



BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE OF PAKISTAN MEDICAL COMMISSION

In the matter of

Complaint No. P.F-12-Complaint-115/2016-legal

Mr. Muhammad Usman Vs. Dr. Muhammad Farooq Sandhu

Professor Dr. Naqib Ullah Achakzai	Chairman
Professor Dr. Noshad Ahmad Shaikh	Member
Mr. Jawad Amin Khan	Member
Barrister Ch. Sultan Mansoor	Secretary
Expert of Surgery	

Present:

Dr. Muhammad Farooq Sandhu (54961-P)	Respondent
Dr. Zubair Younas Butt	DMS, Mayo Hospital
Hearing dated	21.11.2022

I. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

1. Reference was received from the Punjab Healthcare Commission (PHC) in the matter of the complaint filed by Mr. Muhammad Usman (the "Complainant") against Dr. Muhammad Farooq Sandhu, (the "Respondent") working at Mayo Hospital, Lahore (the "Hospital"). Brief facts of the complaint are that:

a) Complainant's mother (the "Patient") sustained a firearm shot in her abdomen during a fight. She was admitted in the Hospital on 14.8.2014, where she was treated after medico legal formalities. On

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the same day, doctor present in ward suggested to not perform a surgery as the patient was old-aged and suffered from diabetes. She remained admitted in the hospital from 14.8.2014 to 21.8.2014.

- b) It has been alleged that patient again reported on 25.9.2014 in Minor Operation theatre (MOT) for removal of bullet. Respondent instructed the ward attendant, Asghar, to remove the bullet from swollen part. The said ward attendant removed multiple masses from the patient's body but could not spot the bullet to remove it.*
- c) No X-ray or ultrasound of the patient was suggested and the said removed masses were also not sent for further examination and analysis.*
- d) After conducting an X-ray of patient at a private facility by a qualified radiologist, it revealed presence of the bullet.*
- e) Complainant alleged that owed to negligent treatment the wound did not heal even after lapse of one month.*

2. The Punjab Healthcare Commission (the "PHC") decided the complaint filed by Mr. Muhammad Usman vide its decision dated 03.10.2016, *inter alia* in the following terms:

"...15. After thorough deliberations and taking into consideration the record and the above noted findings / observations the Board decides as follows:

- a) A fine of Rs. 100,000/- is imposed upon the HCE (Mayo Hospital for a non-provision of complete medical record of the patient to the PHC.*
- b) Health Department Government of Punjab be approached to take disciplinary action against Dr. Muhammad Farooq, PGR (4th year), MS surgery for not treating the patient himself and allowing a ward attendant to manipulate the gunshot wound of a diabetic patient.*
- c) Disciplinary action be taken against ward attendant Mr. Muhammad Asghar under PEEDA ACT, 2006 for unauthorized treatment of a gunshot wound of a diabetic patient.*
- d) MS Mayo Hospital, Lahore be warned by the Health Department Govt of the Punjab for;
i. Not exercising proper administrative control over the staff
ii. Not framing SOPs for procedures to be undertaken at Emergency Department of the hospital.*

The case of Dr. Muhammad Farooq is referred to PMDC for not treating the patient himself and allowing a ward attendant to manipulate the gunshot wound of a diabetic patient

- e) *Warning be issued by the Health Department, Govt. of the Punjab to the then Head of the Department, North Surgical Unit, Mayo Hospital, Lahore for poor command and control over his PGRs.*
- f) *A letter to be written to Vice Chancellor, King Edward Medical University apprising him the work and conduct of Dr. Muhammad Farooq, PGR and to direct him to take necessary measures for the improvement in training of PG students ...”*

II. DC HEARING DATED 27.03.2021

3. In view of the reference received from the PHC, the matter was fixed for hearing before the Disciplinary Committee on 27.03.2021. The Disciplinary Committee inter-alia directed as under:

“Both the parties were absent. Medical Superintendent Mayo Hospital has not provided record so far and has sought adjournment. Considering the facts of the case and the gravity of the issue and non-serious attitude of the respondent doctor, the committee decided that the license of Dr. Muhammad Farooq will be suspended with immediate effect and shall stay suspended until his appearance before Committee”.

III. REPLY OF RESPONDENT, DR. MUHAMMAD FAROOQ SANDHU

4. Respondent, Dr. Muhammad Farooq Sandhu submitted his reply on merits of the case on 28.04.2021, wherein he stated as under:

a) *The patient named Mrs. Anwar Bibi W/o Khurshid Alam was presented in Surgical Emergency, Mayo Hospital Lahore with history of fire arm injury to right iliac-fossa. I examined the patient and after initial resuscitation and management, she was admitted for further surgical procedure. The surgical team in Operation Theater consisted of the following members who explored the wound and performed debridement on 15.08.2014.*

- i. *Dr. Mehmood Farooqi, SR*
- ii. *Dr. Mehmood, PGR*
- iii. *Dr. Ahmed Bilal, HO*
- iv. *Dr. Umer*