

**DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE OF THE
COLLEGE OF NATUROPATHS OF ONTARIO**

Dr. Jacob Scheer, ND, Chair)	
Dr. Amy Armstrong, ND)	MONDAY,
Dr. Rick Olazabal, ND (<i>Inactive</i>))	THE 9 TH DAY
Mr. Dean Catherwood, Public Member)	OF JUNE 2025
Mr. Paul Phillion, Public Member)	

B E T W E E N :

COLLEGE OF NATUROPATHS OF ONTARIO

- and -

MICHAEL PRYTULA

THIS HEARING was held on November 1, 2, 15, December 5, 2023, and March 19, 20, April 9, 10, July 29, 30, September 13, 2024, and January 27 and April 7, 2025 virtually by way of videoconference.

ON READING the Notice of Hearing dated September 7, 2022, and on hearing the evidence and submissions of counsel for the College and the legal representative for Michael Prytula (the "**Registrant**"):

A. THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE FINDS THAT the Registrant has engaged in professional misconduct pursuant to subsection 51(c) of the *Health Professions Procedural Code* (the "**Code**"), being Schedule 2 to the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991* (the "**RHPA**"), as set out in the following paragraphs of section 1 of Ontario Regulation 17/14 made under the *Naturopathy Act, 2007* (the "**Act**"):

1. Paragraph 1 – Contravening, by act or omission, a standard of practice of the profession or failing to maintain the standard of practice of the profession, including:
 - a. Advertising Standard of Practice;
 - b. Compounding Standard of Practice;
 - c. Injection Standard of Practice;
 - d. IVIT Standard of Practice;

- e. Performing Authorized Acts Standard of Practice;
 - f. Record Keeping Standard of Practice;
 - g. Scope of Practice Standard of Practice; and
 - h. Sections 3(1) and 13(3) of Regulation 168/15;
2. Paragraph 7 – Recommending or providing treatment that the member knows or ought to know is unnecessary or ineffective;
 3. Paragraph 8 – Providing or attempting to provide services or treatment that the member knows or ought to know to be beyond the member's knowledge, skill or judgment;
 4. Paragraph 9 – Failing to advise a patient or the patient's authorized representative to consult another member of a health profession within the meaning of the *RHPA*, when the member knows or ought to know that the patient requires a service that the member does not have the knowledge, skill or judgment to offer or is beyond his or her scope of practice;
 5. Paragraph 10 – Performing a controlled act that the member is not authorized to perform;
 6. Paragraph 14 – Prescribing, dispensing, compounding or selling a drug or a substance for an improper purpose;
 7. Paragraph 15 – Administering a substance by injection or inhalation to a patient for an improper purpose;
 8. Paragraph 23 – Failing to keep records in accordance with the standards of the profession;
 9. Paragraph 26 – Making a claim respecting a drug, substance, remedy, treatment, device or procedure other than a claim that can be supported as reasonable professional opinion;
 10. Paragraph 27 – Permitting the advertising of the member or his or her practice in a manner that is false or misleading or that includes statements that are not factual and verifiable;
 11. Paragraph 36 – Contravening, by act or omission, a provision of the Act, the *RHPA*, or the regulations under either of those Acts including:
 - a. Section 4(3) of the Act; and
 - b. Sections 2(1) and 5(1) of Regulation 168/15; and
 - c. Section 76 of the Code;
 12. Paragraph 43 – Failing to carry out or abide by an undertaking given to the College or

breaching an agreement with the College;

13. Paragraph 46 – Engaging in conduct or performing an act relevant to the practice of the profession that, having regard to all the circumstances, would reasonably be regarded by members as disgraceful, dishonourable or unprofessional; and
14. Paragraph 47 – Engaging in conduct that would reasonably be regarded by members as conduct unbecoming a member of the profession.

B. THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE MAKES THE FOLLOWING ORDER as a result of the findings of professional misconduct against the Registrant, and pursuant to subsection 51(2) of the Code:

1. Requires the Registrant to appear before the discipline Panel to receive a reprimand, arrangements to be made to schedule same; and
2. Directs the Chief Executive Officer to revoke the Registrant's certificate of registration, effective immediately.

C. THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE FURTHER MAKES THE FOLLOWING ORDER pursuant to s. 53.1 of the Code:

1. Requires the Registrant to pay to the College two thirds of all investigative, legal and hearing costs and expenses, which amounts to **\$262,953.29**, within 24 months of the date of the order on the following schedule:
 - a. \$10,956.32 due one month from the date of the order; and
 - b. \$10,956.39 due every month thereafter until paid in full.

June 9, 2025



Dr. Jacob Scheer, ND, Chair