

**Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board
PRESS RELEASE**

Suspension of Registration of TCM Physician

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Mdm Wu Liping (吴莉萍), of Shenzhou Chinese Physician Clinic (神州中医诊所) at Blk 252 Jurong East Street 24, #01-123, Singapore 600252 is a registered TCM physician and a registered acupuncturist.

2 A complaint was lodged against Wu by the father of one of her patients (the “Complainant”). The patient was a 15-year old girl who had consulted Wu after having missed her menstruation for a 5 month period (the “Patient”).

3 The treatment that the 15-year old patient sought from Wu was for her medical condition of not having her menstruation for the past 5 months.

4 An Investigation Committee (“IC”) Inquiry was subsequently conducted, and Wu was found guilty of inter alia professional negligence. The following findings were made against Wu:

- (a) Wu had failed to conduct an adequate or sufficient clinical examination and medical history taking of the patient.
- (b) Wu had also failed to consider and eliminate the possibility that the patient could have been pregnant, given her condition at the time of the consultation(s).
- (c) Wu had misdiagnosed the Patient’s condition as hormonal imbalance when, in actual fact, the Patient was 5 months pregnant at the material time. Wu had failed to exclude the possibility of pregnancy and/or ask adequate or sufficient basic questions as to the Patient’s condition.
- (d) Wu had prescribed the TCM herbal medication known as “桃红四物汤加味” to the Patient without any regard to her actual medical condition. The herbal decoction, meant to revitalise and strengthen the blood flow, posed health risks to both the Patient and her unborn child.
- (e) The diagnosis and TCM herbal medication prescribed and dispensed by Wu to the Patient, as stated in sub-paragraphs (a) to (d) above, was not an appropriate and/or generally accepted TCM treatment and fell short of the standard set out in the Ethical Code.
- (f) In light of the findings made by the IC as set out above, the IC accordingly found that Wu’s misdiagnosis and management of her Patient’s care contravened Clauses 4.1.1(a) and 4.1.1(e) of the Ethical Code and amounted to a breach of Sections 19(1)(f), 19(1)(i) and 19(1)(j) of the TCM Practitioners Act.

5 The Board decided to impose the following sanctions against Wu pursuant to Section 19(2) of the TCM Practitioners Act:

- (a) suspension of Wu’s registration as a TCM physician and acupuncturist for a

period of 3 months, with suspension to commence on 1 June 2016;

(b) imposition of a financial penalty of S\$5,000; and

(c) issuance of a notice of censure.

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

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