



COLLEGE OF
NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Date of action: July 5, 2018

Description of action taken:

The Inquiry Committee of the College of Naturopathic Physicians of British Columbia (the “College”) has entered into a Consent Order with Dr. Allan Strauss, ND (the “Registrant”), licence #524, under sections 33(6) and 36(1) of the *Health Professions Act* RSBC 1996, c 183 (the “Act”) on the following terms:

1. The Registrant, who is currently suspended pursuant to the [Order of the Inquiry Committee dated August 9, 2017](#) (the “Order”), and currently holds non-practising registration with the College, has voluntarily surrendered his licence and undertakes not to apply for reinstatement or otherwise seek registration with the College for a period of four years from the date of the Order.
2. The Registrant has consented and undertakes to indemnify the College for its investigative costs in the amount of \$10,000, to be paid within six months of the date of the Consent Order.
3. The Registrant has consented and undertakes to pay a fine to the College in the amount of \$10,000, to be paid within six months of the date of the Consent Order.

Reasons for action:

The Committee determined, under section 33(6)(c) of the *Act*, that this would be an appropriate case to seek a consent order under section 36 of the *Act* in view of the admissions by the Registrant of his professional misconduct.

The Registrant has admitted that he:

1. did not obtain adequate informed consent from a patient (the “First Complainant”) prior to providing a treatment of Phenol;
2. misled the First Complainant as to the nature and/or identity of substances with which she was injected;
3. injected Phenol into the First Complainant 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;

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4. provided a forged document, namely a form regarding the First Complainant's informed consent to treatment with Phenol, to the Inquiry Committee;
5. further contravened the October 11, 2016 Order on June 13, 2017 and June 26, 2017 by twice holding himself out as being authorized to perform injections for a cosmetic purpose and by offering to inject a substance for a cosmetic purpose;
6. improperly delegated authority to a licensed practical nurse to perform cosmetic injections on two patients on or about October 27, 2016, in contravention of the First Order;
7. prescribed substances to patients that naturopathic doctors are not permitted to prescribe under the *Scope*, namely clonazepam, delatestryl, dexiron, DHEA, maxidex, lorazepam, and testosterone; and
8. failed to keep adequate patient records for six patients for whom he wrote prescriptions.