



BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE OF PAKISTAN MEDICAL & DENTAL
COUNCIL

In the matter of

Complaint No. DC-69-C/2023

Mr. Abdul Rehman against Dr. Nadia Yaqoob (48427-S)

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

Present:

Mr. Abdul Rehman	Complainant
Dr. Nadia Yaqoob (48427-S)	Respondent
Hearing dated	05.07.2024

I. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

1. A complaint has been lodged Mr. Abdul Rehman (the "Complainant") dated 21.08.2023 against Dr. Nadia Yaqoob (the "Respondent") working at Bilal Medical Centre, Shah Faisal Colony, Karachi (the "Hospital").

The gist of the Complaint is that:

Complainant took his wife, Mrs. Taliqa, (the "Patient") was under the care of Respondent at the Hospital for her pregnancy. Respondent recommended and performed a C-section on 17-03-2023. However, during the procedure, the outer skin of Patient's stomach and her uterus were stitched together, leading to severe health issues. Despite repeated complaints, Respondent did not address the problem. Subsequently, the

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Patient was diagnosed with a tumor at Shed Hospital, Karachi which required an additional operation, costing approximately Rs. 1,000,000. The Complainant is requesting for cancellation of Respondent's medical license through an investigation and compensation for the medical expenses incurred due to her negligence.

II. LETTER FOR COMMENTS ISSUED TO RESPONDENT

2. In view of the allegations leveled in the Complaint, a letter for comments dated 18.09.2023, along with a copy of the complaint was issued to the Respondent doctor, directing her to submit comments, along with a copy of her registration certificate, and medical record of the patient.

III. REPLY OF RESPONDENT

3. The Respondent submitted her response on 11.10.2023, wherein she stated, in terms, as under:

"A patient named Taliqa W/O Abdul Rehman G5 P 4+0 previous 2 SVD + previous 2 C/Sections un booked patient came for 1st time consultation with me on 08.02.2023 at 30 weeks of Gestation, and I advised some tests and given her date of C/Section.

Her elective section was done on 17-03-2023 due to her previous 2 C Sections. IUCD placed during C/Section on the free will of both the partners for contraception. Patient Discharged on 19-03-2023 with no active complaint.

After 1-week patient came for follow up advised, visit with no any active complaint, her stitches were healthy afterward patient did not come with any of complaint to me at Bilal Hospital so no any type of negligence be assumed.

It is further said that during her stay and discharge even on her follow up after 1 week patient was healthy and no any visit to me with any complaint.

Facts Finding from patients complaint and Notices

1. *Complaint, records and their notices shows that after passing 1 and half month patient develops any complaint but patient did not came to her primary doctor with any complaint to Bilal Hospital.*
2. *It is observed from her notices and record shared that on imaging of 30-04-2023 IUCD centrally placed, there was no complaint of IUCD insertion.*



3. On 30-04-2023 patient went to a local welfare hospital with complaint of abdominal pain where CBC report obtained, TLC count noted 8.2×10 and there she treated medically

4. On 04-05-2023 again imaging done showing centrally placed IUCD suspicious of right hemorrhage cyst in Ovary, so therefore laparotomy planned

5. On 05-05-2023 laparotomy done with complaint of severe abdomen pain and due to suspicious of Rupture Ovarian Cyst

6. TAH. Done due to necrosed uterus and sent that for histopathology where there shown Uterine Tuberculosis which develop after the surgery that is not related to any negligence of surgery.

It therefore requested that kindly dismiss this case because this matter is not related to any type of medical negligence or any surgical complication because patient did not come to me (Dr. Nadia) at Bilal Hospital for any complain after surgery. After passing one and half a month patient pain develop due to Uterine Tuberculosis and Pelvic Ascites which have already shown in reports of patient before and after histopathology report, I therefore again request that from above facts and findings case may be dismissed."

IV. REJOINDER OF COMPLAINANT

4. A letter dated 17.10.2023 was written to the Complainant enclosing the comments received from the Respondent, directing him to submit his rejoinder.
5. The Complainant submitted his rejoinder on 23.10.2023 wherein he denied the response of the Respondent doctor and further alleged that the Respondent doctor is concealing facts from the PM&DC and he should be thoroughly investigated and that justice be done to him.

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. Abdul Rehman and Respondent, Dr. Nadia Yaqoob directing them to appear before the Disciplinary Committee on 05.07.2024.
7. On the date of hearing, both the Complainant and the Respondent doctor was present in person, before the Disciplinary Committee.



8. The Complainant submitted before the Committee the contents of his earlier submitted complaint stating that her wife was pregnant, with history of previous 02 normal deliveries and 02 C-sections. Her present C-section was done by the Respondent on 17.03.2023, the day patient was admitted. Post-operatively, the patient complained of severe pain, however, the Respondent told that this pain was normal in such procedure. Later, in check-ups, Respondent's behavior was rude and told him and patient that if you are not satisfied then they should not come back to her. Later, due to continuous pain being suffered by the patient she was taken to SHED Hospital, Karachi, where he came to know that a tumor was created which had to be removed through surgery. So, due to negligence of the respondent, he should be accorded justice by cancellation of license of respondent and cost be paid through damages.
9. The Respondent was asked to present her version, where she stated before the Disciplinary Committee that the patient was G5 P4+0, previous 02 SVD + previous 02 C-sections and came as an un-booked patient for the first time on 08.02.2023 at 30 weeks of gestation, where I advised tests. Her elective C-section was done on 17-03-2023 due to emergency at 36 weeks of gestation. Patient passed urine and stool post-operatively and was discharged on the third day, without complaint and on post-op checkup, after one week, the patient was stable as well. IUCD placed during C/Section on the free will of both the partners for contraception. Patient's stitches were healthy and afterward patient did not come with any of complaint to me at Bilal Hospital so no any type of negligence be alleged to her.

VI. EXPERT OPINION

10. An Expert of Gynecology was appointed to assist the Disciplinary Committee in this matter. The Expert opined as under:

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“No medical negligence found and case can be dismissed.”

VII. FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

11. 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.



12. The Disciplinary Committee notes that the Respondent treated the patient, who had earlier come to her for her delivery at 30-weeks' gestation. It is observed through the perusal of the available medical record and the statements of the Complainant and the Respondent that the C-section was uneventful and the contraceptive device was also placed during this procedure, with due consent. Further, that the patient was discharged after few days at the Hospital and her post-op checkup after one week also showed recovery and no sign of anomaly.
13. This Committee has kept in view the entire facts of the case, the statements made by both the parties and especially the opinion of the Expert in the instant matter. Therefore, the Disciplinary Committee finds that the Respondent, Dr. Nadia Yaqoob (35299-S) was not negligent while treating the patient. Accordingly, the Disciplinary Committee recommends to exonerate Dr. Nadia Yaqoob (35299-S) in the instant complaint.
14. This instant Complaint is disposed of in the above terms.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Zubair Khan
Chairman

11 September, 2024

