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### MEDIA RELEASE – November 20, 2015

## Dr. BROWN, Roy Alan

Vancouver, BC

*When reporting this release, please provide the name and location of the physician in full in order to avoid confusion with any other physician who may have a similar name or initials.*

**VANCOUVER, BC:** Dr. Roy Alan Brown, a hospitalist, has admitted to breaching both the College's prescribing standards and the Canadian Medical Association's *Code of Ethics* by engaging in the following conduct between late 2005 and early 2011.

Without being their primary care physician, Dr Brown:

- prescribed clinically excessive quantities of narcotics to his then common-law spouse, and prescribed clinically excessive quantities of stimulants to her then minor son
- acknowledges that he made the decision to administer medications to them from time to time, whether or not he had prescribed the medications to them
- billed the Medical Services Plan for three attendances on his then common-law spouse

Dr. Brown acknowledged that he sometimes picked up medications which he prescribed from pharmacies, and he further acknowledged that his then common-law spouse and her then-minor son both denied having received or consumed all of the medications which their PharmaNet profiles show as having originated from Dr. Brown's prescriptions.

Dr. Brown has consented to the following penalty to address the serious errors in professional judgment leading to the above outlined conduct:

- (a) A written reprimand by the College, to be kept in his file;
- (b) Completion of a College-sponsored educational course on prescribing medications;
- (c) Completion of a College-approved educational course dealing with ethics, boundaries and professionalism in the physician-patient relationship;
- (d) An undertaking not to provide medical treatment and not to prescribe medications to family members, except in an emergency, and to not bill the Medical Services Plan for treating family members; and
- (e) Public notification as determined by the College.

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