

**Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board
PRESS RELEASE**

Registered Acupuncturist Fined and Censured

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Jin Jinhua (金锦华) is a registered acupuncturist of Raffles Chinese Medicine Pte Ltd, at 585 North Bridge Road, #13-00 Raffles Hospital, Singapore 188770 (the “Clinic”).

2 A complaint was lodged against Jin by a patient (Complainant) for misdiagnosis of her injury, when she visited the clinic for consultation and treatment of her ankle after a fall a few days earlier. Jin sent the Complainant for an X-ray at the radiology department at Raffles Hospital after she examined the Complainant’s injury.

3 Jin reviewed the X-ray taken of the Complainant’s ankle without the radiologist’s report and she told the Complainant that there was no fracture in her left ankle. She diagnosed the injury as an ankle sprain. Jin then administered acupuncture and cupping treatment on the Complainant’s left ankle, and told the Complainant to rest at home. The diagnosis by Jin was subsequently discovered to be wrong as the X-ray report from a radiologist confirmed a fracture on the Complainant’s left ankle.

4 An Investigation Committee (“IC”) Inquiry was subsequently conducted, and the following findings were made against Jin:

- (a) Jin is a registered acupuncturist with the TCM Practitioners Board and she is not trained nor does she have the necessary expertise to make a diagnosis based on an X-ray.
- (b) In this regard, Jin has acted improperly, negligently and beyond her permitted area of practice and expertise when she rendered treatment to the Complainant.
- (c) The diagnosis and treatment prescribed and rendered by Jin to the Complainant are not generally accepted TCM treatments and fell short of the standard set out in Clause 4.1.1(f) of the Ethical Code.
- (d) In light of the findings made by the IC as set out above, the IC accordingly found that Jin’s management of the Complainant’s care amounted to a breach of Sections 19(1)(f), 19(1)(i) and/or 19(1)(j) of the TCM Practitioners Act.

5 The Board decided to impose the following sanction against Jin pursuant to Section 19(2) of the Act:

- (a) impose a financial penalty of \$5,000, and
- (b) issue a notice of censure.

6 In addition, pursuant to Section 20(1) of the TCM Practitioners Act, Jin was ordered to pay costs and expenses of or incidental to the inquiry or investigation conducted or action taken against Jin by the Board.