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Public Notice under s. 39.3 of the *Health Professions Act*

Minal Shah, RPT

Location: Prince Rupert, BC

Date of Action: September 7, 2023

Limits, conditions and suspensions ordered by the Inquiry Committee under section 35(1) of the Act, or by the Discipline Committee under section 38(8), are made to protect the public during an investigation, pending a hearing, or during a hearing. Measures taken under sections 35(1) or 38(8) of the Act pertained to matters which are and remain unproven unless admitted by a registrant or determined by the Discipline Committee. Actions under sections 35(1) and 38(8) of the Act are subject to appeal by the registrant to the court.

Nature of Action: A panel of the Inquiry Committee made an interim order pursuant to section 35(1)(b) of the *Health Professions Act* (the “Act”) suspending the registration of Minal Shah (the “Registrant”). The suspension of the Registrant’s practice will remain in place until the Inquiry Committee disposes of the matter, or if it issues a citation, then pending a hearing of the Discipline Committee.

Reasons: The College received a complaint that the Registrant provided multiple medications to a patient on several occasions during their physical therapy sessions which conduct could, if proven, constitute professional misconduct. The Registrant admitted to providing medication to the patient on one occasion. The Inquiry Committee is currently investigating the matter.

The Inquiry Committee was satisfied that there is a *prima facie* case of professional misconduct arising from the complaint as well as a real risk to the public, which requires that the public be protected by an interim order during the investigation or pending a discipline hearing. The Inquiry Committee concluded that the risk stemmed from the Registrant’s lack of understanding of boundaries, her scope of practice, the potential harm of her actions, and her ethical obligations.

The Inquiry Committee considered what interim measures would be sufficient and proportionate in this case. The Inquiry Committee’s assessment was that restrictions on the Registrant’s practice would not be sufficient to protect the public from the concerns identified in this case. The Inquiry Committee therefore concluded that suspension from practice was necessary to protect the public during the investigation.