

# PHYSIOTHERAPISTS BOARD

## 香港物理治療師管理委員會

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### **DISCIPLINARY INQUIRY** **SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS ORDINANCE, CAP. 359**

**Date of inquiry** : 26 January 2024

#### **Charge(s) against the respondent**

The charge(s) as extracted from the Notice of Inquiry sent to the Respondent on 8 November 2023 are –

“That you, being a registered Part Ia physiotherapist, from about 2017 to 2018 –

- (1) engaged in impermissible practice promotion of your practice in association with [REDACTED] with which you had a professional and/or business relationship (“**the Centre**”) by sanctioning, acquiescing in, or failing to take adequate steps to prevent the publication of the following promotional article and/or post in the Centre’s Facebook page (“**the Facebook Page**”):-
  - (a) an article promoting the Centre’s “**脊椎痛症物理治療**”; and/or
  - (b) a post promoting the Centre’s commercial product “**3D PRINTED CUSTOM INSOLES with GROM**” offering a discounted price of HK\$1,300;
- (2) disseminated laudatory information to the public by sanctioning, acquiescing in, or failing to take adequate steps to prevent the publication of the statements “**梁醫師對於痛症治療、手法整脊治療、運動復康治療、和現代針灸治療有深入研究和經驗**” and/or “**梁先生的專業知識亦備受社會各界認同**” in an article titled “**物理治療師介紹**” on the Facebook Page;
- (3) disseminated information about your professional practice to the public on the social media platform “**Facebook**” by sanctioning, acquiescing in, or failing to take adequate steps to prevent the publication of your name in Chinese and English, the title “**註冊物理治療師**” and/or the name, the logo, the contact numbers and/or the address of the Centre on the Facebook Page; and/or
- (4) sanctioned, acquiesced in or failed to take adequate steps to prevent the use of the following unapproved titles, descriptions and/or abbreviations of

unapproved titles and/or reference to qualifications which are unregistrable or not acceptable to the Physiotherapists Board on the Facebook Page:-

- (a) 首席物理治療師;
- (b) [加拿大] 英屬哥倫比亞大學 (University of British Columbia) 生物學理學士;
- (c) 脊椎手法治療學證書 (西澳洲大學, Manual Concept);
- (d) 專業關節舒整學證書;
- (e) 駐場運動物理治療學證書 (亞洲運動及體適能專業學院);
- (f) 健身球教練證書 (亞洲運動及體適能專業學院);
- (g) 高級隊醫課程證書 (香港運動醫學及科學學會);
- (h) DMA CLINICAL PILATES CERTIFICATE (美國);
- (i) FASCIAL MANIPULATION CERTIFICATE (意大利);
- (j) 淋巴引流法治療證書;
- (k) 肌肉能量法證書;
- (l) 筋膜鬆弛法證書;
- (m) 體位鬆弛法證書;
- (n) 整體平衡手法證書;
- (o) 施羅特優化脊柱側彎治療證書; and/or
- (p) 澳洲復健教練 (Rehab Trainer) 證書;

and that in relation to the facts alleged, either singularly or cumulatively, you have been guilty of unprofessional conduct.”

### **Decision of the Physiotherapists Board**

At all material times, the respondent is a registered Part Ia physiotherapist. In this inquiry, the respondent is represented by his legal representative and the Secretary is represented by Legal Officer. No witness was called in this inquiry. Legal Officer relied on the bundle of documents to prove the alleged facts in the present case. She referred the Board to, among other things, sections 6.2.2 (e), 6.2.3, 6.3 and 9.1 of Part III of the Code of Practice. It is worth noting that under the Code of Practice, practice promotion on Facebook page is not permissible.

The respondent did not make any defence submission. Indeed, he admitted, through his legal representative, at the first opportunity the facts of all the charges as set out in the Notice of Inquiry.

Having considered the evidence adduced by the Legal Officer and her submission and the admission made by the respondent, the Board found that the facts of all the four charges as set out in the Notice of Inquiry are proved and that in relation to each of the four charges the respondent is guilty of unprofessional conduct as charged.

**Sentencing**

The respondent is not the subject of a previous order. Having heard the plea of mitigation, the Board decided to order that a warning letter be served on the respondent and such order shall not be published in the Gazette.

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Chairman, Physiotherapists Board

Date: 26 January 2024