SUMMARY of the Decision of the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee
(the Committee)
(Information is available about the complaints process here and about the Committee here)

Dr. Jean-Marc Benoit (CPSO #83720)
(the Respondent)

INTRODUCTION

The College received information raising concerns about a third party report the Respondent provided in support of a request for a COVID-19 vaccine exemption for children. Subsequently, the Committee approved the Registrar's appointment of investigators to conduct a broad review of the Respondent's practice.

COMMITTEE'S DECISION

A Panel of the Committee considered this matter at its meeting of October 13, 2022. The Committee required the Respondent to appear before a Panel of the Committee to be cautioned with respect to the College's *Third Party Medical Reports* policy and to provide the Committee with a written report in which he described the areas in which he failed to comply with the policy in this matter. In addition, the Committee required the Respondent to complete a specified continuing remediation and education program (SCERP) consisting of completing the next available session of the PROBE Canada Program.

COMMITTEE'S ANALYSIS

As part of this investigation, the Registrar appointed an independent Assessor to submit a written report to the Committee. In his report, the Assessor indicated that, with hundreds of millions of doses administered, there is an abundance of safety data regarding vaccinations.

The Committee was of the view that the Respondent's third party report was not in compliance with the College's *Third Party Medical Reports* policy. The Committee was also concerned that the Respondent demonstrated an ethical lapse in agreeing to provide a third party report that was based on vaccine misinformation and was not in compliance with College policy.

On the basis of the above, the Committee decided to require the Respondent to appear before a Panel of the Committee to be cautioned and to complete the SCERP as set out above.