

Type: Undertakings

Registrant: Dr. Richard Freeman (Former Registrant No. 565)

Date: March 28, 2022

Status: Not In Effect

Nature of Action: The Former Registrant voluntarily agreed to undertakings under section 36(1)(d) of the *Health Professions Act* placing his practice under ongoing supervision, and imposing additional limits and conditions on his practice. Those conditions include:

- requirements to have a chaperone present when seeing female patients in his hospital practice, and to confine his hospital practice to his assessment role;
- not accepting female patients in his private practice;
- restrictions on physical contact with clients (other than salutary handshakes); and
- limitations on the use of text messaging and e-mail to communicate with female clients (other than the use of e-mail for scheduling or other administrative communications).

Reasons: The College received a complaint from a patient who saw the Former Registrant for an outpatient assessment through a hospital setting, alleging that the Former Registrant crossed professional boundaries. Although the Inquiry Committee was unable to make a conclusive determination of the Complainant's allegations, the Former Registrant voluntarily agreed to limits and conditions on his practice to address the Complainant's reported experience of their interactions.

All public notifications pertaining to this registrant can be viewed in public notice