



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 **This action is no longer in effect and no further action was taken in relation to this matter.**

Dr. Eugene Pontius, ND

Date of action: June 2010

Description of action taken :

The Inquiry Committee ordered the temporary suspension of Dr. D. Eugene Pontius, ND (“the registrant”), license #11, under the *Act*, section 35(1)(a), pending the outcome of a disciplinary hearing against him. 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 temporary suspension and citation for a disciplinary hearing involve a complaint concerning the standard of care provided by Dr. Pontius, the lack of meaningful response to the College over a long period of time regarding the complaint, and a number of communications with the College deemed to be inappropriate.

Dr. Pontius’ business address is 393 Kinchant Street, Quesnel, BC, V2J 2R5.

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.