



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 **This action is no longer in effect.**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. Jim Chan, ND

Date of action: December 2012

Description of action taken:

The Inquiry Committee ordered the temporary suspension of Dr. Jim Chan, ND (“the Registrant”), license #64, 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 initiated an investigation in response into the standard of care provided by Dr. Chan. Specifically, whether the Registrant:

- 1) threatened a patient or patients;
- 2) practiced outside of the scope of practice for naturopathic physicians;
- 3) practiced naturopathic or other medicine in another jurisdiction without a licence;
- 4) abandoned a patient or patients and/or behaved with disregard for the welfare of patients;
- 5) improperly took advantage of a patient or patients;
- 6) violated an undertaking to the College;
 - a) failed to respond promptly or within a reasonable period of time to directions and/or communications from the College;
 - b) obstructed the College’s investigation of the Complaints; and

c) engaged in a pattern of conduct unbecoming of a naturopathic physician

The College does not believe that the Registrant has a business address in British Columbia at this time.

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.