



## College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia

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1. The Inquiry Committee of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC conducted an investigation into the conduct of Dr. Viem Chung Nguyen under 33(4) of the *Health Professions Act*, RSBC 1996, c.183.

The Inquiry Committee and Dr. Nguyen have agreed to resolve all matters arising from the investigation by way of a Consent Agreement under section 37.1(3)(a) of the *Health Professions Act*.

2. February 8, 2019
3. Viem Chung Nguyen
4. Vancouver, BC
5. Dr. Nguyen has admitted to and/or acknowledged the following:
  - (a) That he failed to respond to multiple communications from the College, contrary to section 4-11 of the Bylaws made under the *Health Professions Act*.
6. Following the issuance of a disciplinary citation pursuant to section 37 of *the Health Professions Act*, Dr. Nguyen entered into a Consent Agreement with the Inquiry Committee, wherein he has consented to the following terms, pursuant to section 39(2) of the *Health Professions Act*:
  - (a) To be transferred from the Full – Specialty Practice class of registration to the Conditional – Disciplined class of registration;
  - (b) To a formal reprimand;
  - (c) To pay a fine in the amount of \$7,500;
  - (d) To undertake to respond to College communications within four weeks of a request for response; and
  - (e) To pay \$8,731.76 towards the College’s cost of the investigation.

7. The Inquiry Committee was critical of Dr. Nguyen's failure to respond to College communications. Given the importance that must be placed on physicians being responsive to the regulator, the Inquiry Committee determined a disciplinary outcome was appropriate.

*The College of Physicians and Surgeons is the licensing and regulatory body for all physicians and surgeons in the province. Governed by provincial legislation, the College's role is to protect the public by establishing, monitoring and enforcing high standards of qualification and ethical practice across the province.*

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