

UNLICENSED PRACTITIONER NOTICE

College granted injunction against Svetlana Rotter

On August 3, 2021, the BC Supreme Court granted the College an injunction permanently enjoining and restraining Svetlana Rotter from engaging in the unlawful practice of medicine.

As a non-registrant of the College, Rotter must not engage in the following:

- a) practising medicine, including but not limited to, by:
 - i. advertising her availability to perform, or offering to perform, a botulinum toxin, dermal filler or thread lift procedure;
 - ii. purporting to diagnose or determine when a botulinum toxin, dermal filler or thread lift procedure may be appropriate for cosmetic purposes;
 - iii. discussing with or purporting to advise a person about the nature, benefits, or risks of a botulinum toxin, dermal filler or thread lift procedure;
 - iv. determining how much botulinum toxin or dermal filler to inject, in which locations, to achieve a desired result while minimizing the risks of adverse consequences or complications;
 - v. determining how and where a suture should be injected during a thread lift procedure to achieve a desired result while minimizing the risks of adverse consequences or complications;
 - vi. administering an injection of botulinum toxin or dermal filler;
 - vii. performing a thread lift procedure;
 - viii. discussing with or purporting to advise a person as to proper aftercare or the expected recovery process following a botulinum toxin, dermal filler or thread lift procedure; and
 - ix. holding herself out as being qualified to do any of the things set out in (i) to (viii) above;
- b) recovering any fee or remuneration in any court in respect of the provision of any service that amounts to practising medicine;
- c) using any of the titles "doctor," "physician," "surgeon," and "medical practitioner," any abbreviation of any of those titles, and any equivalent or abbreviation of any of those title in another language, to describe her work, in association with or as part of another title describing her work, or in association with a description of her work; and
- d) using any name, title or description in a manner that expresses or implies she is entitled to practise medicine.

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 unlicensed person is competent or qualified to provide treatment, or that the material and equipment used are safe. Moreover, the unlicensed person is unlikely to carry relevant insurance.

The College recommends that anyone who is treated by an unlicensed person 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 or surgeon is registered with the College, members of the public are encouraged to visit the online registrant directory on the College website at www.cpsbc.ca.