DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE OF THE COLLEGE OF PHYSIOTHERAPISTS OF ONTARIO

BETWEEN:

COLLEGE OF PHYSIOTHERAPISTS OF ONTARIO

- and -

VIKRAMJEET SINGH, Registration Number 20233

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee of the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario has referred specified allegations against Vikramjeet Singh to the Discipline Committee of the College. The allegations were referred in accordance with paragraph 26(1)1 of the *Health Professions Procedural Code*. The statement of allegations is attached to this notice of hearing. A discipline panel will hold a hearing under the authority of sections 38 to 56 of the *Health Professions Procedural Code*, as amended, for the purposes of deciding whether the allegations are true. A **pre-hearing conference** may be held at a date and time to be fixed by the Registrar. A discipline panel will subsequently convene for the purposes of conducting the **hearing**.

IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND AT THE HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH, THE DISCIPLINE PANEL MAY PROCEED IN YOUR ABSENCE AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY FURTHER NOTICE IN THE PROCEEDINGS.

If the discipline panel finds that you have engaged in professional misconduct, it may make one or more of the following orders:

- 1. Direct the Registrar to revoke the member's certificate of registration.
- 2. Direct the Registrar to suspend the member's certificate of registration for a specified period of time.
- Direct the Registrar to impose specified terms, conditions and limitations on the member's certificate of registration for a specified or indefinite period of time.
- 4. Require the member to appear before the panel to be reprimanded.
- 5. Require the member to pay a fine of not more than \$35,000 to the Minister of Finance.

The discipline panel may, in an appropriate case, make an order requiring you to pay all or part of the College's costs and expenses pursuant to section 53.1 of the *Health Professions Procedural Code*.

You are entitled to disclosure of the evidence against you in accordance with section 42(1) of the *Health Professions Procedural Code*, as amended. You, or your representative, may contact the solicitor for the College, Joanna Birenbaum, in this matter at:

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Telephone: (416) 968-3333 Facsimile: (416) 968-0325 Email: jbirenbaum@upfhlaw.ca You must also make disclosure in accordance with section 42.1 of the *Health Professions Procedural Code*, which states as follows:

Evidence of an expert led by a person other than the College is not admissible unless the person gives the College, at least ten days before the hearing, the identity of the expert and a copy of the expert's written report or, if there is no written report, a written summary of the evidence.

Date: April 5, 2023

Anita Ashton, Acting Registrar College of Physiotherapists of Ontario

TO: Thomasina A. Dumonceau Blaney McMurtry LLP 2 Queen Street East, Suite 1500 Toronto, Ontario M5C 3G5

Counsel for Vikramjeet Singh

Statement of Allegations

- 1. At all material times Vikramjeet Singh was a Physiotherapy Resident registered with the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario.
- 2. In the period October 1, 2021 to November 22, 2021, Vikramjeet Singh engaged in professional misconduct within the meaning of the following paragraphs of section 1 of the *Professional Misconduct Regulation*, O. Reg. 388/08:
 - a. paragraph 1 (failing to maintain the standards of practice of the profession);
 - b. paragraph 10 (sexual abuse of a patient);
 - c. paragraph 18 (engaging in conduct or performing an act relevant to the practice of the profession that, having regard to all the circumstances, would reasonably be regarded by members as disgraceful, dishonourable or unprofessional); and
 - d. paragraph 26 (failing to maintain records in accordance with the standards of practice of the profession).
- 3. In the period October 1, 2021 to November 22, 2021, Vikramjeet Singh committed an act or acts of professional misconduct under ss. 1(3), 1(4) and s.51(1)(b.1) of the Health Professions Procedural Code, which is Schedule 2 to the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991,* S.O. 1991, c.18 (the "Code"), in that he engaged in sexual abuse of a patient by touching and behaviour of a sexual nature towards a patient.

PARTICULARS OF THE ALLEGATIONS

- At all material times, Vikramjeet Singh was a Physiotherapy Resident registered with the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario, practicing at Pro Physio & Sport Medicine Centre (the "Clinic").
- 2. Patient A attended at the Clinic for an assessment and treatment on or about October 6, 2021.
- Patient A was subsequently treated by Vikramjeet Singh on October 20, 2021, October 27, 2021 and November 17, 2021. During the course of one or more of these treatments, Vikramjeet Singh:
 - a. Exposed Patient A's buttocks, by pulling down Patient A's shorts and underwear, without her consent, and touched and/or massaged Patient A's exposed bare buttocks in this position;
 - b. Massaged and/or traced and/or touched Patient A's pubic bone under her underwear;
 - c. Massaged and/or touched Patient A's vagina;
 - d. Inserted his digit and/or finger into the opening of Patient A's vagina;
 - e. Touched and/or massaged Patient A's buttocks with his hands under her shorts and underwear; and/or
 - f. Touched and/or massaged Patient A under her breasts.
- 4. Vikramjeet Singh's acts set out in paragraph 3 above were not clinically indicated and were sexual in nature.
- The acts set out in paragraph 3 above, individually and/or together, were unwelcome to Patient A and were experienced by Patient A as a violation of her sexual integrity.

- 6. In addition and/or in the alternative, the conduct set out in paragraphs 2 and 3 above failed to respect Patient A's personal boundaries, fell below the standards of practice of the profession with respect to physiotherapists and physiotherapy residents maintaining professional boundaries, were undertaken without Patient A's informed consent, and otherwise constitute conduct that, having regard to all the circumstances, would reasonably be regarded by members of the profession as disgraceful, dishonourable and/or unprofessional.
- 7. Vikramjeet Singh's clinical records in respect of Patient A failed to maintain the standards of practice of the profession.

APPENDIX

- 1. Take notice that the documents that have been and will later be disclosed to you will be tendered as business documents pursuant to the *Evidence Act* of Ontario.
- 2. All documents that are disclosed to you in this matter are disclosed on the basis that they are to be used solely for the purpose of this proceeding and for no other purpose.