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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION – December 2, 2022

Registrant-2022-b British Columbia

1. **Nature of action:** The Inquiry Committee of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC (the College) was critical of a registrant's conduct as outlined below.

The Inquiry Committee and the registrant have agreed to resolve all matters arising from the investigation pursuant to section 36(1) of the *Health Professions Act*, RSBC 1996, c.183.
2. **Effective date:** November 21, 2022
3. **Location of practice:** British Columbia
4. **Admission and acknowledgements:** The registrant has admitted and/or acknowledged the following:
 - a. That they breached the limits placed on their practice pursuant to undertakings with the College requiring restriction of the practice of medicine to services in holistic medicine excluding prescribing medications, ordering medical tests, performing any medical procedures and diagnosing medical conditions. The registrant breached these conditions when they diagnosed medical conditions by providing medical opinions on pre-existing health conditions when they issued COVID-19 vaccination exemptions for two patients between September 24 and October 15, 2021.
5. **Disposition:** The Inquiry Committee concluded that the following disposition was appropriate:
 - a. A published reprimand.
6. **Rationale:** The Inquiry Committee determined that the registrant's conduct was in contravention of the professional and ethical obligations of a registrant of the College and was unacceptable. In considering an appropriate disposition of this matter, the Inquiry Committee noted various factors including, but not limited to, the need to promote deterrence and protect the public, the need to maintain the public's confidence in the integrity of the medical profession, and the extent to which the registrant poses a risk of engaging in future misconduct. The Inquiry Committee noted that given the registrant's resignation from the active practice of medicine, the risk of engaging in similar conduct in future was low and that specific deterrence was met. The Inquiry Committee was satisfied that general deterrence would be achieved through a non-nominal published reprimand, which would ensure the delivery of critical messaging to the profession regarding the conduct in this case and meet the College's mandate to protect the public. The reprimand will remain on the registrant's record and may be considered in the event of any future complaints should they return to practice.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia 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.

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