



## **Mr Rama Prasad (“Ayurveda Doctor Rama Prasad”) - Interim Prohibition Order**



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The NSW Health Care Complaints Commission (“the Commission”) is currently investigating Mr Rama Prasad in relation to his prescribing of the Ayurvedic Medication “Manasamithra Vatika” (Manasamitram Pills) to both children and adults and about his claims that his treatments can reverse several aspects of autism in children.

The Ayurvedic Medication “Manasamithra Vatika” (Manasamitram Pills) was found to contain elevated levels of lead and other heavy metals.

One case with mildly elevated blood level was notified to the South Eastern Sydney Public Health Unit after consuming this product.

Clients residing in NSW who are considered to have been placed at possible risk have now been contacted by NSW Health public health personnel.

The Commission has issued an interim prohibition order in relation to Mr Rama Prasad, under section 41AA of the *Health Care Complaints Act 1993* (“The Act”). Mr Prasad is currently prohibited from providing any health services, either in paid employment or voluntarily, to any member of the public.

This interim prohibition order will remain in force for a period of eight weeks and may be renewed where appropriate in order to protect the health or safety of the public.

The Commission is also issuing a public warning about the risks associated with Ayurvedic Medication.

There is also close liaison with NSW Health, the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) and the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) who also have regulatory responsibilities



relating to this matter.

What should consumers do to protect themselves?

The Commission strongly urges those individuals seeking alternative therapies to be vigilant in their research prior to proceeding with any natural therapy medications or medicines and to discuss any such proposed therapies with their treating registered health practitioner.

Individuals can check to see if a practitioner is registered in Australia through the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) website at [www.ahpra.gov.au](http://www.ahpra.gov.au)

Individuals can also check the website at <https://www.tga.gov.au/> to see whether medications or medicines have been approved by the TGA.

Further Information

The full interim prohibition order can be found [here](#).

For further information, contact the Executive Officer of the Health Care Complaints Commission, on 9219 7444 or send an email to [media@hccc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:media@hccc.nsw.gov.au).

If you think you may have consumed this medication, please contact your local Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055.

The information in this media release is correct at the time of publication. Orders may change; for example, conditions may no longer apply. For current information regarding the status of a registered health practitioner, including any conditions that currently apply, please check the National Register at [www.ahpra.gov.au](http://www.ahpra.gov.au).

### Still need more information

If you would like to speak to someone at the Commission for more information before you lodge a written complaint you can contact the Inquiry Line during business hours, Monday to Friday from 9am – 5pm on 1800 043 159 or submit an online inquiry.

[Online inquiry](#)

### Ready to lodge your complaint

All complaints must be made in writing and we aim to assess complaints within 60 days. Your complaint will be allocated to an assessment officer and we will write to you to explain the outcome of your complaint.

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You can track the progress of your complaint online.



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