

# Mr John Ing Joon Tiong - Phar17/384P

## Charge

On 13 September 2017 the Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal considered a charge laid by the Professional Conduct Committee against Mr John Tiong, registered pharmacist of Palmerston North (the Pharmacist).

The charge alleged that the Pharmacist, employed as such and in a supervisory role for a pharmacy assistant, conducted himself in an inappropriate and/or unprofessional manner by obtaining and using the email addresses of the pharmacy assistant's university classmates, parents and her brother by contacting them by email and setting out details of a personal relationship that he had with the pharmacy assistant.

The hearing proceeded on an agreed summary of facts basis.

## Finding

The Tribunal noted that it had little difficulty concluding that the charge was made out and misconduct was established. The Tribunal noted that it reached no conclusion as to the appropriateness or otherwise of the Pharmacist's relationship with the pharmacy assistant and it was not addressed in the charge.

## Penalty

The Tribunal censured the Pharmacist; imposed conditions on his practice for 2 years and ordered \$18,133 of costs be paid as a contribution to costs of the Tribunal and PCC.

The full decision of the Tribunal can be viewed at: [Phar17/384P - Tiong](#)