



**BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE OF PAKISTAN MEDICAL & DENTAL
COUNCIL**

In the matter of
Complaint No. DC-28-C/2023
Mr. Muhammad Farooq against Dr. Khushnood Ali Baz (2129-N)

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Zubair Khan	Chairman
Barrister Ch. Sultan Mansoor	Secretary
Prof. Dr. Mahmud Aurangzeb	Member (online)
Mr. Jawad Amin Khan	Member (online)
Expert of Orthopedic Surgery	

Present:

Dr. Khushnood Ali Baz (2129-N)	Respondent
Hearing dated	12.12.2024

I. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

1. Mr. A Complaint was received on 13.06.2023 from Mr. Muhammad Farooq (the “Complainant”) against Dr. Khushnood Ali Baz (the “Respondent”) working at North West General Hospital, Hayatabad (the “Hospital”). The gist of the Complaint is that:

The Complainant received a fire injury to his right elbow joint on 16.10.2022, in his village. He initially received a first aid care at a nearby facility in Dargai, and then taken to the Hospital. The respondent advised him to undergo surgery for an open fracture of the right distal Humerus, recommending ORIF with K wires and performed the surgery on October 17 and 18, 2022. However, post-surgery, Farooq continued to experience extreme pain.

2. Upon consulting another orthopedic surgeon, it was discovered through an X-ray that the respondent had not properly performed the procedure, and the fracture bone was fixed with



K wires. Subsequently, the complainant had to undergo a second surgery to correct the issue. The Complainant is seeking Rs. 25 million in damages for his suffering and loss of business due to medical negligence and also prayed for the cancellation of the respondent's medical license

II. LETTER FOR COMMENTS ISSUED TO RESPONDENT

3. In view of the allegations leveled in the Complaint, Notice dated 16.06.2023 along with copy of complaint was sent to the Respondent directing him to submit his comments, a copy of their registration certificate, and record of the patient. Due to no response, a final reminder dated 04.05.2023 was sent again to the Respondent.

III. REPLY OF RESPONDENT

4. The Respondent doctor submitted his para-wise response on 13.07.2023, wherein he stated, in terms that:

"... The respondent denies the allegations of negligence and contests the complainant's claims, stating that the surgery was performed successfully on October 17, 2022, and Muhammad Farooq was discharged the following day. The respondent contends that the complainant did not complain of unbearable pain or return to the hospital for follow-up.

The respondent argues that the complainant's switch to another medical practitioner without allowing sufficient time for the fracture to heal raises questions. The surgery was performed professionally, and the allegations of mental shock or financial loss are baseless.

The respondent also denies any threats in their response to the legal notice and requests the complaint be dismissed with costs. ..."

IV. REJOINDER OF COMPLAINANT

5. A letter dated 24.07.2023 was written to the Complainant enclosing the reply of the Respondent doctor, directing him to submit his rejoinder. Due to no-response from the Complainant, a reminder for Rejoinder was sent to the Complainant. However, no Rejoinder/response has been received from the Complainant, till date.

V. HEARING

6. The matter was fixed for hearing before the Disciplinary Committee for 12.12.2024. Notices



dated 04.12.2024 were issued to the Complainant and the Respondent doctor, directing them to appear before the Disciplinary Committee on 12.12.2024.

7. On the date of hearing, the Respondent was present before the Disciplinary Committee, in person. However, the Complainant did not appear before this Committee.
8. The Disciplinary Committee notes that the Complainant has not appeared today, despite service of notice of hearing. However, in the interest of justice, the Disciplinary Committee recommends to provide another opportunity to the Complainant to appear and if he fails to show up in the next meeting, the instant complaint shall be decided ex-parte on the basis of available record. Fresh Notices of appearance shall be issued to the Complainant and the Respondent to appear before the Disciplinary Committee in its next meeting.
9. The case is adjourned in the above terms.

Professor Dr. Muhammad Zubair Khan
Chairman

_____ January, 2025