

Disciplinary outcomes

In 2021/22, five disciplinary matters were concluded.

JULY 2021

Dr. Jacques West

Abbotsford, BC

Dr. West engaged in professional misconduct when he failed to respond to multiple communications from the College, contrary to section 4-11 of the Bylaws under the *Health Professions Act*. Dr. West was transferred from the Full – General/Family class of registration to the Conditional – Disciplined class of registration; was formally reprimanded; provided an undertaking to respond to College communications within four weeks of a request for a response; and must attend an interview with registrar staff.

OCTOBER 2021

Dr. Gregory Lorne Phillips

Vancouver, BC

Dr. Phillips engaged in unprofessional conduct by breaching the condition on his practice that he respond substantively to College communications within four weeks of the request, unless another timeline is agreed to by the College. As Dr. Phillips had already been transferred to the Conditional – Disciplined class of registration, he was to remain in that class of registration; was formally reprimanded; was ordered to register for the PBI Medical Ethics course and provide the College with confirmation of completion; and fined \$20,000.

DECEMBER 2021

Dr. John Victor William Copen

Victoria, BC

Dr. J. Copen engaged in unprofessional conduct by breaching his professional obligation to act in the best interest of his patients when he hired patients to work in his clinic and in private businesses unrelated to his clinical practice, as well as when he offered to prescribe medication to an employee. Dr. J. Copen was transferred from the Full – Specialty class of registration to the Conditional – Disciplined class of registration; was formally reprimanded; was suspended from the practice of medicine for two months; must complete a multi-disciplinary assessment program; must participate in continuing medical education and professional development in the areas of ethics and professionalism; and provided an undertaking that he would not hire patients to work at his clinic or for his private businesses, and not offer to prescribe medication to employees.

Dr. Yil-Kyong Brenda Copen

Victoria, BC

Dr. B. Copen engaged in unprofessional conduct when she prescribed medication and provided medical care to an employee outside of her regular scope of practice and when she was complicit in the hiring of patients to work at her clinic and for her private businesses unrelated to her clinical practice. Dr. B. Copen was transferred from the Full – Specialty class of registration to the Conditional – Disciplined class of registration; was formally reprimanded; was suspended from the practice of medicine for two months; was required to complete a multi-disciplinary assessment program; and was required to participate in continuing medical education and professional development in the areas of ethics and professionalism.

JANUARY 2022

Dr. Daljit Singh Herar

Abbotsford, BC

Dr. Herar engaged in unprofessional conduct when he breached the condition on his practice that he not change his practice location without prior written approval from the College and that he failed to respond to multiple communications from the College, contrary to section 4-11 of the Bylaws made under the *Health Professions Act*. As Dr. Herar had already been transferred to the Conditional – Disciplined class of registration, he was to remain in that class of registration; was formally reprimanded; provided an undertaking to respond to College communications within four weeks of a request for a response; was fined \$15,000; must pay costs of \$4,872; and was suspended from the practice of medicine for two months.