaint without disclosing to the College that the records were not made on the same day.

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

- (a) Transfer from the Full – General/Family class of registration to the Conditional – Disciplined class of registration;
- (b) A suspension from practice for a period of one month, commencing September 1, 2017;
- (c) Participation in formal education in the areas of ethics, medical record keeping, boundaries and professionalism;
- (d) Compliance with any monitoring of his practice established and acceptable to the College;
- (e) A formal reprimand; and
- (f) Payment of costs of \$10,500 and a fine in the amount of \$2,500.

*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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