



Type: Consent Resolution

Name: David St. Loe, RMT

Location: Vancouver, BC

Date of Action: August 20, 2025

Nature of Action: The registrant, David St. Loe, voluntarily entered into an undertaking and consent agreement with a panel of the Inquiry Committee of the College to address the conduct that was the subject of a complaint investigation (the “Conduct”).

As part of the agreement, Mr. St. Loe agreed to the following terms:

1. Formal reprimand from the College.
2. Undertaking not to repeat the Conduct.
3. Suspension of Mr. St. Loe’s registration with the College for a period of 7 days.
4. Completion of remedial education on boundaries and consent, ethics and professionalism, and one-on-one review with a College practice advisor (who is also an RMT).
5. Mr. St. Loe’s practice of massage therapy will be subject to the following conditions until he has completed the requirements in paragraph 4 above:
 - a. A prohibition on treating patients who identify as female;
 - b. He must post a statement that he is prohibited from treating patients who identify as female in a prominent position on all online booking pages associated with his practice;
 - c. He must post a notice in any treatment room where he practices in a prominent place stating that he is prohibited from treating patients who identify as female. The notice is only required to be posted in the treatment room when Mr. St. Loe is treating a patient; and
 - d. He must, by 6:00 p.m. every Friday, provide the College with, or electronic access to, his calendar, including the name and contact information for each patient he treated in the preceding week.
6. Payment of a portion of the costs of the investigation in the amount of \$350.



Reasons: The undertaking and consent agreement relates to a complaint made by a patient on January 6, 2025.

On February 26, 2025, pursuant to section 35(1) of the *Health Professions Act*, the Inquiry Committee made an interim order restricting Mr. St. Loe's practice to protect the public during the investigation. (See [Public Notice – Extraordinary Action \(IC\)](#) for more details).

Mr. St. Loe admitted to palpating a female patient's breast during a treatment on January 3, 2025. The conduct in question involved:

- Failing to communicate the intent of the massage to the area,
- Failing to provide a clinical rationale for massage to the area,
- Failing to obtain the patient's informed consent for treatment to the area,
- Performing the palpation in a manner more consistent with a breast examination than with a recognized therapeutic massage technique, and
- Performing the palpation in a way that was not consistent with therapeutic intent.

Mr. St. Loe also admitted that, during the January 3, 2025, appointment, Mr. St. Loe made comments of an unprofessional, inappropriate and personal nature by sharing overly personal details about his life in a manner that eroded the therapeutic relationship and included the topics of Viagra and marijuana.

The Conduct violates the Boundaries Standard of Practice and Consent Standard of Practice for registered massage therapists and constitutes professional misconduct.

The Conduct represents a fundamental disregard for professional boundaries, informed consent, and the principles of patient-centered care. Palpating a patient's breasts without clinical justification or consent, and in a manner inconsistent with therapeutic intent, undermines public trust, compromises patient safety, and violates the core responsibilities of a regulated health professional.

The panel of the Inquiry Committee is satisfied that the terms of the undertaking and consent agreement will protect the public interest.