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DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE INQUIRY FOR DR TAN HUI HOON

1. A Disciplinary Committee ("DC") Inquiry ("Inquiry") was held on 28 September 2011 for Dr Tan Hui Hoon ("Dr Tan"), age 50 years, a registered general practitioner who was practising at Drs Goh & Tan Family Clinic & Surgery located at Blk 283 Bishan Street 22 #01-191 Singapore 570283 at the material time. The proceedings arose out of a complaint to the Singapore Medical Council ("SMC") dated 10 November 2009 by the Ministry of Health.
2. Dr Tan faced a total of 4 charges of professional misconduct under the Medical Registration Act for failing to exercise due care in the management of her patients by inappropriately prescribing Benzodiazepines and for failing to exercise due care in the management of her patients by inappropriately prescribing Benzodiazepines and cough mixtures containing codeine.)
3. Dr Tan pleaded guilty to all 4 charges at the Inquiry and accordingly, the DC convicted her of the charges.
4. Compared with the other cases that the DC was referred to (where the sentence imposed was a suspension), the DC found that the number of charges was lower and as such, the matter should be treated less severely. The DC also noted that the character references and the good that can be said of Dr Tan were compelling.
5. Taking into account the mitigating factors, the DC ordered that Dr Tan be fined \$5,000 and censured. The DC also ordered that Dr Tan provide a written undertaking to the SMC that she will not engage in the conduct complained of, or of any similar conduct. Dr Tan was also ordered to bear the costs and expenses of and incidental to these proceedings, including the costs of the counsel to the SMC and the Legal Assessor.
6. The DC also ordered that the Grounds of Decision be published.

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