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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION – October 24, 2022

Dr. JHAMEEL, Rafet

Chilliwack, 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. Rafet Jhameel under section 33(1) of the *Health Professions Act*, RSBC 1996, c.183.

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

2. **Effective date:** October 5, 2022
3. **Name of registrant:** Dr. Rafet Jhameel
4. **Location of practice:** Chilliwack, BC
5. **Admission and acknowledgements:** Dr. Jhameel has admitted and/or acknowledged the following:
 - a. That he engaged in inappropriate electronic communication with a patient, including sending personal, flirtatious, and sexualized messages during the course of the physician-patient relationship.
6. **Disposition:** Following the authorization of a disciplinary citation, Dr. Jhameel entered into a Consent Agreement with the Inquiry Committee, wherein he consented to the following terms, pursuant to section 39(2) of the *Health Professions Act*:
 - a. To be transferred from the full – family practice class of registration to the conditional – disciplined class;
 - b. To a suspension from the practice of medicine for three months;
 - c. To complete a multidisciplinary assessment program;
 - d. To participate in a course of assessment and counselling with a psychiatrist(s) and/or psychologist(s) approved by the College;
 - e. To attend at an interview at the College with the registrar or her designate;
 - f. To participate in formal education in the areas of ethics, boundaries and professionalism;
 - g. To pay a fine and costs in the amount of \$5,000;
 - h. To a formal reprimand;
 - i. To provide Undertakings to the College to comply with the College's *Sexual Misconduct* practice standard and to not initiate or pursue social contact with patients outside the

- clinical setting. Any inadvertent contact must be documented in the patient's medical record; and
- j. To comply with any monitoring of his practice as required by the College.
7. **Rationale:** The Inquiry Committee was critical of the registrant's admitted conduct and concluded that his engagement in improper electronic communication with the patient displayed a lack of insight. The Inquiry Committee noted that the conduct was contrary to the College standard *Sexual Misconduct* and determined that a disciplinary outcome was appropriate.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia 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.

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