



Type: Disciplinary Order

Name: Yin-Jen Hsu, R.Ac.

Location: Richmond, BC

Date of Action: May 21, 2026; August 12, 2026

Nature of Action: On February 25 to 27, 2026, a panel of the Discipline Committee (the “Panel”) of the College of Complementary Health Professionals of British Columbia (“CCHPBC”) convened to hear a formal citation which was issued to Yin-Jen Hsu, an acupuncturist, under the *Health Professions Act* (the “HPA”).

The citation set out allegations that Mr. Hsu failed to take reasonable steps to ensure his employees were not engaging in sex work with patients; issued receipts for acupuncture services to patients who received massage services but did not receive acupuncture services; failed to keep adequate patient treatment records; and stored and disposed of used acupuncture needles in an unsafe manner.

Following the hearing, the Panel issued its [decision and reasons on liability](#) on May 21, 2026.

Subsequently, the College and Mr. Hsu were given an opportunity to provide written submissions on penalty and costs to the Panel. Mr. Hsu did not provide submissions regarding costs. After considering submissions from the College and Mr. Hsu, the Panel issued an [order and reasons on penalty and costs](#) dated August 12, 2026.

These decisions are made under the HPA.

Panel Decision on Liability, May 21, 2026:

The Panel found that the College proved all the allegations to the requisite standard and that Mr. Hsu’s conduct constituted professional misconduct in the following respects:

- Mr. Hsu failed to take reasonable steps to ensure his employees were not engaging in sex work.
- Mr. Hsu issued receipts for acupuncture services to patients who received massage services but did not receive acupuncture services in



violation of the College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists ("CTCMA") Jurisprudence Course Handbook.

- Mr. Hsu failed to keep adequate patient health records and patient consent to treatment forms in violation of section 2.2 of CTCMA's Practice Standard on Clinical Record-Keeping.
- Mr. Hsu failed to keep a daily appointment log in violation of section 1 of CTCMA's Practice Standard on Clinical Record-Keeping.
- Mr. Hsu failed to properly store and dispose of acupuncture needles in violation of section 6 (a) (i) of the CTCMA Code of Ethics (Schedule A to the CTCMA Bylaws).

Panel Decision on Penalty and Costs, August 12, 2026:

After considering submissions from the College and Mr. Hsu, the Panel made the following orders:

- The Respondent is reprimanded.
- The Respondent's registration is suspended for 18 months effective immediately.
- Prior to reinstatement of the Respondent's practice authority, the Respondent is required to successfully complete a course on professional ethics and record-keeping, and a course on patient and clinic safety practices.
- After the suspension is lifted, the Respondent is required to submit to up to three practice inspections in two years at the Respondent's expense.
- The Respondent is required to pay costs of \$17,500 within 18 months of the date of the order and prior to the reinstatement of the Respondent's practice authority.

The Panel determined that a significant penalty was warranted due to the serious, prolonged nature of the misconduct, which spanned multiple practice areas. Although the Respondent had a clean disciplinary history, the Panel found the misconduct occurred over the course of many years and was not limited to an isolated mistake. The Panel found the Respondent had not demonstrated meaningful insight into, or responsibility for, the misconduct. He minimized the seriousness of his conduct, did not complete any remedial action, and dishonestly created records after the citation was served. The Panel determined an 18-month suspension and supportive conditions are necessary to protect the public, provide specific and general deterrence, and uphold public confidence in the profession. The costs reflect reasonable and necessary expenses assessed in accordance with the College's tariff.