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## College granted injunction against West Vancouver unlicensed practitioner

**VANCOUVER, BC:** On March 11, 2019, the BC Supreme Court<sup>1</sup> granted the College an injunction enjoining and restraining Mr. Mehran Ghoreishi also known as Seyed Mohammadmehran Ghoreishi from engaging in the unlawful practice of medicine.

As a non-registrant of the College, Mr. Ghoreishi must not

- administer botulinum toxin (Botox), dermal fillers or platelet-rich plasma,
- determine how much botulinum toxin, dermal filler or platelet-rich plasma should be injected in a person, or in what locations, to achieve a desired result,
- perform a thread lift, dermabrasion or microdermabrasion procedure,
- determine how and where a suture should be injected for a thread lift procedure or which areas of the skin should be abraded (and to what depth) in a dermabrasion or microdermabrasion procedure,
- advise prospective clients about the benefits and risks of any of the above procedures, or as to the proper aftercare and expected recovery process following any of the procedures, or
- hold himself out as being qualified to do any of the above.

Importantly, Mr. Ghoreishi must not hold himself out as a physician in any way. This includes 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.

The order also states that Vancouver Laser Center, Complement Healthcare, and Perfect Look Laser Removal and Photo Facial Centre must not make reference to or imply that Mr. Ghoreishi is a physician licensed by or associated with the College in any way on any of their promotional materials, including websites.

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

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<sup>1</sup> *College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC v Mehran Ghoreishi, et al.* (Vancouver Registry No. S-1812291)

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](http://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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