



## Public Notification

- Please note that the following Public Notification was an interim action under section 35 of the *Health Professions Act*, RSBC 1996, c 183 (the “Act”). **This action is no longer in effect.**

### Dr. Andrew Somody, ND

Date of action: June 2014

Description of action taken:

The Inquiry Committee ordered the temporary suspension of the practice of Dr. Andrew Somody, ND (“the Registrant”), license #524, under section 35(1)(a) of the *Act*, pending the outcome of an investigation. During the suspension the registrant must not engage in the practice of naturopathic medicine or hold himself out as being a registrant, must not make appointments for patients or prospective patients, and must not communicate with patients except to inform them of the suspension or to refer them to another registrant.

Reasons for action taken:

The temporary suspension is intended by the Inquiry Committee to protect the public.

The Inquiry Committee resolved to suspend the registration of the Registrant based on allegations and prima facie evidence that the Registrant had committed professional misconduct by violating professional boundaries, breached his duty of confidentiality, and engaged in a manner of practice that appeared to fall outside of the conventional practice of naturopathic medicine.

*The Inquiry Committee has the power to take interim action, including suspension, against registrants under section 35 of the Act. Measures taken under section 35(1) pertain to matters which are and remain unproven unless admitted by a registrant or determined by the Discipline Committee. Actions taken under section 35(1) are subject to appeal to the Supreme Court of British Columbia.*