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Dr. MARTIN, William Ewart

Victoria, BC

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VANCOUVER, BC: Dr. William Ewart Martin, a specialist in internal medicine and neurology, has been the subject of the following formal action by the College:

Dr. Martin was the subject of an investigation into whether, as a registrant of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia, he had and was applying adequate skill and knowledge to practise medicine. An investigation was conducted by the College pursuant to s. 25.2 and s. 39(2) of the *Health Professions Act*. The investigation concluded that Dr. Martin lacked the skills to function effectively in an acute care hospital setting but possessed the skill and knowledge to practise medicine confined to a private office or clinic. Dr. Martin accepted the outcome of the investigation and consented to the following direction of the Board.

Dr. Martin's registration is subject to the following limits and conditions:

1. Dr. Martin absented himself from practice effective April 2011, and remains absent from practice. He will not return to practice until he has:
 - a. Attended and successfully completed assessments approved by the College with a report to the College, which must confirm his fitness to practise; and
 - b. Attended an interview at the College to discuss the assessment and his proposed plans for returning to practice, to review Dr. Martin's fitness to resume practising, and to determine the limits and conditions of his registration.
2. Upon return to independent practice Dr. Martin:
 - a. Will restrict his practice as a neurologist to a private outpatient office or clinic setting approved by the College;

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- b. Will not apply to alter his scope of practice without prior approval from the College;
- c. Attend counselling with reports acceptable to the College;
- d. Participate in ongoing continuing medical education and professional development as directed by the College; and
- e. Comply with monitoring by the College.

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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