MEDIA RELEASE – February 17, 2011

Dr. NESBITT, Patrick Michael
Maple Ridge, BC

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VANCOUVER, BC: Dr. Nesbitt, a general practitioner, has admitted that, in or about the period May 31, 2007 to October 23, 2007, he breached the terms of his registration restricting his practice to male patients only by prescribing medication for 41 female patients, 10 of whom received prescriptions for controlled substances.

Dr. Nesbitt withdrew from practice effective October 22, 2007 and currently remains absent from practice.

Following a disciplinary hearing, Dr. Nesbitt consented to the following disposition:

1. The name of Dr. Patrick Michael Nesbitt will remain on the Conditional - Disciplined class of registration, effective 2400 hours February 1, 2010, subject to the following additional terms and conditions:

   a. 24 month term of suspension commencing February 1, 2010, with four months stayed if terms and conditions are met.

   b. Prior to his return to practice, at his cost, Dr. Nesbitt will successfully complete a multi-disciplinary assessment program chosen by the College, a course of assessment and counselling with a psychiatrist(s) and/or psychologist(s) also chosen by the College, and the Clinical Competence Program of British Columbia.

   c. Dr. Nesbitt will also, at his cost, successfully complete a minimum one month preceptorship (limited to adult male patients), under the supervision of a registered physician approved by the College, with clinical staff present with Dr. Nesbitt at all practice locations.
d. Upon successful completion of his preceptorship and prior to resuming clinical practice, Dr. Nesbitt will be interviewed by the College to determine his fitness to practise and possible additional limits or conditions on his practice. Dr. Nesbitt will obtain prior written approval from the College of his practice setting and supervision, and will not change his practice setting without College approval.

e. Unless otherwise authorized by the College Board, Dr. Nesbitt will limit his practice to the provision of surgical assistance and/or practice within a group setting with two or more full-time physicians who have an established practice, and where his practice is limited to adult male patients and does not include administrative or supervisory responsibilities. His hours of clinical practice must be approved by the College.

f. Upon resuming clinical practice, Dr. Nesbitt will:

i. have supervision and mentorship acceptable to the College, with reports;

ii. see patients only when other clinic staff are present in the clinic;

iii. comply with and participate in reviews of his practice by the College;

iv. participate in an ongoing continuing medical education / professional development program acceptable to the College.

g. Dr. Nesbitt will pay to the College costs in the amount of $25,000.

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VANCOUVER, BC, February 23, 2004: Following the issuance of disciplinary charges, Dr. Patrick Michael Nesbitt, a General Practitioner, admitted that he was guilty of unprofessional conduct in making inappropriate comments of a sexual nature to an adult patient during the course of a medical attendance in March, 2003.

Following consultation with the patient involved, the College has imposed the following penalty:

- Suspension from the practice of medicine for a period of three (3) months, effective 2400 hours, February 20, 2004. Two (2) months of that period will be stayed if other conditions are fulfilled to the College’s satisfaction.
- Participation in counselling and provision of reports acceptable to the College
- Interview by the College Executive Committee or Council prior to return to practice
- Monitoring of his practice by the College
- Future professional conduct must be beyond reproach in every respect.

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VANCOUVER, BC, December 15, 2000: Following the issuance of disciplinary charges, Dr. Patrick Michael Nesbitt, a General Practitioner, admitted that he was guilty of:

1. infamous conduct by meeting an adult female patient outside of his office in March, 1999 and engaging in sexual touching and fondling of the patient;
2. unprofessional conduct by making inappropriate comments of a sexual nature to an adult female patient in 1997;
3. unprofessional conduct by making inappropriate comments of a sexual nature to an adult female patient in June 2000.

With the agreement of the patients involved, the College has imposed the following penalty:

Dr. Nesbitt’s name has been erased from the Medical Register and entered in the Temporary Register, effective midnight December 15, 2000. He is suspended from the practice of medicine for twelve (12) months, commencing midnight December 15, 2000, and ending at midnight December 15, 2001. He must undergo professional assessment and attend such programs as may be required by the College to determine any future risk prior to being permitted to return to practice. He must pay costs in the amount of $5,000. His future professional conduct is required to be above reproach in every respect.

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