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To: All registered physiotherapists

Dear Registrants,

Publication of Physiotherapists Board's Decisions at Disciplinary Inquiries

This letter informs you of the new arrangement for publication of the Physiotherapists (PT) Board's decisions at disciplinary inquiries in the PT Board's website.

At the 16 July 2013 meeting of the Supplementary Medical Professions Council ('the Council'), the Council agreed to adopt the following arrangement of the publication of the PT Board's decisions –

- (a) For inquiries conducted after 16 July 2013 where the registered physiotherapists are found guilty of professional misconduct, the full judgment will be published in the PT Board's website;
- (b) Identity of the respondent(s) will be published in the full judgment for guilty cases where the orders are to be published in the Gazette. For guilty cases where the orders are not to be published in the Gazette, the name(s) of the respondent(s) will be edited out;
- (c) Identity of other parties such as patients, complainants, expert witnesses will be edited out;
- (d) The judgment will be published after the expiry of the one-month appeal period and the final conclusion of any appeal; and
- (e) The judgment will be published in the website for a fixed period of 5 years.

The information is intended to enhance transparency of the disciplinary proceedings and to educate members of the profession as to what constitutes professional misconduct. It also provides a ready source of reference for the public in making an informed choice of physiotherapists, and for members of the profession in making an informed decision on referrals.

As a reminder, all physiotherapists should conduct themselves in their professional duties in accordance with the Supplementary Medical Professions Ordinance (Cap. 359, Laws of Hong Kong) and the Physiotherapists (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulation; and the Code of Practice for registered physiotherapists, a breach of which may lead to criminal convictions and/or disciplinary actions by the PT Board.

Please visit the PT Board's website regularly for updated information. For enquiries, please contact the Secretariat by phone: (852) 2527 8369 or by e-mail: smpb@dh.gov.hk.

Yours faithfully,

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