

# Disciplinary outcomes

In 2016/17, five disciplinary matters were concluded.

## APRIL 2016

### Dr. Roy Alan Brown, Vancouver

Dr. Brown, a family physician, admitted to engaging in unprofessional conduct, as a result of multiple errors in submitting billings to the Medical Services Plan of BC (MSP) arising out of an audit of his billings by the Medical Services Commission (MSC). Following the issuance of a disciplinary citation, the College imposed a penalty which included a transfer from the Full – General/Family class of registration to the Conditional – Disciplined class of registration. In addition, Dr. Brown was issued a formal reprimand, fined \$25,000, and required to participate in continuing medical education by completing the College’s medical record keeping course. Given the fact that the MSC de-enrolled Dr. Brown for a period of three months, which prevented him from billing MSP, the College found that a suspension was not warranted. Dr. Brown was ordered to pay costs in the amount of \$15,000.

## JUNE 2016

### Dr. David Frederick Hepburn, Victoria

Dr. Hepburn, a family physician, admitted to engaging in unprofessional conduct by accepting a substantial amount of money from a former patient in circumstances where he ought to have declined such monies. Following the issuance of a disciplinary citation, the College imposed a penalty which included Dr. Hepburn’s agreement that he would not apply to the College for reinstatement of registration until July 1, 2018. Should Dr. Hepburn apply for registration after July 1, 2018, the College’s Registration Committee will consider his application and require that he meet the standard for good character as well as all other registration requirements. Prior to his application for registration, Dr. Hepburn must participate in continuing medical education, including attendance at the College’s Professionalism in Medical Practice course, or a similar course, completion of eight to ten additional hours in the areas of ethics and professionalism, and boundary management, provide a written report of successful completion of such education, and attend meeting(s) at the College to discuss the education undertaken and his current insight into these areas. Should Dr. Hepburn be registered in future, the College may register him in the Conditional – Disciplined class, subject to limits and conditions, including not socializing with patients, recording incidental social contact in the patient’s clinical chart, not performing house calls, compliance with any monitoring of his practice established by the College, a formal reprimand in writing by the Board of the College, and payment of costs in the amount of \$10,000.

## OCTOBER 2016

### Dr. Riaz Ahmad Sinawan, Surrey

Dr. Sinawan, a family physician, admitted to engaging in unprofessional conduct by failing to comply with a 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 the complaint filed by the patient without the patient’s consent. In the course of the investigation of the complaint, Dr. Sinawan failed to comply with his responsibility to the College under section 4-13 of the Bylaws under 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, the College imposed a penalty which included a transfer from the Provisional – General/Family class of registration to the Conditional – Disciplined class of registration. In addition, Dr. Sinawan was issued a formal reprimand, required to complete a multidisciplinary assessment program, participate in continuing medical education in the areas of ethics, boundaries and professionalism, and to pay a fine in the amount of \$5,000 together with payment of costs of the investigation.

## NOVEMBER 2016

### Dr. Larry George Serelo, Langley

Following a discipline hearing, the Discipline Committee of the College determined that Dr. Serelo, a family physician, engaged in unprofessional conduct and contravened section 4-13(1) of the Bylaws, by failing to respond to multiple communications and correspondences from the College. Following a hearing on penalty, the Board of the College concluded that Dr. Serelo’s failure to respond to communications and correspondence of the College obstructed the College from fulfilling its mandate to serve and protect the public. The Board ordered that Dr. Serelo be suspended from practice for one month, transferred to the Conditional – Disciplined class of registration while he is suspended or otherwise subject to limits or conditions, pay a fine in the amount of \$5,000, and pay costs in the amount of \$10,336.

## DECEMBER 2016

### Dr. Jeannine Olszewski, Surrey

Following a disciplinary hearing on September 29, 2016, the Discipline Committee of the College determined that Dr. Olszewski, a family physician, engaged in professional

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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, 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. Olszewski had 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. Olszewski be suspended from practice for three months and transferred from the Full – General/Family class of registration to the Conditional – Disciplined class of registration while she was suspended or otherwise subject to limits or conditions. Following Dr. Olszewski's execution of an undertaking to the College that she will cooperate with a practice investigation, she was permitted to return to practice. In addition, Dr. Olszewski was fined \$3,500 and ordered to pay costs in the amount of \$20,941.40.