



## Public Notification

### **Dr. Allan Strauss, ND, licence no. 00564 (the “Registrant”)**

Date of action: October 11, 2016

Description of action:

The Inquiry Committee has ordered that the following limits and conditions be imposed upon the Registrant’s practice of naturopathic medicine under section 35(1)(a) of the *Health Professions Act*, RSBC 1996 c. 183 (the “*Act*”) pending the completion of its investigation into a Complaint received under section 32 of the *Act*:

- 1. The Registrant’s certifications in Aesthetic Procedures involving injections are suspended, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, his certifications in:**
  - a) Aesthetic Procedures – Dermal Fillers;**
  - b) Aesthetic Procedures – Cosmetic Botulinum Toxin; and**
  - c) Aesthetic Procedures - Facial Mesotherapy, fat reduction and body contouring using injection or other devices; and**
  
- 2. The Registrant may not inject any substance for a cosmetic purpose.**

Reasons for action taken:

The Inquiry Committee resolved to impose the limits and conditions on the Registrant’s practice of naturopathic medicine based on allegations and *prima facie* evidence that the Registrant may have:

- a) failed to obtain informed consent to a treatment before providing a treatment of Phenol to a patient;
  
- b) misled a patient as to the nature and/or identity of substances with which she was injected, and specifically, that he may have misled her into thinking that she

would be injected with Botox or another botulinum-toxin-based substance, rather than Phenol; and

- c) injected Phenol into a patient for a cosmetic purpose, a procedure not included in the scope of practice for naturopathic physicians, and beyond the scope of the authority to provide injections of Cosmetic Botulinum Toxin conferred by the College's Aesthetic Procedures – Cosmetic Botulinum Toxin certification.

The Committee was satisfied that the information available indicated that action was necessary to protect the public during the investigation due to the seriousness of the alleged conduct, and a real risk of harm to the public. The Committee took the least severe interim action it considered necessary to address immediate public protection concerns.

*The Inquiry Committee has the power to take interim action, including suspension and the imposition of limits and conditions, 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.*