

# BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE OF PAKISTAN MEDICAL & DENTAL COUNCIL

#### In the matter of

## Complaint No. PF.8-2032/2021-DC/PMC

Mr. Chanvez against Dr. Amin Ullah Afridi (14500-N)

Prof. Dr. Naqib Ullah Achakzai

Chairman

Barrister Ch. Sultan Mansoor

Secretary

Prof. Dr. Noshad Ahmad Shaikh

Member (online)

Mr. Jawad Amin Khan

Member (online)

Specialty Expert

Present:

Dr. Amin Ullah Afridi (14500-N)

Respondent

Hearing dated

12.12.2024

### I. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

1. Mr. Chanvez son of Mr. Muhammad Aslam (the "Complainant" & the "Patient") submitted a complaint dated 12.10.2021 against Dr. Amin Ullah Afridi (the "Respondent") working at Chinar Hospital & Dialysis Centre, Abbottabad (the "Hospital"). The gist of the complaint is that:



- a. Complainant was suffering from kidney and bladder stones and consulted the Respondent, upon referral. Thereafter, the Respondent diagnosed the patient to be operated for both his kidneys.
- b. Allegedly, the Respondent negligently conducted the procedure of the Complainant and contrary to his own diagnosis, operated only one kidney and bladder, nonetheless ignored the procedure for the second kidney. The Complainant further stated that upon query to the Respondent, the



Complainant/Patient were treated harshly, threatened and verbally abused on the pretext and by the Respondent.

c. Due to the negligent treatment by the Respondent, the Complainant/Patient had to undergo corrective procedure for his ailment.

#### 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, Complaint has been received at the Disciplinary Committee of the Commission (the "Complaint") from Mr. Parvaiz Khan (the "Complainant"), 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 treated the patient, Mr. Parvaiz Khan, a patient of kidney and bladder stones, negligently. You diagnosed operation of both kidneys and bladder of the patient and due to your negligence and carelessness, you operated only one kidney and ignored procedure on the second kidney, and ..."

#### III. REPLY OF RESPONDENT

- 3. The Respondent submitted his response on 21.11.2022, wherein he stated as under:
  - "...1. Whereas, the complainant named Chanzeb resident of District Abbottabad, Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa registered the application/ complaint against me without any evidence or facts for criminal negligence or professional misconduct to Pakistan Medical Commission.
  - 2. The patient named Pervaiz case of obstructed uropathy with derranged renal function test, due to bilateral ureteric stones and right renal stones presented to Chinar Hospital & Dialysis Centre, Abbottabad after referral by a general surgeon.
  - 3. I attended the patient and analysed all the available medical record of patient and advised the best immediate management i-e bilateral ureteroscopy, intracorporeal lithotripsy and bilateral double stenting along with surgical complications and prognosis. And told the patient that after this procedure he will proceed with renal stone treatment once his renal function get normalised. There was no urinary bladder stone / pathology as mentioned by complainant and show cause notice issued by competent authority

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- 4. The patient consented for admission and treatment plan and I performed his surgery under spinal anesthesia uneventfully without any complications in most professional way. The patient was operated under spinal anesthesia and was fully conscious during surgical procedure. I informed on OT table about successful surgical procedure. File annexure 1
- 5. Next day on the post operative period I visited the patient. He was asymptomatic and was lying comfortable in his bed. I advised discharge from hospital on his will and 1 advised further treatment instructions to patient. Patient got discharged happily.
- 6. Few days later, I received various inquiry letters from Health Care Commission KPK. Deputy Commissioner Office Abbottabad, District Health Officer Abbottabad, I appeared before the aforementioned offices and the complaint was rejected due malafide intention of complainant without fact and evidence copy annexed 3
- 7. Later, I received notice from Civil Court Abbottabad with false charges of physical assault on patient made by complainant. I appeared before honorable court.
- 8. Thereafter, I received notice from Consumer's Court KPK, I faced multiple hearings.
- 9. I have always performed my duties in most efficient and professional way for which I taken oath as consultant urologist. I have never conducted any professional misconduct or medical negligence any time in patient management prayer

It is therefore requested that the show cause issued by the competent authority should be cancelled as allegations made by complainant against me are totally baseless and without any facts and evidences. ..."

## IV. REJOINDER OF COMPLAINANT

4. A letter for rejoinder was sent to the Complainant on 24.11.2022 enclosing the comments received from the Respondent doctor, directing him to submit his response. The complainant submitted



his Rejoinder on 13.01.2023 wherein he rejected the response of the Respondent doctor and reiterated his stance of attributing medical negligence on the part of the Respondent.

#### V. HEARING

5. 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.

- 6. On the date of hearing, the Respondent was present before the Disciplinary Committee, person. However, the Complainant did not appear before this Committee.
- 7. 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.
- 8. The case is adjourned in the above terms.

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Professor Dr. Muhammad Zubair Khan Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ January, 2025