

# Disciplinary outcomes

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In 2012, nine disciplinary matters were concluded.

## JANUARY

### Dr. Mansukhlal Mavji PARMAR, *Powell River*

Dr. Parmar admitted to engaging in unprofessional conduct by breaching the requirements of Undertakings to the College dated June 21, 2002. The Undertakings required that his practice of radiology would not include CT or obstetrical ultrasound studies until he had completed upgrading or performance assessment satisfactory to the College. Between 2003 and 2010, Dr. Parmar completed a preceptorship and training courses to read and interpret obstetrical ultrasounds and CT scans, in the belief that he had met the requirements of his Undertakings. However, Dr. Parmar did not obtain the College's consent to read radiological scans and did not ensure the training was satisfactory to the College. In October 2010, Dr. Parmar voluntarily withdrew from practice and subsequently submitted his resignation; he is no longer licensed to practise medicine in British Columbia. As part of the disciplinary action, Dr. Parmar was issued a formal reprimand and he was required to pay costs of \$2,000.

## FEBRUARY

### Dr. Arthur Ross OUTERBRIDGE, *Kamloops*

Dr. Outerbridge admitted to engaging in unprofessional conduct in 2003 by failing to adequately record and disclose to a patient, surgical complications and the potential for post-surgical problems attributable to the complications. The College imposed a penalty which included a transfer from the Full class of registration to the Conditional – Disciplined class effective January 31, 2012; a formal reprimand; participation in continuing medical education in ethics and professionalism. Dr. Outerbridge was required to pay costs in the amount of \$4,000.

## MARCH

### Dr. Brian Arthur WHITE, *Nanaimo*

Dr. White admitted to engaging in unprofessional conduct in February 2009 by prescribing a controlled medication to an individual, when he knew that such medication was intended for a relative of that individual. Dr. White wrote the prescription without any direct knowledge of the relative's medical condition or any potential prescribing concerns. Dr. White failed to consult with or inform the relative's family physician of the prescription, and failed to keep a proper medical record of the medication he prescribed. The College imposed a penalty which included a transfer from the Full class of registration to the Conditional – Disciplined class effective January 31, 2012, and a three-month suspension from practice commencing March 1, 2012. In addition, Dr. White was required to relinquish his prescribing privileges for narcotic and/or controlled substances without the ability to reapply for reinstatement of these prescribing privileges for a minimum of one year, participate in continuing medical education, attend the College for an interview, be compliant with monitoring of his practice. Dr. White was required to pay costs in the amount of \$1,750.

## MAY

### Dr. Ronald Harold DABBS, *Prince George*

Dr. Dabbs admitted to engaging in unprofessional conduct with a patient in the period of 1993 to 1994. His conduct included self-disclosure to the patient, hugs during patient attendances, attending at the patient's home and failure to maintain medical records to the required standard. The College imposed a penalty which included a transfer from the Full class of registration to the Conditional – Disciplined class effective March 31, 2012. In addition, Dr. Dabbs was issued a formal reprimand and required to withdraw from practice effective June 7, 2012 until such time as he successfully completed assessment and counselling and attended at the College for further assessment of conditions of registration. Upon return to practice, Dr. Dabbs is required to have chaperones, establish a mentorship, participate in continuing medical education, and be compliant with

further monitoring of his practice. Dr. Dabbs was required to pay costs in the amount of \$10,000.

## JUNE

### Dr. Ernest William WIGMORE, *Cranbrook*

Dr. Wigmore admitted to engaging in unprofessional conduct by breaching, between May 2010 and July 2011, the limits and conditions of his registration which required him to restrict his daily number of patients to a maximum of 35. In addition, with respect to the care of two specific patients, Dr. Wigmore failed to adequately disclose the results of medical imaging reports, failed to adequately diagnose or assess his patients or provide follow-up treatment and failed to maintain medical records to an acceptable standard regarding these patients. Finally, with respect to the care of a third patient, Dr. Wigmore failed to adequately assess a patient before providing a prescription for a narcotic. Effective August 2011, Dr. Wigmore absented himself from medical practice. The College imposed a penalty which included a transfer from the Full class of registration to the Conditional – Disciplined class effective February 29, 2012. Dr. Wigmore was also required to irrevocably resign as a registrant of the College and agree not to seek future registration. Dr. Wigmore was formally reprimanded, and required to pay a fine of \$10,000 and pay costs in the amount of \$3,000.

## JULY

### Dr. Gustavo Jose CARVALHO, *Richmond*

Dr. Carvalho admitted to unprofessional conduct in the period of June to September 2009 by creating false appointments for patients and invoicing the Medical Services Commission for attendances on patients he had not seen. Dr. Carvalho received payment of approximately \$4,000 from the Medical Services Commission for medical services which he either did not provide to patients, or did not maintain any or adequate medical records. The College imposed a penalty which included a transfer from the Full class of registration to the Conditional – Disciplined class effective May 31, 2012, a three-month suspension effective June 30, 2012, payment of a \$50,000 fine, and reimbursement to the Medical Services Commission. In addition, Dr. Carvalho is required to successfully complete

assessments, counselling and a preceptorship and attend the College for an interview to review competency and determine any need for additional restrictions on his practice. Once Dr. Carvalho has returned to practice, he is required to practise under supervision with no administrative responsibilities; only see patients when other clinic staff is present; participate in continuing medical education; successfully complete a prescribing program; and establish a mentorship. Dr. Carvalho was required to pay costs in the amount of \$6,000.

## NOVEMBER

### Dr. Brian Joseph PASULA, *Victoria*

Dr. Pasula admitted to unprofessional conduct in failing on multiple occasions to respond to requests to provide a medical legal report for a patient, and in failing to respond to communications from the College. Dr. Pasula's failure to respond to the College is a breach of section 4-13 of the Bylaws and of his May 2011 Undertakings. The College imposed a penalty which included the transfer from the Full class of registration to the Conditional – Disciplined class effective November 15, 2012. In addition, Dr. Pasula was issued a formal reprimand. He was required to provide a written apology to the complainant; participate in a course of assessments and counselling; attend the College for an interview regarding ethics and professional conduct; establish a mentorship; participate in continuing medical education; and comply with further monitoring of his practice. Dr. Pasula was required to pay a fine in the amount of \$5,000.

### Dr. Adrian Charles REAGAN, *Vancouver*

Dr. Reagan admitted to professional misconduct by practising medicine independently by providing Botox consultations and treatments when he was not authorized to do so pursuant to the limits and conditions of his registration in the Educational class of registration. In addition, in providing the Botox consultations and treatments, he practised medicine contrary to the provisions of section 4-12 of the Bylaws made under the *Health Professions Act*, by failing to maintain professional liability coverage or protection that extends to all areas of his practice. The College imposed a penalty which included a

transfer to the Conditional – Disciplined class of registration upon being granted full licensure; a formal reprimand; participation in continuing medical education; establishment of a mentorship; compliance with monitoring of his practice; and attendance at the College for an interview. Dr. Reagan was required to pay a fine of \$10,000.

## DECEMBER

Dr. William Ewart MARTIN, *Victoria*

An investigation pursuant to section 25.2 of the *Health Professions Act* concluded that Dr. Martin did not exhibit the requisite skill and knowledge to his practice. Dr. Martin consented to limits and conditions imposed by the Board, which included absenting himself from practice effective April 2011 and remaining absent until such time as he has successfully completed assessments approved by the College, and attended an interview at the College. Should Dr. Martin return to practice, he will be required to restrict his practice to a clinic setting; and will not alter his practice without prior approval from the College. Dr. Martin will also be required to attend counseling; participate in continuing medical education; and comply with further monitoring by the College.