



BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE OF PAKISTAN MEDICAL & DENTAL
COUNCIL

In the matter of

Complaint No. PF. 8-2069/2021-DC/PMC

Mr. Junaid Iqbal against Dr. Ghani Rehman (10311-N)

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Zubair Khan	Chairman
Barrister Ch. Sultan Mansoor	Secretary
Prof. Dr. Mahmud Aurangzeb	Member
Mr. Jawad Amin Khan	Member

Present:

Dr. Ghani Rehman (1031-N) Respondent

Hearing dated 05.07.2024

I. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

1. Mr. Junaid Iqbal (the "Complainant") filed a Complaint on 30.11.2021 against Dr. Ghani Rehman (the "Respondent") working at Children's Hospital (NICH), Karachi (the "Hospital"). The gist of facts conveyed by the Complainant are that:

Respondent is working as in-charge of Anesthesia Department of the Hospital, despite holding only basic medical qualification, which is contrary to the rules and prevalent laws.

Complainant alleges that the basic medical qualification of the Respondent (M.D.) is suspicious and requires verification from concerned University of Afghanistan.

Accordingly, Complainant requests for strict disciplinary action against the Respondent in view of the magnitude of the Hospital he is working in and the patients he may be dealing with.

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II. SHOW CAUSE NOTICE ISSUED TO RESPONDENT

2. In view of the allegations leveled in the Complaint, a Show Cause Notice dated 24.10.2022 was issued to the Respondent doctor, in the following terms:

“... 3. **WHEREAS**, Complaint has been filed by Mr. Junaid Iqbal (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 are misrepresenting as a qualified Anesthetic and practicing as in-charge of Anesthesia department at National Institute of Child Health (NICH), Karachi without possessing the requisite recognized qualification for the said position; and

5. **WHEREAS**, you are registered with Pakistan Medical Commission under Registration No. 10311- N, possessing the degree of Basic Medical Qualification (M.D.) only. A general practitioner cannot practice in the field of specialty without requisite qualification duly recognized by this Commission and represent, as having acquired or seek to practice a specialty, unless the same is recognized by this Commission. Hence, per facts mentioned in this Notice, your conduct of practicing and representing as qualified Anesthetic, is in violation of applicable statutory & regulatory provisions; and ...”

III. REPLY OF RESPONDENT

3. The Respondent submitted his response on 14.11.2022, wherein he stated, in terms, as under:

“... “...With reference to Pakistan Medical Commission Islamabad Show Cause Notice dated 24th October 2022. am submitting my reply in response to complaint, filed by Mr. Junaid Iqbal before the Disciplinary Committee that am working as In-charge Anesthesia Department at NICH Karachi, which is NOT TRUE. want to draw your kind attention on the following facts which are as under.

1. The In-charge of Anesthesia Department is Dr. Waliullah Soomrani who is MCPS in Anesthesia and all doctors including me working in anesthesiology department are performing procedures under supervision of Dr. Waliullah Soomrani.



2. As per office order No. Admn/2021-260/NICH dated 14 January 2021 issued by Prof. Syed Jamal Raza, Ex-Executive Director of NICH, am only administrative in-charge of Main Operation Theatre, Emergency Operation Theatre and Daycare to manage the duty roster of anesthesia doctors, as a senior doctor working in BPS-18; am also responsible to look after the equipments in collaboration with Nursing In-charge as I have done my MBA in Hospital & Healthcare Management from Jinnah Sindh Medical University (JSMU) Karachi in the year 2019. (Copy of MBA degree is enclosed)

3. I therefore request you to please accept my explanation and guide me if being administrative in-charge is violation of PMC am ready to withdraw from these responsibilities that is given by NICH administration.

4. Sir, the complainant has also given fake information to PMC regarding my MD degree without any evidence to damage my career, mental torture and defaming me. I request your honor to take action in this regard as well. ...”

IV. REJOINDER OF COMPLAINANT

4. A letter dated 16.11.2022 was written to the Complainant enclosing the comments received from the Respondent, directing him to submit his rejoinder.
5. However, no rejoinder/response from the Complainant has been received, till date.

V. HEARING

6. The matter was fixed for hearing before the Disciplinary Committee for 05.07.2024. Notices dated 27.06.2024 were issued to the Complainant, Mr. Junaid Iqbal and Respondent, Dr. Ghani Rehman directing them to appear before the Disciplinary Committee on 05.07.2024.
7. On the date of hearing, the Respondent doctor was present in person before the Disciplinary Committee, however, the Complainant did not appear despite service of notice.
8. The Respondent submitted before the Disciplinary Committee that he possesses a basic medical registration with the PM&DC and is working under supervision in the Anesthesia department at the NICH, Karachi. He denied using any illegal credentials for his practice or publicity.



VI. FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

9. The Disciplinary Committee has perused the relevant record, heard the submissions of the parties at length and considered the expert opinion in the instant Complaint.
10. This Committee adversely notes that the Complainant since the submission of his complaint against the present Respondent has not responded to letters for rejoinder sent to him. This attitude of merely submitting a complaint to the national medical regulator and then to avoid all correspondences or telephonic attempts of communication are completely unwarranted. The Disciplinary Committee also observes that the instant complaint was lodged in 2021 and since then the Complainant is untraceable, despite multiple attempts by phone, rejoinder letter and the notice of hearing for the present meeting as well.
11. The present complaint does not involve any allegations of medical negligence in a patient doctor setting against the Respondent, albeit only that the Respondent is a foreign medical graduate from Afghanistan and is working as Incharge Anesthesia department at National Institute of Child Health, Karachi, (the 'NICH') so his credentials should be checked. This Committee has gone through the record and notes that the Respondent was working in the NICH, Karachi in the Anesthesia department but under supervision of the Head of Anesthesia department. It is noted that present Respondent is a foreign medical graduate from Afghanistan and he has also completed the national examination of equivalence and is duly registered with the PM&DC, holding valid medical registration.
12. Accordingly, in view of the contents of the complaint, statement of the doctor and the evidences available, the Disciplinary Committee finds no merit in the instant complaint and recommends that Dr. Ghani Rehman (10311-N) be exonerated from the instant complaint.
13. This instant Complaint is disposed of in the above terms.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Zubair Khan
Chairman

11 September, 2024