



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

In the matter of

Complaint No. PF.8-1839/2019-DC

Mr. Shahid Malik against Dr. Aatif Inam (25358-P) and another

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 Gynecology	

*Present:*

Dr. Bilal Arshed Butt (42948-P)	Respondent No. 2
Hearing dated	12.12.2024

**I. FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

1. A Complaint was received from Mr. Shahid Malik (the “Complainant”) at the office of the Pakistan Medical & Dental Council (the “PM&DC”) on 26.07.2019 against Dr. Aatif Inam (the “Respondent No. 1”) and Hospital Administrator, Dr. Bilal Arshed Butt (the “Respondent No. 2 working at Ali Medical Hospital, Islamabad (the “Hospital”).
2. The Complaint reveals that the Complainant’s wife, Ms. Misbah Shahid (the “Patient”) was operated for an Ovarian cyst by Respondent No. 1, on 06.03.2019. The patient was discharged the next day and started experiencing severe pain at the surgery site. The patient visited the hospital for the cited concerns but wasn’t taken seriously by Respondent No. 1 and was merely given painkillers. Thereafter, Respondent No. 1 referred the patient to Shifa



International Hospital, if unsatisfied. At Shifa International Hospital, Dr Shahnaz informed that patient's surgical wound was badly infected and needed drainage and cleaning. Corrective surgery was again performed and the patient remained admitted for 4 days and took Antibiotics for 01 week, costing around Rs. 0.5 million.

3. The infection was caused due to negligence of Respondent No. 1 and the Complainant reported the same to the Hospital, for which a meeting was arranged with the Respondent No. 1 and Respondent No. 2 (Dr. Mohsin at the time of incident). However, the Respondents avoided responsibility on pretext of medical treatment documents. The Complainant states that the negligence of doctor has caused him to bear costs of loan amounting Rs. 0.660 million for medical treatment of the Patient and requests a refund caused by carelessness of the Respondent No. 1. Hence, the instant complaint.

## II. NOTICE ISSUED TO RESPONDENT NO. 1, DR. AATIF INAM

4. In view of the received complaint, notice for submission of comments dated 18.09.2019 was issued to Respondent No.1, in the following terms:

“..

*Please find enclosed self-explanatory complaint filed by Mr. Shahid Malik against you.*

*You are directed to submit your comments and record of the patient along with a copy of your registration certificate within (12 days) failing which the case will be placed before the Disciplinary Committee of the Council which shall initiate ex-parte proceedings against you.”*

## III. REPLY OF RESPONDENT NO. 1, DR. AATIF INAM

5. The Respondent No. 1, Dr. Atif Inam submitted his comments on 01.10.2019, wherein he contended that:

*a. The main complaint/accusation that the patient got infection from AMC, or I infected her is baseless. If due to a breach in sterility of AMC OR, she had been infected, then the infection would have been evident in first 3 days. Till her visit on 9th April, there was no wound infection, which is 35 days after surgery. The Shifa hospital discharge document informs that pelvic abscess was drained and a prior CT was done. The pre-operative examination as per the Shifa discharge informs abdomen was soft and nontender and patient was stable. Though I would like to have access to detail of her treatment at Shifa hospital but from available information any surgeon can*



tell you that the source of this infection is clearly endogenous rather than exogenous and not due to surgery at AMC. Dr Ghulam Siddiq the treating consultant at Shifa hospital as an expert surgeon can validate this ...

b. The next accusation is referred her to Shifa Hospital is also not right as Shifa Hospital was mentioned only in context of IR drainage as other hospitals in Islamabad generally lack this expertise. Referring to another hospital for a facility that is not available at your hospital is in interest of patient, not against her.

c. Complainant wanted her wife to be operated at Shifa in first instance as written in his complaint filed at AMC on 16-04-2019 and I am unaware if Complainant didn't possess finances to get patient treated at a Private Hospital as getting treatment at Shifa Hospital was his own choice.

d. Per evidences submitted herein, demonstrate that I have not committed any negligence in patient's treatment. Complainant did not comply with our management plan and delayed treatment for two weeks. At Shifa hospital same treatment was offered which my team advised and Complainant was trying to solve issues on telephone rather than visiting a doctor. I told Complainant on 28.03.2019 within minutes of receiving his audio message in London after a tiring journey to consult Dr Burhan and Complainant took 8 days to see him and even then he did not heed to the advice of a professional. He repeated the same on 9th April 2019 with me and got admitted at Shifa on 11th April evening after another delay of 48 hours.

e. If he had followed my advice and seen Dr Burhan on 29th March 2019 and allowed his advice, his wife treatment would not have been delayed and less than 1/5th of expenditure would have occurred instead of the amount he spent at Shifa hospital.

f. Even due to delay in treatment, which is solely due to Complainant, his wife did not incur any bodily harm that has rendered her with anatomical or physiological functional loss or disability. I would like to know how she is doing and her current status if PMDC can ask for her follow up medical record at Shifa Hospital and share with me. It would make me happy if she is doing well as no matter how her husband has misbehaved, patient is a nice woman by demeanor and I really wish her to live a healthy life with her fertility issues being resolved.

g. In all fields of surgery, surgical infections happen, procedures don't go as planned despite best of the efforts at times re exploration is required. Surgical operation in women with complex ovarian cysts with associated PID is no exception. No surgeon in the world intends to do a surgery that may be harmful to his/her patient. As per available documentation it's her disease (which I informed her as well in first consultation) that caused this collection to happen and it got infected because they delayed the treatment for two weeks despite our repeated advice. ..."



#### IV. NOTICE ISSUED TO RESPONDENT NO. 2, DR. BILAL ARSHED BUTT

6. In view of information, notice for submission of comments dated 18.09.2019 was issued to the Respondent No. 2, in the following terms:

“...

*Please find enclosed self explanatory complaint filed by Mr. Shahid Malik against you.*

*You are directed to submit your comments and record of the patient along with a copy of your registration certificate within (12 days) failing which the case will be placed before the Disciplinary Committee of the Council which shall initiate ex-parte proceedings against you.”*

#### IV. REPLY OF RESPONDENT No. 2, DR. BILAL ARSHED BUTT

7. The Respondent, Dr. Bilal Arshed Butt submitted his comments on 01.10.2019, wherein he contended that:

a. *Patient Mrs. Misbah Shahid, 32 years old Female, was admitted in Ali Medical wide MR # PVT/384545 under services of General Surgeon Dr Atif Inam Shami on 06/03/2019 and Laparoscopic Cystectomy/ Deroofing of Right Ovarian Cyst was performed the same day. Patient was discharged from hospital in vitally stable condition having no active complaint on 07/03/2019.*

b. *Complete Medical Record File of the patient is provided.*

#### V. IMMEDIATE PAST HEARING

8. The matter was earlier fixed for hearing on 03.05.2024 and was adjourned due to the absence of the Complainant.

#### VI. PRESENT HEARING

9. The matter was fixed for hearing before the Disciplinary Committee for 12.12.2024. Notices dated 04.12.2024 were issued to the Complainant, Mr. Shahid Malik and Respondents, Dr. Atif Inam Shami and Dr. Bilal Arshad Butt, directing them to appear before the Disciplinary Committee on 12.12.2024.



10. On the date of hearing, Dr. Bilal Arshad Butt appeared, however, the Complainant remained absent despite service of notice of hearing and telephonic intimation by the PM&DC. The Committee was apprised of a written application by Dr. Atif Inam Shami (Respondent) regarding his travel to Egypt and also submitted his approved ex-Pakistan leave from the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination.
11. The Disciplinary Committee notes that the Complainant did not appear before the Disciplinary Committee, 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 all the Respondents to appear before the Disciplinary Committee in its next meeting.
12. The case is adjourned in the above terms.

*Zubair Khan*

**Prof. Dr. Muhammad Zubair Khan**  
**Chairman**

\_\_\_\_ January, 2025