

College of Physical Therapists of British Columbia
Public Notice under s. 39.3 of the Health Professions Act

Jacob Arie Cornelis Kalkman, RPT

Location:

Smithers, BC

Date of Action:

January 19, 2023

Nature of Action: Jacob Arie Cornelis Kalkman voluntarily entered into a consent agreement with the Inquiry Committee of the College agreeing to the following terms:

1. a public reprimand for 17 breaches of his 2008 Consent Agreement (the “2008 Agreement”);
2. not to apply to the College for reinstatement of his registration for a period of at least three years and that prior to applying for reinstatement, he must first:
 - a. complete the PROBE Ethics & Boundaries course at his own cost and obtain an unconditional pass; and
 - b. provide a current independent medical risk assessment confirming that he is not a risk to female patients;
3. acknowledging that clause 2 off the 2008 Agreement, which provides he will not provide any physical therapy assessment or treatment services to any female person under the age of 19 years and clause 6, which provides that he is prohibited from providing any internal pelvic examination, assessment or treatment of any female person under the age of 19 years, will remain in effect in the event he is granted reinstatement, unless the Inquiry Committee directs otherwise; and
4. acknowledging and agreeing the 2008 Agreement will remain in effect in the event his registration is reinstated.

Reasons: Mr. Kalkman entered into the 2008 Agreement, which contained terms that he would not provide any physical therapy assessment or treatment to any female minor under the age of 19 and would not provide pelvic examinations and/or treatment on female minors. In November 2020, the Inquiry Committee directed an audit of the Registrant’s practice to assess compliance with the 2008 Agreement. In response, the Registrant admitted that there had been instances where he had treated female patients under the age of 19. He acknowledged he should not have seen those female patients but said he did so because he was asked to by parents and because he wanted to help. Mr. Kalkman said a parent was always present. The Inquiry Committee then commenced its own motion investigation concerning Mr. Kalkman’s provision of physical therapy to female clients under the age of 19, contrary to the 2008 Agreement . Based on the totality of the evidence, the Inquiry Committee was concerned that Mr. Kalkman failed to comply with the 2008 Agreement by treating female patients under the age of 19 on 17 occasions between 2009 and 2021. The Inquiry Committee concluded that Mr. Kalkman’s conduct represented an unacceptable departure from the College’s practice standards and Code of Ethical Conduct, which require registrants to practice in compliance with legislation and regulatory requirements applicable to their practice.

Given that Mr. Kalkman is a former registrant the Inquiry Committee determined that the terms of the consent agreement would be sufficient to protect the public.