



**BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE OF PAKISTAN MEDICAL COMMISSION**

In the matter of

Complaint No. PF.8.2124/2022-DC-PMC

Mr. Adeel Pervez Vs. Dr. Khaleeq-uz-Zaman

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

*Present:*

Mr. Adeel Pervez	Complainant (online through zoom)
Dr. Khaleeq-uz-Zaman (421-N)	Respondent
Hearing dated	21.11.2022

**I. FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

1. Mr. Adeel Pervez (the "Complainant") filed a complaint on 20.04.2022 regarding professional negligence of Dr. Khaleeq-uz-Zaman (the "Respondent") in treatment of his aunt, Mrs. Gulshan Ara (the "Patient") at Ali Medical Hospital (the "Hospital"). Brief facts of the complaint are that:

*The Complainant has alleged that the patient (since deceased) was brought to the Respondent for checkup and he diagnosed back pain and advised Lumber Surgery for the patient. It is alleged by the Complainant that the Respondent performed the surgery of the patient without completing the pre-operative testing e.g.*

*Echo Cardiogram of the patient. Due to this negligence of the Respondent, the patient endured cardiac complications during surgery and ultimately expired during the procedure.*

## II. SHOW CAUSE NOTICE TO RESPONDENT, DR. KHALEEQ UZ ZAMAN

2. In view of the allegations leveled in the complaint Show Cause Notice dated 24.10.2022 was issued to Respondent, Dr. Khaleeq uz Zaman mentioning the allegations in the following terms:

“...

**3. WHEREAS**, a Complaint has been filed by Mr. Adeel Pervez (the "Complainant") before the Disciplinary Committee of the Commission (the "Complaint") which is enclosed along with its annexures and shall be read as an integral part of this Notice; and

**4. WHEREAS**, in terms of the Complaint, it has been alleged that you diagnosed back pain and advised lumber surgery for Mrs. Gulshan Ara (the "Patient") at Ali Medical Center (the "Hospital"), without completing the pre-operative testing i.e., Echo Cardiogram. During the surgery, the patient endured cardiac complications, suffered a heart attack and ultimately died; and

**5. Now therefore**, you are hereby served such Notice, explaining as to why the penalty shall not be imposed on you under the Pakistan Medical Commission Act, 2020. You are directed to submit your response along with complete medical record within the period of thirty (30) days. You are further directed to submit a copy of your registration....”

## III. REPLY OF RESPONDENT, DR. KHALEEQ UZ ZAMAN

3. The Respondent, Dr. Khaleeq uz Zaman submitted his reply to the Show Cause Notice on 17.11.2022, wherein she contended that:
- a) *I saw Mrs. Gulshan Ara on 16.2.2022 with a history of backache and left sciatica. She did not report any comorbid at the time. Upon examination, she had a diminished pin-prick sensation at S 1 and her MRI showed L 4/5 Disc prolapse with migration inferiorly. I counselled the patient and attendants regarding the need for surgery and advised rest, analgesia and antacid. I further advised them that in case they decide to undergo surgery, they should get her admitted in AMC.*

- b) *As per medical notes record/ admission record: On 27.03.2022, Mrs. Gulshan Ara got admitted in AMC with the following admission orders and preoperative preparation as per established protocol for all the patients coming for surgery: -*
- i. NPO for 6 hours before surgery*
  - ii. Blood CP Blood Chemistry*
  - iii. Blood Chemistry*
  - iv. ECG*
  - v. X Ray Chest PA view*
  - vi. Anesthetist Dr. Nusrat Ali informed*
  - vii. Urine RE*
  - viii. Instructions to the staff to prepare for surgery*
  - ix. Referral to Cardiologist Dr. Naveed Pirzada for GA fitness.*
- c) *The Cardiologist Dr. Naveed Pirzada saw the patient. He recorded her blood pressure as 160/100 and started Exforge HCT 10/110/12.5. He labelled her as Level II Risk and advised ECG and Echo. The admitting doctor, Dr. Ihsan carried out all the pre-operative orders and tried to consult Dr. Naveed Pirzada on 27.3.2022 by phone, and later another cardiologist Dr. Amer Niaz from 2102 hrs. to 2130 hrs. to perform the ECHO but could not establish communication because of the law & order situation in the city. At 2224 hrs. on the same date, Dr. Nusrat Ali, the Anesthetist was consulted who advised anxiolytic and antihypertensive before INPO. He also told Doctor Ihsan that the new ECG early in the morning is a must and that Echo is not necessary.*
- d) *The Patient was put second on the list for surgery on the following day i.e. 28.3.2022. As the first case turned out to be positive for Hepatitis B, Mrs. Gulshan Ara was moved up the operating list to avoid her getting exposed to Hepatitis infection.*
- e) *I was informed regarding scheduled surgeries to be performed by me on 28-03-2022. Accordingly, I reached AMC and Operation Theatre (OT) at around 08.45 hrs. Dr. Nusrat Ali (the Anesthetist) shifted Mrs Gulshan Ara in the OT and informed me that he examined Mrs. Gulshan Ara in the pre-operative room. As per record, he got the duly signed Consent of patient (family) for general anesthesia and did all the pre-operative assessment of the patient and various investigations, including the ECG done earlier that morning at 07.00 hrs.*