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### PUBLIC NOTIFICATION – May 16, 2018

## Dr. PUSZTAI, Edit Esther

Kamloops, BC

*When reporting this release, please provide the name and location of the physician in full in order to avoid confusion with any other physician who may have a similar name or initials.*

Dr. Edit Esther Pusztai, a psychiatrist, admitted to engaging in unprofessional conduct by failing to maintain professional boundaries with a patient including:

- allowing the patient to do work in her home;
- meeting with the patient and the patient's family socially;
- exchanging gifts with the patient;
- communicating with the patient by phone about matters unrelated to medical care;
- going on outings with the patient; and
- visiting with the patient at her home.

Following the issuance of a disciplinary citation, Dr. Pusztai consented to the following disposition by the College:

- (a) Transfer from the Full – Specialty class of registration to the Conditional – Disciplined class of registration;
- (b) A formal reprimand;
- (c) Participation in continuing medical education in the areas of ethics, boundaries and professionalism; and
- (d) Attendance at the College for a meeting with the registrar.

Clear professional boundaries ensure the protection of both patients and physicians. The College considers any violation of a professional boundary between a patient and a treating physician to be an extremely serious matter.

To view the College standard, *Boundary Violations in the Patient-Physician Relationship*, click [here](#).

*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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