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### PUBLIC NOTIFICATION – December 10, 2019

## Dr. VAN EEDEN, Johannes Hendrik

Vancouver, BC

1. **Nature of action:** The Inquiry Committee of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC (the College) conducted an investigation into the conduct of Dr. van Eeden, pursuant to section 33(1) of the *Health Professions Act*, RSBC 1996, c.183.

The Inquiry Committee and Dr. van Eeden have agreed to resolve all matters arising from this investigation by way of Consent Agreement under 37.1(3)(a) of the *Health Professions Act*.

2. **Effective date:** December 6, 2019
3. **Name of registrant:** Johannes Hendrik van Eeden
4. **Location of practice:** Vancouver, BC
5. **Admission and acknowledgements:** Dr. van Eeden has admitted the following:
  - (a) That he engaged in conduct unbecoming by providing medical services to an individual with whom he was in a personal and intimate relationship by, specifically:
    - i. Prescribing various medications for that individual, and
    - ii. Providing a doctor's note for that individual's absence from work,
  - (b) And, that he failed to protect the security of a patient record.
6. **Disposition:** Following the authorization of a disciplinary citation pursuant to section 37 of the *Health Professions Act*, Dr. van Eeden entered into a Consent Agreement with the Inquiry Committee of the College, wherein they consented to the following terms, pursuant to section 39(2) of the *Health Professions Act*:
  - (a) That Dr. van Eeden be transferred from the Full – Family class of registration to the Conditional – Disciplined class of registration, effective December 6, 2019;
  - (b) A formal published reprimand;
  - (c) A suspension from the practice of medicine for six months (with four months stayed if terms and conditions are met);
  - (d) Completion of a multi-disciplinary assessment program;
  - (e) Attendance at an interview at the College with the registrar or her designate;
  - (f) Compliance with any monitoring of his practice established by the College.

7. **Rationale:** The Inquiry Committee was critical of Dr. van Eeden's admitted conduct, due to the power imbalance that existed between him and the complainant. The Committee noted the conduct was contrary to College standards and determined a disciplinary outcome was appropriate.

*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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