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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION – December 18, 2019

Dr. ZENAROSA, Vincent Arguelles

Nelson, BC

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1. **Nature of action:** The Inquiry Committee of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC (the College) conducted an investigation regarding the practice of a registrant, pursuant to section 33(1) of the *Health Professions Act*, RSBC 1996, c.183.

The Inquiry Committee and the registrant have agreed to resolve all matters arising from the investigation by way of a Consent Agreement under section 37.1(3)(a) of the *Health Professions Act*.

2. Effective date: October 25, 2019

3. Name of registrant: Vincent Arguelles Zenarosa

4. Location of practice: Nelson, BC

- 5. Admission and acknowledgements: Dr. Zenarosa has admitted and/or acknowledged the following:
 - (a) That he engaged in unprofessional conduct by administering Botulinum toxin ("Botox") injections to a patient, without supervision, when he was not licensed to practise medicine in British Columbia and his Clinical Trainee licence had expired.
- 6. **Disposition:** Following the authorization of a disciplinary citation, Dr. Zenarosa entered into a Consent Agreement with the Inquiry Committee, wherein he consented to the following terms, pursuant to section 39(2) of the *Health Professions Act*:
 - (a) Should he reapply for licensure with the College he will be placed on the Conditional Disciplined class of registration;
 - (b) A formal reprimand; and
 - (c) Participation in continuing medical education and professional development in the areas of ethics and professionalism.
- 7. **Rationale:** The Inquiry Committee was critical of Dr. Zenarosa administering Botox without supervision when he was not licensed. Given the importance of ensuring all persons practising medicine are licensed with the College to ensure public protection, the Inquiry Committee determined a disciplinary outcome was appropriate.

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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