



Public Notification

Jim Chan

Date of action: August 27, 2013

Description of action taken:

The College of Naturopathic Physicians of British Columbia (the “College”) revoked and permanently cancelled the registration of Jim Chun Sing Chan, license # 64.

Reasons for action taken:

The College’s actions followed several complaints by Jim Chan’s patients or former patients of serious professional misconduct by him, including allegations that he had:

- 1) engaged in a scheme of treating cancer patients with unapproved gene therapy using treatments and medications outside the permitted scope of his license to practice,
- 2) practiced naturopathic medicine or other medicine without a proper license,
- 3) mistreated his patients by intimidating them, neglecting or abandoning their care, and
- 4) acted in a conflict of interest.

At the time of these complaints, Jim Chan was under the terms of a probationary Consent Undertaking given by him to the College on June 17th, 2010, resulting from a prior complaint that had been resolved in 2010. The resolution involved Jim Chan receiving a reprimand, under which he undertook to the College to “ensure that his future conduct will be above reproach.”

A subsequent investigation by the College concluded in a Citation being issued charging Jim Chan with professional misconduct on several counts relating to the complaints. The Citation was to be heard at a discipline hearing scheduled in September 2013. Prior to the commencement of the hearing, Jim Chan submitted a settlement proposal to the College under section 37.1 of the *Health Professions Act*, RSBC 1996 c 183 (the “Act”) which the College accepted, forming the basis of a Consent Order issued by the College on

August 27th, 2013, on terms under which Jim Chan admitted to certain charges and agreed as follows:

Admissions

Jim Chan admitted to having committed professional misconduct to the following extent:

- 1) uttered insensitive and inappropriate remarks to patients;
- 2) seriously violated obligations under the College's Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct;
- 3) breached the terms of his written Undertaking to the College dated June 17th, 2010;
- 4) practiced outside the scope of practice for naturopathic physicians certified by the College by directing unapproved gene therapy cancer medication including Gendicine.

Consented Outcome

Jim Chan consented to the following outcome in lieu of a disciplinary hearing by the College, as an Order under section 39(2) or 39(8) of the *Act*, and the Inquiry Committee agreed to the outcome in view of his admissions and professional misconduct:

- 1) the permanent cancellation of his registration with the College;
- 2) to hand in his license to the College with no right to reapply for reinstatement of registration in the future;
- 3) to refrain from using any name, title or description that states or implies that he can practice naturopathic medicine in British Columbia;
- 4) to pay a fine to the College in the amount of \$5,000; and
- 5) to indemnify the College for its investigative costs in the agreed amount of \$10,000.

This Notice replaces the Notice of Temporary Suspension under section 35 of the *Act*, regarding Jim C. Chan dated December 2012, below.