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College granted injunction against unlicensed practitioner in Burnaby

VANCOUVER, BC: On February 27, 2019, the BC Supreme Court¹ granted the College a permanent injunction enjoining and restraining Mr. Kamran Asgari and Ideal Skin Laser and Wellness Inc. from offering or providing services that may only be provided by a registrant of the College.

Specifically, Mr. Asgari must not provide advice regarding the administration of botulinum toxin (Botox) in any manner. This includes advising on appropriate dosage and injection sites, risks or benefits of botulinum toxin procedures, and proper aftercare and expected recovery process. Also, he must not administer botulinum toxin, or hold himself out as being qualified to perform, or advise on any aspect of botulinum toxin procedures.

Further, Mr. Asgari must not hold himself 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 he is licensed to practise in British Columbia, or to describe his work and any of its associations. Promotional materials by Ideal Skin Laser and Wellness Inc., including its website, must not make reference to Mr. Asgari as a physician licensed by the College.

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.

¹ *College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC v Kamran Asgari and Ideal Skin Laser and Wellness Inc.* (Vancouver Registry, No. S-190570)

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