

**IN THE MATTER OF A HEARING BEFORE THE HEARING TRIBUNAL
OF COLLEGE OF PHYSIOTHERAPISTS OF ALBERTA**

into the conduct of Pranjali Khairmode, Registration No. 7797
pursuant to the
Health Professions Act, RSA 2000 c H-7

**NOTICE OF HEARING
AND
NOTICE TO ATTEND AS WITNESS**

TO: PRANJALI KHAIRMODE

TAKE NOTICE THAT on **April 30, 2024** in the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta, commencing at 9:00 a.m. by Zoom Video Conference, a Hearing Tribunal of the College of Physiotherapists of Alberta (the “College”) will conduct a hearing into allegations that you engaged in unprofessional conduct in that:

1. On or about February 11, 2023, you failed to perform appropriate assessments in relation to client P.B. prior to initiating moist heat treatment with a hot pack (“MHP treatment”), including one or more of the following:
 - a. failed to conduct a pain sensitivity assessment;
 - b. failed to conduct a thermal sensitivity assessment.
2. On or about February 11, 2023, you failed to have and/or document a therapeutic justification for applying MHP treatment to client P.B.’s buttocks.
3. On or about February 11, 2023, you failed to implement client P.B.’s MHP treatment in a safe and/or competent manner, including one or more of the following:
 - a. failed to consider information about client P.B.’s health, including that they had sensory loss in the gluteal and sacral regions;
 - b. failed to determine potentials risks to client P.B.;
 - c. placed the hot pack underneath client P.B.’s buttocks while they were laying in the modified crook lying position;
 - d. failed to wrap the heat pad with sufficient towels and/or covers, considering the placement of the hot pack underneath client P.B.’s buttocks.

4. On or about February 11, 2023, you failed to adequately monitor client P.B. during the MHP treatment, including one or more of the following:
 - a. inappropriately relied on MHP's verbal response instead of conducting a visual assessment of client P.B.'s gluteal region;
 - b. failed to conduct assessments of client P.B. with sufficient frequency.

5. Between February 12, 2023 and March 2, 2023, you failed to respond to client P.B.'s concerns in an appropriate and/or professional manner, including one or more of the following:
 - a. failed to demonstrate sensitivity and/or accountability to client P.B. when they were notified about client P.B.'s burns over the phone;
 - b. failed to document an incident report in a timely manner after being notified about client P.B.'s burns on February 13, 2023; and
 - c. contacted client P.B. via text message and phone from your personal cellphone and after client P.B. had ceased being a client with their clinic.

IT IS FURTHER ALLEGED THAT your conduct constitutes "unprofessional conduct" as defined in s. 1(1)(pp)(i), (ii) and (xii) of the *Health Professions Act*, RSA 2000 c H-7 (the "HPA"). In particular, it is alleged that:

1. Your conduct breaches one or more of the following:
 - a. Code of Ethical Conduct for Alberta Physiotherapists: Responsibilities to the Client (A1, A12, A13, A18); Responsibilities to the Public (B1); and Responsibilities to Self and the Profession (C1);
 - b. Standards of Practice for Physiotherapists in Alberta: Client Assessment, Diagnosis, Interventions; Client-Centered Care; Documentation and Record Keeping; Evidence-Informed Practice; Privacy/Confidentiality; Professional Boundaries; Risk Management; and Safety.

2. Your conduct displays a lack of knowledge, skill and/or judgment in the provision of professional services; and

3. Your conduct with respect to Allegation 5 harms the integrity of the profession.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to section 72(1) of the HPA you are required to attend at the said time and place in person, and you are compelled to give evidence and produce models, charts, documents, papers, notes, records, and other material relevant to the Hearing Tribunal.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that in the event that you do not attend at the said time and place, the Hearing Tribunal may proceed in your absence pursuant to section 79(6) of the HPA and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that in the event you do not attend at the said time and place, your failure to comply with the Notice to Attend may result in a further complaint and may constitute unprofessional conduct.

DATED at the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta, 27th day of February, 2024.



Haylee O'Reilly
Hearings Director
Signed by: Haylee O'Reilly