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### **MEDIA RELEASE – December 12, 2017**

## **Dr. RABBANI FARANI, Nima**

Vancouver, BC

*When reporting this release, please provide the name and location of the physician in full in order to avoid confusion with any other physician who may have a similar name or initials.*

**VANCOUVER, BC:** Dr. Nima Rabbani Farani, a surgical assistant, has admitted to engaging in unprofessional conduct by improperly billing the Medical Services Plan of British Columbia (MSP). The Medical Services Commission (MSC) conducted two audits into his billing practices.

The MSC audits identified a number of significant departures from what it considered to be appropriate billing practices. Dr. Rabbani Farani has admitted that, on multiple occasions, he submitted claims for payment in respect of two or more medical services covering the same time.

Following the issuance of a disciplinary citation, Dr. Rabbani Farani consented to the following disposition by the College:

- (a) Transfer from the Full – General/Family (Surgical Assist Only) class of registration to the Conditional – Disciplined class of registration;
- (b) A fine in the amount of \$75,000;
- (c) Costs in the amount of \$25,000 to cover a portion of the College’s investigation into this matter; and
- (d) Satisfactory completion of the internationally recognized PROBE Ethics and Boundaries course no later than January 31, 2018.

After careful consideration, the College decided that a suspension for a specified term was not warranted given the fact that the MSC at the time it was discovered, ordered Dr. Rabbani Farani be de-enrolled for a period of 14 months, which prevented him from billing MSP. This was equivalent to a 14-month suspension from medical practice.

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