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PRESS RELEASE

DISCIPLINARY INQUIRY FOR DR KAY AIH BOON ERWIN

1. The Disciplinary Committee ("DC") of the Singapore Medical Council ("SMC") held a disciplinary inquiry on 20 and 22 September 2010 for Dr Kay Aih Boon Erwin ("Dr Kay"), a general practitioner. Dr Kay practised at the KCS Medical Centre, located at Blk 515, Bedok North Avenue 2, #01-205, Singapore 460515.
2. Dr Kay was charged with professional misconduct for failing to treat his patients according to generally accepted methods of treatment, in breach of the SMC's Ethical Code and Ethical Guidelines ("ECEG"). The particulars of the charge related to Dr Kay's use of the Bioresonance Machine to treat his patients' smoking habits, allergies and behavioural issues as a result of autism. Dr Kay pleaded guilty to the charge.
3. The DC found that the SMC's ECEG mandates that members of the medical profession shall not offer to patients, remedies that are not generally accepted by the profession, except in the context of a formal and approved clinical trial.
4. Accordingly, the DC held that any practitioner who wants to introduce a new method of treatment must, for the protection of the public from harm, and in the public's best interests, undergo the requisite clinical trial in accordance with the Bioethics Advisory Committee's Guidelines for Institutional Review Boards for such treatment. Unless that was done, a medical practitioner should not introduce or attempt novel treatments on patients. In this context, such misconduct by a medical practitioner was not a trivial one.
5. In mitigation, the DC noted that the use of the Bioresonance Machine was not invasive in nature and that there was no evidence to-date of any actual harm or adverse effect to any of Dr Kay's patients arising from its use.

6. Taking all circumstances into consideration, including Dr Kay's mitigation plea, the DC ordered that Dr Kay be fined \$5,000 and censured. The DC also ordered that Dr Kay give a written undertaking to the SMC that he will not engage in the conduct complained of or any similar conduct; and that pending the provision of the written undertaking, Dr Kay was directed to immediately cease the use of the Bioresonance Machine for the treatment of his patients. Dr Kay was ordered to pay the costs and expenses of and incidental to these proceedings, including the costs of the solicitors of the SMC and the Legal Assessor.

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