



Type: Public Notification

Name: Ajaydeep Shokar

Profession: Former Massage Therapist

Location: Surrey, BC

Date of Action: February 17, 2026

Nature of Action: A Panel of the Inquiry Committee (“Panel”) directed the Registrar to notify the public that, but for Mr. Shokar’s decision not to renew his registration with the College as of December 31, 2025, the Panel would have imposed an interim restriction prohibiting him from treating women pursuant to Section 35(1)(a) of the *Health Professions Act*.

Legal Framework: Section 35(1) of the *Act* authorizes the Panel to implement limits and conditions on practice to protect the public from harm before an investigation or discipline hearing is complete. This is not a final disposition, but an urgent, protective, and temporary measure that will remain in effect until the matter is concluded. In order to proceed with an interim protection order, the Panel must be satisfied that a *prima facie* case of the index allegations exist, and that there would be a risk to the public if no order is imposed.

Reasons: The February 17, 2026 direction to the Registrar was made after RCMP alerted the College that they were investigating Mr. Shokar for sexual assault against a patient (the “Complainant”). The Complainant subsequently contacted the College to submit a complaint regarding the same incident.

The Panel found that there was a *prima facie* case that, during the provision of massage therapy treatment to the Complainant, Mr. Shokar placed his hand at her inner groin, then directly touched her genitalia beneath clothing.

The Panel considered the seriousness of the allegation, including the lack of therapeutic intent in the alleged conduct, the nature of the evidence provided by the Complainant and the RCMP, and the possibility of recurrence. The Panel concluded that it must take action to protect the public in these circumstances.

Mr. Shokar opted not to renew his registration as of December 31, 2025, and is no longer a registrant of the College. Had Mr. Shokar renewed his registration, the Panel would have issued an interim order prohibiting him from treating women, because there would no lesser measure that would adequately address the risk posed to the public.