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College granted injunction against unlicensed practitioner in Lions Bay

VANCOUVER, BC: On February 22, 2019, the BC Supreme Court granted the College a permanent injunction enjoining and restraining Ms. Minoos Iromloo from offering or providing services that may only be provided by a registrant of the College.

The College was first made aware of Ms. Iromloo in March 2018 when an individual came forward alleging she had received cosmetic medical procedures at a home in Lions Bay. After an investigation, including the collection of visual evidence and an affidavit, the College determined that Ms. Iromloo had administered cosmetic injections of botulinum toxin (Botox) and dermal fillers on the individual who was a one-time client.

As a result of the unlawful practice of medicine, the individual claimed she sustained injury including bruising, headache, and pain; she was also unable to work for a period of time.

“This case underscores the importance of seeing a regulated health professional for cosmetic injections,” said Graeme Keirstead, chief legal counsel of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC. “Ms. Iromloo is not a registrant of the College and is not licensed to practise medicine in British Columbia.”

As set out in the consent order, so long as she is not a registrant of the College, Ms. Iromloo is prohibited from activities related to administering or diagnosing the use of Botox and dermal fillers; examining or advising when use of such products are appropriate for cosmetic, or other purposes. She may not advertise or offer such services in any way, or recover payment for these or any service that may lawfully be provided by a physician licensed by the College.

Further, Ms. Iromloo must not hold herself out as a physician in any way, including using any name, title, description or abbreviation of any name or title, in any manner that expresses or implies she is licensed to practise in British Columbia.

Receiving a medical service such as injections from an unlicensed practitioner is risky and has the potential for complications, including reaction to agents, infections, or greater harm due to human error. There is no assurance that the practitioner is competent or qualified to provide treatment, or that the material and equipment used are safe.

The College recommends that any person who is treated by an unlicensed practitioner consult with their family physician to review the treatment/procedure received and the materials used in performing the procedure. To verify the credentials and to ensure a physician is registered with the College, members of

the public are encouraged to visit the online physician directory on the College website at www.cpsbc.ca.

With these actions, the College is confident that the public interest has been served.

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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