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Dr. MARKE, Charles James

Kamloops, BC

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1. **Nature of action:** The Inquiry Committee of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC (the College) conducted an investigation regarding the practice of Dr. Charles James Marke, who was a registrant, pursuant to section 33(1) of the *Health Professions Act*, RSBC 1996, c.183.

The Inquiry Committee and the former registrant 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. **Effective date:** April 30, 2020
3. **Name of registrant:** Dr. Charles James Marke
4. **Location of practice:** Kamloops, BC
5. **Admission and acknowledgements:** Dr. Marke has admitted and/or acknowledged the following:
 - a. That he engaged in professional misconduct of a sexual nature by failing to maintain the professional boundaries expected of a registrant practising in British Columbia, specifically:
 - i. That approximately one month after professional treatment had been concluded and the professional relationship severed, he contacted a former patient for personal and social reasons and invited her to his residence; and
 - ii. That when she attended at his residence, they engaged in conversation of a personal nature; in addition, they sat on his couch, during which time he kissed and hugged her.
6. **Disposition:** Following the authorization of a disciplinary citation, Dr. Marke entered into a Consent Agreement with the Inquiry Committee, wherein he consented to the following terms, pursuant to section 39(2) of the *Health Professions Act*:
 - a. A formal reprimand;
 - b. Should he reapply for licensure with the College, he must complete a multi-disciplinary assessment program; and
 - c. Should he return to practice in BC, he must participate in continuing medical education and professional development in the areas of ethics and professionalism, have no engagement

in personal relationships with patients or former patients, and comply with any monitoring of his practice established by the College.

7. **Rationale:** Due to the power imbalance that existed between him and the complainant, the Inquiry Committee was critical of Dr. Marke's admitted conduct. 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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