

TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE PRACTITIONERS BOARD

GROUND OF DECISION ON THE COMPLAINT AGAINST CHOO LED SIN (REGISTRATION NUMBER: TXXXX269F) RECEIVED BY THE BOARD

Date of Board Hearing: 3 August 2023

Grounds of Decision

1. TCMP Choo is a Traditional Chinese Medicine (“TCM”) Practitioner. At all material times, he practised at Clinic C.
2. The Complaint against TCMP Choo was made by Mr C on 5 October 2018 that TCMP Choo had been convicted on 19 September 2018 under Section 24(1)(a) of the Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Act 2000 (Cap 333A) (“TCMP Act”) for carrying out prescribed practice of TCM as an unqualified person between 16 September 2016 and 15 June 2017 (the “Conviction”).
3. An Investigation Committee (“IC”), IC 2022/3, was appointed by the Board to investigate the Complaint. The IC observed that TCMP Choo had pleaded guilty to the charges preferred against him in the State Courts and that, in his explanation to the IC, he had admitted to practising TCM while under suspension between 16 September 2016 and 15 June 2017. The IC arrived at the following findings:
 - a. TCMP Choo was convicted of an offence in Singapore implying a defect in character which renders him unfit to remain on the Register under Section 19(1)(h) of the TCMP Act; and
 - b. TCMP Choo is guilty of improper act or conduct which renders him unfit to remain on the Register under Section 19(1)(k) of the TCMP Act.
4. The Board noted that TCMP Choo had expressed deep remorse and said he would not make the mistake again. His concern at that time was to perform the acupuncture on the patients to enable the patients to get well and recover from suffering; that the treatment did not result in any complaint or worsening effect. TCMP Choo said that

he had not performed any other TCM treatments and had employed registered TCM physicians in his clinic. TCMP Choo had emailed a letter on mitigation on 1 August 2023 to the Board.

5. At the hearing on 3 August 2023, the Board has decided to impose the following sanctions on TCMP Choo pursuant to Section 19(2) of the TCMP Act:
 - a. a suspension of TCMP Choo's registration for a period of 9 months;
 - b. a financial penalty of \$5,000.00;
 - c. a censure; and
 - d. a written undertaking by TCMP Choo that he will not engage in the conduct complained of or any similar conduct.
6. Pursuant to Section 20(1) of the TCMP Act, the Board has also directed TCMP Choo to pay for all costs and expenses of and incidental to the inquiry conducted and action taken against him.

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(Note: Certain information may be redacted or anonymised to protect the identity of the parties.)