

College of Health and Care Professionals of British Columbia Public Notice under s. 39.3 of the Health Professions Act

## Sanjay Amrutkar, Former Registrant

Location: Chilliwack, BC

Date of Action: October 8, 2019

## **Date Action Ended:**

September 5, 2024

**Update:** The Inquiry Committee ultimately made a disposition decision in this matter pursuant to s.33(6)(a) and the consent agreement ceased to have any effect at that point. For further information, please see the public notice dated August 1, 2024.

**Nature of Action**: Mr. Amrutkar voluntarily entered into a consent agreement with the Inquiry Committee of the College agreeing that he will not provide physical therapy to female patients, whether for a fee or otherwise, except in the presence of a chaperone of the patient's choosing as of October 8, 2019. This action is temporary and does not indicate any wrongdoing.

**Reasons:** The College received a report from a registrant that a patient of Mr. Amrutkar had alleged that during her treatment, Mr. Amrutkar engaged in touching, which appeared to be non-therapeutic in nature. The Inquiry Committee is currently investigating the matter.

In view of the serious nature of the allegations, which if proven, would present a significant risk to public safety, the Inquiry Committee decided to conduct a hearing, under section 35(1) of the Health Professions Act, to determine whether any action may be necessary to protect the public during the investigation.

To obviate the need for a hearing, Mr. Amrutkar voluntarily entered into a consent agreement (as described above) which is in effect while the Inquiry Committee conducts its investigation. The Inquiry Committee is satisfied that this action is sufficient to protect the public.

**Important Note:** The consent agreement relates to matters which are and remain unproven unless admitted by Mr. Amrutkar or determined by the Discipline Committee.