

# TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE PRACTITIONERS BOARD

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### Issuance of an Interim Order against TCM Practitioner Ang Tick Waa

Mr Ang Tick Waa (翁德华) (Mr Ang) is a registered Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) Practitioner practising at Angsan Chinese Physician & Medical Hall, located at Blk 635, Ang Mo Kio Ave 6, #01-5127, Singapore 560635 (Premises).

2. On 13 October 2020, the Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board (Board) made an interim order that, with effect from **14 October 2020 until 13 April 2022**, Mr Ang is to
  - a. stop carrying out any practice of TCM; and
  - b. refrain from administering an intrusive nose treatment (Nose Treatment) or any similar treatment forthwith on any patient, collectively referred to herein as **Interim Order**.
3. The Board is of the view that it is necessary that the Interim Order be issued against Mr Ang **immediately** in order to avoid any actual incident that endangers the public as a result of his (i) unauthorised practice of TCM and/or (ii) his advertising or holding himself out to be qualified to carry out any prescribed practice of TCM and/or acupuncture, when he was not authorised to do so.

### REASONS FOR INTERIM ORDER

4. Under the Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Act (Act), no person shall:
  - (a) carry out any prescribed practice of TCM; or
  - (b) advertise or otherwise hold himself out to be qualified to carry out any prescribed practice of TCM, unless he is a qualified person in respect of that prescribed practice of TCM and he carries out that prescribed practice in accordance with the conditions of his registration.

5. The Act defines a “qualified person”, in relation to a prescribed practice of TCM as a person who is (a) registered to carry out; and (b) has in force a practising certificate (PC) which authorises him to carry out TCM.

6. The Board notes that:

- (i) As of 13 October 2020, Mr Ang continues to practise TCM and/or hold himself out as a qualified TCM practitioner even though he is not authorised to do so as he does not hold a valid PC;
- (ii) Mr Ang has not held a valid PC since his registration as a TCM practitioner was suspended for a period of 1 year, from 14 May 2019 to 13 May 2020 (Suspension Period) as a result of disciplinary proceedings arising out of a complaint to the Board relating to Mr Ang’s administering of the Nose Treatment on a patient;
- (iii) Mr Ang administered the Nose Treatments on at least two different patients whilst he was still under suspension and in breach of the Board’s orders that Mr Ang cease using the Nose Treatment on all patients.
- (iv) One of the patients has lodged a complaint (Complaint) against Mr Ang arising out of his administering of the Nose Treatment.

7. The Board is of the view that the Interim Order is necessary to avoid any incident that may endanger the public as a result of Mr Ang’s continued unauthorised practice of TCM and/or the Nose Treatment, including his advertising or holding himself out to be a qualified TCM practitioner, when he is in fact not allowed to do so under the Act. The Interim Order will last for **18 months** until **13 April 2022** unless it is either (i) revoked beforehand by the Board, (ii) replaced by an order made by the Board in respect of the Complaint, if any, or (iii) confirmed by the Board under section 26H(8) of the Act. If the Interim Order is not revoked, replaced or confirmed by the Board before 13 April 2022, it will cease to have effect on **14 April 2022**.

8. As Mr Ang may also have committed a criminal offence under section 24 of the Act, the Board has referred the matter to the Ministry of Health for follow up.

9. Details on Mr Ang’s earlier disciplinary proceedings relating to his provision of the Nose Treatment on a patient and the Board’s orders can be found [here](#).