

Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board

PRESS RELEASE

Registered TCM Physician Fined and Censured

1 **Lim Guan Yong (林源勇)**, of Yuan Kang Acupuncture & Herbalist Centre (元康针灸骨伤理疗中心) at Blk 280 Bishan Street 24, #01- 18, Singapore 570280, a registered TCM practitioner, was found guilty of a complaint lodged by one of his patients (“the Complainant”) for treatment rendered by him. The Complainant was subsequently diagnosed as suffering from necrotizing fasciitis. Mr Lim was found guilty of the following:

- (a) He failed to conduct adequate clinical evaluation of the Complainant before rendering the treatment to him. This amounted to a breach of clause 4.1.1(a) of the Ethical Code and Ethical Guidelines for TCM Practitioners (the “**Ethical Code**”).
- (b) The treatment rendered by Mr Lim to the Complainant was not in accordance with appropriate and generally accepted TCM treatment for the Complainant’s condition. This amounted to a breach of clause 4.1.1(e) of the Ethical Code.
- (c) Mr Lim’s aforesaid conduct amounted to a breach of Sections 19(1)(f) and (i) of the TCM Practitioners Act, i.e. he has contravened the aforesaid regulations relating to the practice and conduct of registered persons that applied to him and is guilty of professional misconduct and negligence respectively.

2 There was, however, insufficient evidence to find that the necrotising fasciitis suffered by the Complainant was caused by treatment given by Mr Lim.

3 Mr Lim was fined \$5,000 and censured.

4 In addition, pursuant to Section 20(1) of the TCM Practitioners Act, Mr Lim was ordered to pay costs and expense of or incidental to the inquiry.

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