

COLLEGE OF NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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# **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.

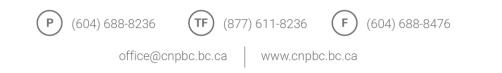
#### Reasons for action taken:

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;
- 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.