

## PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

# Dr. Choi, Michael, DPM

September 19, 2023

Burnaby, BC

1. **Nature of action:** Following a discipline hearing on April 19, 2023, in respect of two citations, the Discipline Committee of the College determined that Dr. Michael Choi, DPM, engaged in unprofessional conduct, and contravened section 4-11 of the College Bylaws by failing to respond to multiple communications and correspondence from the College in relation to two complaint investigation files.

The Discipline Committee Panel made an order to resolve all matters arising from the citations pursuant to section 39(2) of the *Health Professions Act*, RSBC 1996, c.183.

2. **Effective date:** September 11, 2023
3. **Name of registrant:** Dr. Michael Choi
4. **Location of practice:** Burnaby, BC
5. **Admission and acknowledgements:** Dr. Choi has been found by a Discipline Committee Hearing Panel to have engaged in unprofessional conduct as follows:
  - a. That he failed to respond to multiple College communications in two College investigations, contrary to section 4-11 of the College Bylaws.
6. **Disposition:** Following a written hearing on disciplinary action, the Discipline Committee Panel issued a decision on disciplinary action and costs, dated September 11, 2023. Pursuant to section 39(2) of the *Health Professions Act*, the Discipline Committee Panel ordered:
  - a. A reprimand for failing to comply with section 4-11 of the College Bylaws by failing to respond to multiple College communications with respect of two College complaint investigations;
  - b. That Dr. Choi must provide substantive written responses to the investigation of the two College complaint investigation files, including an explanation for his failure to respond to earlier College communications, by no later than 30 days following the date of the Discipline Committee Panel's decision;
  - c. A suspension from practice, commencing seven (7) days from the date of the decision, for a period of thirty (30) days or until such time as Dr. Choi provides substantive written responses to the investigation of the two College complaint investigation files, whichever date is later;
  - d. To pay a fine of \$5,000 to the College by December 31, 2023;

- e. To pay hearing costs to the College in the amount of \$17,458.08 by March 31, 2024; and
  - f. To be transferred from the Full - Podiatric Surgeon class of registration to the Conditional - Disciplined class of registration effective September 11, 2023.
7. **Rationale:** Following a discipline hearing, the Discipline Committee of the College determined that Dr. Choi engaged in unprofessional conduct, and contravened section 4-11 of the College Bylaws by failing to respond to multiple communications and correspondence from the College in relation to two complaint investigation files. Following a written hearing on disciplinary action, the Discipline Committee Panel concluded that Dr. Choi's failure to respond to the College's communications and correspondence obstructed the College from fulfilling its mandate to serve and protect the public by investigating two complaints.

*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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