

# BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE OF PAKISTAN MEDICAL & DENTAL COUNCIL

In the matter of Complaint No. PF.8-2030/2021-DC/PMC Ms. Nusrat Jabeen against Dr. Irfan Ahmed Nadeem (9226-P)

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Zubair Khan

Chairman

Barrister Ch. Sultan Mansoor

Secretary

Prof. Dr. Mahmud Aurangzeb

Member (online)

Mr. Jawad Amin Khan

Member (online)

Specialty Expert

Present:

Nemo for the parties

Hearing dated

12.12.2024

## I. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

1. Ms. Nusrat Jabeen (the "Complainant") submitted a complaint dated 13.10.2021 against Dr. Irfan Ahmed Nadeem (the "Respondent") working at Al-Noor Surgery & Maternity Home, Home, Rawalpindi (the "Hospital"). The gist of the complaint is that:



- a. Complainant submitted her representation before the Disciplinary Committee stating that her husband, Mr. Faisal Manzoor (the 'Patient'') encountered a road accident and suffered bone fractures. The Respondent conducted the surgery of the patient at the Hospital and allegedly mis-conducted his surgical procedure.
- b. The Complainant alleges that due to the negligent procedure conducted by the Respondent, which resulted in the leg of the patient being shortened by 2/3 inches. This incorrect procedure performed by the Respondent is causing permanent and severe physical pain and mental trauma for the patient, as well as the Complainant.



#### II. SHOW CAUSE NOTICE ISSUED TO RESPONDENT

- 2. In view of the allegations leveled in the complaint; a Show Cause Notice dated 07.05.2022 was issued to the Respondent in the following terms:
  - 3. WHEREAS, a Complaint has been filed by Ms. Nusurat Jabeen, (hereinafter referred to as the "Complainant") on 13 October 2021 before the Disciplinary Committee of Pakistan Medical Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "Complaint") which is attached as Annex I and shall be read as an integral part of this notice; and
  - 4. WHEREAS, in terms of Complaint, it has been alleged that, the Complainant's husband (hereinafter referred to as the "Patient") met a road accident on 21.11.2020 and she brought him to Al-Noor Surgery & Maternity Home, Rawalpindi. After examination, it was found that bone of leg and one of the arms of the patient were badly fractured. You professed yourself as Senior Orthopedic Surgeon and after examining the patient assured the Complainant that you will successfully conduct the operation; and
  - 5. WHEREAS, in terms of the Complaint, it has been alleged that you did not correctly performed the surgery as a result the bone of the joint could not connect due to which fractured leg of the patient became approximately 2/3 inches shorter than the other and the patient has been facing permanent imbalance since surgery; and
  - 6. WHEREAS, in terms of the Complaint it has been alleged that you ill-treated the patient and due to your medical negligence and misconduct the patient is facing enduring pain and permanent disability. Such conduct is, prima facie, violation of the Code of Ethics of Practice for Medical and Dental Practitioners' Regulations 2011, in general and Regulations 3(e), 21(1), 49(a) and 50, in particular, and
  - 7. WHEREAS, in terms of complaint you are not a qualified orthopedic surgeon and are using title of orthopedic specialist dishonestly in order to deceive general public. Furthermore, as per record you are registered with Pakistan Medical Commission under Registration No. 9226-P, whereby you have got the degree of Basic Medical Qualification (MBBS) and FCPS (Surgery); and ..."

#### III. REPLY OF RESPONDENT



3. Due to non-submission of reply by the Respondent, a reminder was sent on 13.06. directing him to submit his reply in seven days. Another reminder was sent to the Respondent on 24.11.2022, however, no reply has been received from the Respondent, till date.

### REJOINDER OF COMPLAINANT IV.

4. A letter for rejoinder was sent to the Complainant on 24.11.2022 asking her to submit her response. The complainant submitted her Rejoinder on 09.12.2022 wherein she rejected the response of the Respondent doctor, while reiterating her stance of being treated negligently.

#### V. **HEARING**

- 5. The matter was fixed for hearing before the Disciplinary Committee on 12.12.2024. Notices dated 04.12.2024 were issued to the Complainant and the Respondent, directing them to appear before the Disciplinary Committee on 12.12.2024.
- 6. At the present hearing, neither the Complainant nor the Respondent were present, however, the Complainant submitted a written application. It is contended that Complainant cannot ensure presence at the date of hearing, due a death in the family. It was requested that, hearing may kindly be adjourned for a later date, where Complainant shall be present along with record.
- 7. In the interest of justice, the Disciplinary Committee decides to grant one opportunity to the Complainant, Ms. Nusrat Jabeen and Respondent, Dr. Irfan Ahmed Nadeem to appear for personal hearing at the next meeting of the Disciplinary Committee. In case of failure by the parties to appear before the next meeting / hearing, the matter shall be decided ex-parte on the basis of available record. Notwithstanding, fresh notices of hearing shall be issued to the Complainant and the Respondent for hearing before the Disciplinary Committee in due course. Adjourned.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Zubair Khan

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Chairman

January, 2025