



College of
**HEALTH AND CARE
PROFESSIONALS OF BC**

Public Notice

Registrant: Brandon Sum, Registered Physical Therapist (“RPT”)

Location: Salus Physiotherapy Clinic

Effective Date: January 19, 2026

Nature of Action: On December 11, 2024, a complaint was received from a client concerning Mr. Brandon Sum, RPT and his practice of dry needling (the “Complaint”). At the time of the events giving rise to the Complaint, the Registrant worked at Salus Physiotherapy Clinic and was not authorized by the College to perform dry needling. A panel of the Inquiry Committee of the College of Health and Care Professionals (the “Panel”) investigated the Complaint pursuant to section 33(1) of the *Health Professions Act* (the “Act”).

Action Taken: On January 19, 2026, Mr. Sum voluntarily entered into an undertaking and consent agreement (the “Agreement”), pursuant to sections 33(6)(c) and 36 of the Act, in which he:

1. Consented and agreed to a public reprimand for performing dry needling at a time when he was not authorized to do so, failing to obtain informed consent and failing to stop the treatment when requested, failing to maintain professional boundaries, acting in a conflict of interest, failing to maintain clinical records and failing to provide adequate care, all contrary to the Updated Standards of Practice for Physical Therapists of British Columbia and the Code of Ethical Conduct.
2. Consented to successfully completing the PROBE Professional Ethics and Boundaries course at his own cost.
3. Undertook and agreed to participate in a session with a Practice Consultant to discuss and review the relevant Updated Standards of Practice for Physical Therapists of British Columbia.
4. Undertook and agreed to conditions that would apply in the event of his successful re-application to join the dry needling roster, including a requirement for supervision of his dry needling practice.

The Panel determined this to be a serious matter under s. 39.3 of the Act requiring publication.

Reasons for the Action:

On January 22, 2026, the Panel approved the Agreement to address Mr. Sum’s practice of performing dry needling at a time when he was not authorized to do so, as well as issues with his informed consent processes, his maintenance of professional boundaries, his management of conflicts of interests, his record keeping, and the adequacy of his client care. In reaching its decision in this matter, the Panel emphasized that all physical

therapists are required to practice within their scope of practice, and that a breach of this requirement is a serious matter.

The Panel is satisfied that the Agreement contains sufficient terms to ensure that Mr. Sum learns from this experience, that the profession is cautioned from engaging in similar conduct, and the public is adequately protected.