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Dr. Leech-Porter, J. Colin G. Vancouver, BC

*When reporting this release, it is requested that the name and location of the physician be provided **in full** in order to avoid confusion with other physicians who may have a similar name or initials.*

VANCOUVER, BC, June 1, 2004: Following the issuance of disciplinary charges, Dr. Leech-Porter, a psychiatrist, has admitted that he was guilty of unprofessional conduct with respect to a patient in the period 1989 to 1991. The focus of the conduct in issue was hugging the patient on two occasions and kissing the patient on one occasion during the Christmas period, 1990. The conduct was reviewed at length by the College, particularly in view of two past disciplinary actions against Dr. Leech-Porter. Those actions were for sexual misconduct in the period 1979 to 1981. As a result of those two prior actions, Dr. Leech-Porter was suspended for one year from 1982 to 1983 and for three years from 1994 to 1997. The conduct in issue in the current disciplinary action was of a less egregious nature and occurred prior to Dr. Leech-Porter's three year suspension from practice. If this current complaint had been known to the College prior to that suspension in 1994, it would have been addressed by the College at that time. The College has not received any complaints alleging misconduct by Dr. Leech-Porter in the period following his return to practice in 1997. In reviewing all of the circumstances of the case and in particular the timing of the offences, the length of the previous suspension from practice, the absence of any subsequent misconduct warranting disciplinary action and, importantly, the assessments, monitoring and reports received by the College since Dr. Leech-Porter's return to practice in 1997, the College has, with the patient's agreement, imposed the following penalty:

1. Effective 2400 hours, May 31, 2004, Dr. Jack Colin George Leech-Porter is suspended from the practice of medicine for a period of one month.
2. Required participation in a review/assessment and provision of a report acceptable to the College prior to return to practice.
3. Payment of costs in the amount of \$4,000.
4. Continued monitoring of his practice by the College.

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