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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION – October 5, 2018

Dr. CARVALHO, Gustavo Jose

Vancouver, BC

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1. **Nature of action:** The Inquiry Committee of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC conducted an investigation into the practice of Dr. Gustavo Jose Carvalho, pursuant to section 33(4) of the *Health Professions Act*, RSBC 1996, c.183.

The Inquiry Committee and Dr. Carvalho have agreed to resolve all matters arising from the investigation by way of a Consent Agreement under section 36(1) of the *Health Professions Act*.

2. **Effective date:** August 16, 2018
3. **Name of registrant:** Gustavo Jose Carvalho
4. **Location of practice:** Richmond, BC
5. **Admission and acknowledgements:** Dr. Carvalho has admitted and/or acknowledged the following:
 - (a) That he has breached certain limits and conditions imposed on his practice as set out in Resolution 13-486, namely that he failed to complete all chart entries for patient attendances by the end of the day on which the attendance occurred, failed to provide a medical report in a timely manner and did not practise with a supervisor approved in writing by the College.
6. **Disposition:** Dr. Carvalho entered into a Consent Agreement with the Inquiry Committee of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC, wherein he consented to the following terms:
 - (a) To satisfactorily complete a multi-disciplinary assessment program;
 - (b) To a suspension from practice retroactively for a period of six months effective 2400 hours on July 12, 2017 to 2400 hours on January 12, 2018;
 - (c) To pay a \$5,000 fine; and
 - (d) To pay \$1,000 towards the College's cost of the investigation.
7. **Rationale:** The Inquiry Committee was concerned that Dr. Carvalho had previously consented to remedial undertakings to fully comply with legislated practice standards. The Inquiry Committee therefore considered Dr. Carvalho's repeated conduct to be serious, and that he required significant remediation and deterrence in order to come into compliance.

The Inquiry Committee considered the terms of the Consent Agreement necessary to protect the public, as well as send a clear message of deterrence to the profession.

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