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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION – July 15, 2021

Dr. WEST, Jacques Abbotsford, BC

- 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. Jacques West pursuant to section 33(1) of the *Health Professions Act*, RSBC 1996, c.183.
- Effective date:** July 1, 2021
- Name of registrant:** Dr. Jacques West
- Location of practice:** Abbotsford, BC
- Admission and acknowledgements:** Dr. West has admitted and/or acknowledged the following:
 - That he failed to respond to multiple communications from the College, contrary to section 4-11 of the Bylaws made under the *Health Professions Act*.
- Disposition:** Following the issuance of four disciplinary citations pursuant to section 37 of the *Health Professions Act*, Dr. West entered into a Consent Agreement with the Inquiry Committee of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC, wherein he has consented to the following terms, pursuant to section 39(2) of the *Health Professions Act*:
 - To be transferred from the Full – General/Family class of registration to the Conditional – Disciplined class of registration;
 - To a formal reprimand;
 - To undertake to respond to College communications within four weeks of a request for a response; and
 - To attend an interview with registrar staff.
- Rationale:** The Inquiry Committee was critical of Dr. West's failure to respond to College communications. Given the importance that must be placed on registrants being responsive and truthful to the regulator, the Inquiry Committee determined a disciplinary outcome was appropriate.

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