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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION – November 29, 2018

Dr. SANDER, Donald Albert

Port Alberni, 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 conduct of Dr. Donald Albert Sander under section 33(1) of the *Health Professions Act*, RSBC 1996, c.183.

The Inquiry Committee and Dr. Sander have agreed to resolve all matters arising from the investigation by way of a Consent Agreement under section 37.1(3)(a) of the *Health Professions Act*.

2. **Effective date:** September 25, 2018
3. **Name of registrant:** Donald Albert Sander
4. **Location of practice:** Port Alberni, BC
5. **Admission and acknowledgements:** Dr. Sander has admitted and/or acknowledged the following:
 - (a) That he failed, on multiple occasions, to respond to requests for medical records contrary to the College's standard on the transfer of medical records;
 - (b) That he failed, on numerous occasions, to reply to communications from the College in violation of section 4-11 of the Bylaws made under the *Health Professions Act*; and
 - (c) That he breached his undertakings dated July 11, 2016 provided to the College to comply with the College's standard on the transfer of medical records.
6. **Disposition:** Following the issuance of a disciplinary citation pursuant to section 37 of the *Health Professions Act*, Dr. Sander 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, pursuant to section 39(2) of the *Health Professions Act*:
 - (a) To be transferred from the Full – General/Family class of registration to the Conditional – Disciplined class of registration;
 - (b) To a reprimand;
 - (c) To pay a fine in the amount of \$5,000; and
 - (d) To comply with any monitoring of his practice required by the College.

- 7. Rationale:** The Inquiry Committee acknowledged that Dr. Sander had previously provided his undertaking to comply with the College's standard on the transfer of medical records. In that regard, the Inquiry Committee determined that Dr. Sander's repeated conduct was serious and warranted a disciplinary outcome.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons is the licensing and regulatory body for all physicians and surgeons in the province. Governed by provincial legislation, the College's role is to protect the public by establishing, monitoring and enforcing high standards of qualification and ethical practice across the province.

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