



BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE OF PAKISTAN MEDICAL COMMISSION

In the matter of

Complaint No. PF. 8-1927/2021-DC/PMC

Somia Farooq vs Dr. Faiqa Saleem Baig

Mr. Ali Raza	Chairman
Dr. Anis-Ur- Rehman	Member
Dr. Asif Loya	Member

Present:

Brig. (R) Prof. Dr. Ambreen Anwar	Expert (Obstetrics &Gynecology)
Mrs. Somia Farooq	Complainant (through Zoom)
Dr. Faiqa Saleem Baig (29397-P)	Respondent
Hearing dated	10-12-2021

I. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Complaint

1. Mrs. Somia Farooq (hereinafter referred to as the “Complainant”) filed a complaint before the Disciplinary Committee on 19.06.2021 against Dr. Faiqa Saleem (hereinafter referred to as the “Respondent”), who is working as consultant gynecologist at Bahria International Hospital, Lahore. The Complainant alleged that Respondent doctor negligently treated her while carrying out her delivery procedure and left gauze piece inside vagina discovered later and which caused infection and further complications. She requested to take strict action against the Respondent.

II. SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

2. In view of the allegations leveled in the complaint a show cause notice was issued to Respondent on 02.07.2021 in the following terms:
 4. *WHEREAS, In terms of the complaint it has been alleged that the complainant came to Babria International Hospital, Lahore, when she was six months pregnant to avail medical services in delivery of her child. Wherein you were her appointed doctor. It has been alleged that despite her normal medical condition for a regular delivery, you tried to persuade the complainant to undergo a C-Section, which you continued on several appointment; and*
 5. *WHEREAS, In terms of complaint it has been alleged that you never gave any proper medical advice to the complainant and on 30.03.2021, you asked for some medical test reports without prior mentioning the same to complainant. Further it is alleged that on the same day you asked the complainant for examination and 'without her consent' swept her. Further it has been alleged that the act on your part was not necessary at the given stage which gave rise to complications and the purpose behind doing so was to force the complainant into an early labor; and*
 6. *WHEREAS, In terms of complaint you decided to perform C-Section and directed your staff for the same despite the fact that the complainant refused repeatedly and by that time she had still not gone into an active labour. It has also been alleged that the complainant requested for facility to perform CTG on the baby's heart with 2 hours interval till morning, which you refused; and*
 7. *WHEREAS, In terms of complaint the complainant being fully dilated and her contractions were spring strong, yet you refused to put her in birth position despite her requests. You tried to perform C-Section till last attempt. However it is when the baby started crowning then you restored to normal delivery. Further it is also alleged that you needlessly induced the complainant prior to her due date and almost sedated her with many unnecessary medicines; and*
 8. *WHEREAS, In terms of complaint you did not perform follow up checkup of the complainant. Further, the complainant suffering from severe pain came for a checkup after five weeks of her delivery. On examination by Dr. Yasmeen Shabeen, a 'sponge' was removed from inside of the complainant's vagina. Further a scan from Hameed Latif Hospital showed the complainant had clot on cervix, cyst on left ovary and active infections, which is alleged to be a case of deliberate medical negligence; and*
 9. *WHEREAS, In terms of the complaint due to your negligence the complainant was caused infection and she remained in severe pain. Further that due to the high dosage of antibiotic medication the complainant was deprived from breast feeding her baby besides incurring financial losses on recovery; and*
 10. *WHEREAS, In terms of the facts mentioned in the Complaint it is failure on your part to fulfill your professional responsibilities towards your patient. Such conduct is breach of code of ethics and amounts to professional Negligence/ Misconduct; and*

III. REPLY TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

3. In response to show cause notice issued by the Disciplinary Committee, the Respondent submitted her reply vide letter dated 29.07.2021 as under:

- a) *I have more than 25 years of experience in the Specialty of Obstetrics & Gynecology and I am practicing at Babria international hospital as visiting consultant for last 13 years. The complainant first visited me on 18.01.2021, at 27-28 weeks (end of 6 months) of pregnancy. At her first visit she was without any investigations or medical records of any routine checkups from any doctor or midwife from UK or Pakistan.*
- b) *On 4th visit 24.03.2021, she was almost 37 weeks pregnant & she visited me again having too many questions & queries, but without reports. At this visit I told them to see another consultant, because I don't do nonstandard practice and also you are "due to deliver any time" and my file is empty regarding investigations.*
- c) *Finally they visited me on 30.03.2021, now she was 38 + weeks (Term pregnancy) complaining of abdominal tightening and pressure. She brought her investigation first time, Ultrasound report and report of Low Hb: 8.7 Gm/dl (Anemic) and it was disturbing to see as patient was in early latent phase of labour with A-ve Blood group.*
- d) *I did her vaginal examination after her informed consent and explained her fully as it was her first pelvic examination with me. She was 1.5-2 cm dilated (early latent phase of labor)*
- e) *There is no evidence or case report available that shows that sweeping can cause baby heart beat to 180-190 and/or harmful.*
- f) *I sent her to the labour room for routine CTG as she was in early latent labour. On duty Dr. Rabia informed me that baby has tachycardia of 180-190 with abnormal pattern while maternal pulse is 88/min.*
- g) *At 10:30 pm on 30.03.2021, I personally visited patient in labour room and advised to give IV fluid & oxygen, keep her under observation and repeat CTG after hydration. At 12:00 am on 31.03.2021, I advised to admit patient and "do CTG every 2- hourly" and if tachycardia does not settle then admit her and provisionally prepare for caesarian only if needed as a precautionary step to save baby otherwise our plan is to induce her in morning.*
- h) *At 04:30 pm Dr. Humair (anesthetist) gave Epidural to patient on her request while she was 4 cm dilated, she was totally pain free. So her allegation that she was feeling strong contractions is denied.*
- i) *She was fully dilated at 06:30 pm and waited for one hour for the decent of baby's head. Patient delivered at 07:36 pm after putting her in lithotomy position (Birthing Position) cleaned and draped.*

- j) Patient was unable to push because she was pain free (Epidural Analgesia). The baby was delivered by applying vacuum, because of poor maternal effort in birthing position. In fact how she can witness crowning? On the other side of bed with birthing position, covered and with epidural analgesia, and as it was her first delivery.
- k) Sedation has never been used in her case, especially when she had epidural analgesia. There is no evidence in terms of prescription/pharmacy bill pertaining to use of any sedative in her case during labour.
- l) Despite all their false claims that I was pushing her for a C-section' Alhamdulillah, she delivered vaginally by vacuum delivery 24 hours after admission in hospital.
- m) Hospital medical record shows that next morning on 01.04.2021 at 9:30 am, I visited the patient (documented in hospital file) and counseled her for diet, self-care, breast feeding and revisit after one week.
- n) She did not come for follow up visit in hospital even after clear instructions on computerized discharge slip advised to visit Dr. Faiqa Saleem on 08.04.2021 (After one week) & also advised in case of emergency visit labour room any time.
- o) Patient was thoroughly examined vaginally by Dr. Sara Hafeez, senior registrar on duty before discharge and documented in her file (evidence attached).
- p) Patient never contacted me after delivery that she is sick or having any problem although they had my contact number, where they used to contact me for even minor problems during pregnancy. Whats.App communication attached.
- q) No evidence has been provided (prescription & treatments especially antibiotics) of any visit to any Doctor/healthcare professional for any symptoms during these 5 weeks anywhere in Lahore or elsewhere before 05.05.2021.
- r) As per CBC report dated 05.05.2021, attached by the complainant her Hb-improved from 8.7gm/dl at time of delivery to 11.2 gm /dl, WBC counts is 8.4/dl again normal & means if she was sick it should not have improved that much.
- s) Culture/Sensitivity Report - Escherichia-Coli growth only, no other organisms' growth identified (strange un expected findings in 5 weeks old gauze).
- t) Ultrasound report is quite normal, nothing related to gauze has been noted or signs of infection.
- u) This patient was seen by Dr. Yasmeen Shaheen and Dr. Huma in the OPD on 05.05.2021 and was under her care. I was not communicated that the patient is being treated for the condition that is directly related to me, as I was her primary consultant, although she never visited me after delivery. Even the ultrasound of this patient was done from Hameed Latif Hospital advised by Dr. Yasmeen, intentionally to hide from me. It demonstrates highly unprofessional & non-ethical response of two of my colleagues. Also allowing patient's husband (social media professional) to



take pictures and video recording is professional misconduct with mala-fide intention, using patient as a tool for defaming my practice & me.

IV. REJOINDER

4. Reply/comments submitted by the Respondent were forwarded to the Complainant for rejoinder. The Complainant, Mrs. Somia Farooq filed her rejoinder dated 01.10.2021 wherein she stated that she is not satisfied with the comments of Respondent Dr. Faiqa Saleem Baig. The Complainant requested to take action in accordance with law.

V. HEARING

5. Notices dated 29.11.2021 were issued to the Complainant as well as Respondent doctor directing them to appear before the Disciplinary Committee on 10.12.2021. On the date of hearing both parties; Complainant (through zoom) and Respondent were present.
6. Respondent Dr. Faiqa Saleem Baig stated that she is a professor in a Lahore General Hospital and is a visiting consultant Gynecologist at Bahria International Hospital Lahore for last 14 years, where the incident took place.
7. The Respondent doctor stated that the patient Somia Farooq had three months antenatal checkup with her before the delivery. The patient had a total of five visits. At her last visit on 30th March 2021, she had thirty nine plus weeks of pregnancy with irregular contractions. Vaginal examination revealed 1.5cm dilated soft OS. Fetal examination and the CTG was done on around 10pm, fetal heart rate was 180 to 190 (tachycardia), advised repeat CTG 02 hourly (mentioned on notes). The patient was kept under observation on fluids and oxygen. She submitted that she was called by the duty doctor at around 04:00am in the morning stating that patient is refusing and reluctant to everything including fluids, oxygen and even not making admission and the same has been documented.
8. The Respondent doctor submitted that the Complainant was finally admitted at 05:00am on 31st March 2021. She visited the Complainant in the morning between 08:00am to 09:00am on 31st March 2021. The tachycardia of the baby was settled and the Complainant was counselled for induction being full term to which the Complainant agreed. The Complainant was induced at 09:00am and repeated after 04hours. The Complainant went into labor around

04:30pm. Epidural administered around 04:30pm and was kept on continuous monitoring. Around 06:30pm, the Complainant got fully dilated. After successful delivery, placenta was out and the Complainant had a mild PPH with lacerations of 3-4cm due to prolonged labor which was stitched. For the congestion of the vaginal wall two packs were placed to secure bleeding. The procedure was done without episiotomy. The Respondent submitted that the Complainant was checked by her around 11:30pm on the same day.

9. The Respondent submitted that next morning on 1st April 2021 at 07:00am the senior registrar, who is an FCPS gynecology removed the packing and Foley's catheter and did the internal examination. The Respondent submitted that she visited the Complainant at 9:00 am and explained about the diet plan precautions for the baby and the mother and also advised injection farengar to improve HB as there was no need of blood transfusion. In addition, she told the Complainant to visit the mother room of the hospital anytime if in case there is any issue and same is mentioned on the discharge slip too. The Complainant was advised follow up visit after one week and was discharged around 11 o'clock on 1st April 2021.
10. The Respondent submitted that after discharge the Complainant never visited her. On 19th May 2021 a complaint was lodged against the Respondent at Bahria hospital which was received by her on 22nd May 2021 through hospital administration. In terms of complaint lodged to the hospital the Complainant was seen by Dr. Yasmeen Shaheen in the OPD on 05.05.2021 and apparently a piece of gauze was removed from inside of the Complainant's vagina.
11. The Respondent submitted that the hospital conducted internal inquiry and they didn't find anything against the Respondent doctor. Furthermore, the matter has also been heard by Punjab Health Care Commission (PHCC). The PHCC held hearing three times but the Complainant didn't appear. On final notice of hearing, the Complainant withdrew her complaint filed before PHCC. The Complainant has also filed a civil suit against the Respondent doctor for millions of rupees.
12. The Committee asked the Respondent doctor if Dr. Yasmeen informed her about the incident of removal of gauze and what was her statement before the inquiry committee of the hospital. The Respondent submitted that Dr. Yasmeen is the Head of Department at Bahria

Hospital Lahore. Dr. Yasmeen never informed her about the incident rather she came to know through hospital administration in the form of formal complaint against her. During the inquiry conducted by the hospital, Dr. Yasmeen gave her statement that she had taken out the gauze piece only and that she does not know how and who placed it.

13. The Complainant negated all the statements of Respondent doctor and claimed them to be untrue. Complainant further stated that she was left with a piece of cloth inside her and that the Respondent doctor is trying to divert the focus of the case in some other direction.
14. The Complainant stated that she visited Dr. Yasmeen on 05.05.2021, after five weeks of her discharge from the hospital, who examined her and removed the foreign object which had a very foul smell. It was the size of a tennis ball. The Complainant asked her husband to take pictures of it within few minutes. The picture of removed gauze was produced before the Committee. The expert on reviewing the picture pointed out that the gauze piece shown in the picture is not the size of a tennis ball as the Complainant has referred to and also did not appear to have any discharge or mucous around the gauze pack. It apparently looked like a payodine soaked piece of gauze and not an object which had been inside the Complainant for any prolonged period and specially not five weeks as claimed.
15. The Committee inquired if the Complainant visited any doctor/gynecologist or had any medications during these five weeks, to which the Complainant replied that she didn't visit any doctor in this duration. Further, she stated that she took tablet of Amoxillin which she had brought from UK.
16. The Committee inquired as to why she didn't complained about the person who gave the epidural anesthesia as she also claimed that she was not pain free during the procedure to which the Complainant could not reply satisfactorily.

VI. EXPERT OPINION - BRIG. DR. AMBREEN SARWAR

17. Brig. Dr. Ambreen Sarwar, gynecologist, was appointed as an expert to assist the Disciplinary Committee in the matter. She has opined that:

Picture of the pack is dry, its small sized not tennis ball, no mucus discharge of old dark blood staining around it. The appearance does not go with patient's history. Furthermore vagina is an opening and is unable to hold the pack for so long

without causing offensive discharge (putting off whole house hold) and severe febrile, urinary and bowl symptoms with pain. Patient had none.

Following this visit there is an Ultrasound Pelvis report which is unremarkable, and a pus swab report (request form has no clinical notes to say swab was taken from which part of body). Results show E Coli growth (not a serious infection, it is a normal skin flora). Injectable were advised but patient carried no prescription or bills to support her claim.

Extremely Professional conduct of Dr. Faiqa Saleem Baig who,

- i) Tolerated irresponsible behavior of patient in the antenatal period.
- ii) Awaited normal delivery x 19-20 hours.
- iii) Conducted the delivery herself.
- iv) Delivery was performed without episiotomy cut.
- v) Without any blood transfusion/parenteral iron.
- vi) Records show immaculate documentation.

Patient claims are un-supported as,

- i) Hospital inquiry did not find anything against the respondent and reinstated Dr. Faiqa Saleem Baig after that, who is extremely shattered and distraught unnecessarily by this whole series of events.
- ii) If Dr. Faiqa Saleem Baig advised un-necessary Cesarean operation, and she was unsatisfied by her plan, she had ample time to change the doctor.
- iii) Never co-operated with doctor and did not bring in reports till end.
- iv) Never came for follow up as advised.
- v) Pack picture and symptoms do not support any claims of negligence.

VII. FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

18. At the outset, the Disciplinary Committee took notice of the settlement agreement between the parties submitted by the Respondent doctor during the course of hearing and clarified that any settlement agreement is of a civil nature relating to civil claims as may exist between the parties and does not act as a bar to the Disciplinary Committee proceeding to adjudicate upon a matter where professional negligence and misconduct of a medical practitioner has been alleged. Hence, the disciplinary proceeding will continue in accordance with law. The Complainant further claimed that she did not agree with the settlement as these were allegedly executed by her husband without her consent.
19. After going through the contents of the complaint and the grievance of the Complainant the allegations leveled against the Respondent are principally that she failed to fulfil her obligations and duties of care towards patient and particularly left a gauze inside her vagina during the post birth period as well as without her consent swept her and forced her into an early labour.

20. After considering the submissions of both parties, perusal of record and the expert opinion, it is an admitted fact that from the evening of 30th March 2021 till 11:30 pm on 31st March 2021 the Respondent attended the Complainant. On 30th March 2021 she carried out examination of the Complainant. Vaginal examination revealed 1.5cm dilated soft OS. Fetal examination and the CTG was done at around 10:00pm, fetal heart rate was 180 to 190 (tachycardia), repeat CTG 02 hourly was advised. The Respondent was on call at around 04:00 am next morning when she was informed that the Complainant was refusing and reluctant to everything including fluids, oxygen and even not making admission. The Respondent visited the Complainant in the morning between 08:00am to 09:00am on 31st March 2021. The tachycardia of the baby was settled and the patient was counselled by the Respondent for induction being full term to which the Complainant agreed. The Complainant was induced at 09:00am and repeated after 04hours. The Complainant went into labor around 04:30pm. Epidural administered around 04:30pm and was kept on continuous monitoring. Around 06:30pm, the Complainant got fully dilated and successful delivery procedure was carried out. The Committee observes that the procedure and the treatment given to the Complainant by the Respondent is well documented.
21. Further, the Complainant remained under the care of the Respondent for more than 24 hours. The Respondent waited for normal induction and there is no evidence that she tried to convince the Complainant for a C-section. The complainant delivered a healthy baby boy with vacuum assistance on the 31st of March 2021. Management of patient by the Respondent shows that the Respondent performed her duty in accordance with best health care practices and maintained a proper record of all the events.
22. The Complainant and her husband were in frequent contact with the Respondent doctor before delivery procedure through text and voice messages. After discharge she never visited the doctor. After about 5 weeks, on 5th May 2021 the Complainant visited the Head of Department Dr. Yasmeen who removed the gauze piece/sponge from the inside the Complainant's vagina. The Complainant alleged that the gauze piece was left by the Respondent which caused her infection and the complication. In this regard, the Committee would like to refer to the medical record as under:

- A. Post-op notes on 31st March 2021 state that “2 sponges placed in vagina” that was done for congestion of vaginal wall to secure bleeding after mild PPH with wall tear of 3-4 cm in case of prolong labour.
- B. Post-op notes written on 1st April 2021, 07:00am by Dr. Sarah Hafeez (FCPS/Senior Registrar) mention as “2 Vaginal packing + Foley’s + Epidural removed, V.E done, No clots remained, Uterus contracted, bleeding mild, Anti-D given, encourage to take oral diet”.
- C. Culture & Sensitivity Report of the Gauze piece done on 5th May 2021 show “Escherichia Coli” only.
- D. Ultrasound done on dated 6th May 2021 referred by Dr. Yasmeen Shaheen show “Clot in Cervix, Left Ovarian Cyst (Hemorrhagic), Pelvic Inflammatory Disease (PID)”
23. During the period of five (05) weeks from delivery till incident the patient didn’t visit any physician/gynecologist. As per the expert opinion the picture that was produced by the Complainant regarding gauze piece suggests that there was no discharge and mucus around the gauze pack which apparently stayed in vagina for five weeks. It seemed more like a fresh pyodine soaked pack. It is also highly unusual that a guaze piece stayed in the open cavity for five weeks and that too without any serious health issues as the Complainant did not see any doctor during that period. The culture & sensitivity report done on 05th May 2021 at Bahria Hospital Lahore shows Escherichia Coli only. Neither any guaze related infection was found in the ultra sound report done at Hameed Latif Hospital on 06th May 2021. It is worth mentioning here that in post op notes two sponges are mentioned for packing and in medical notes of Dr. Sarah, the concerned doctor on duty on 1st April 2021, clearly mentions removal “2 Vaginal packing”.
24. Further, statement of Dr Yasmeen Shaheen who removed the guaze piece also does not correlate with the number of packings mentioned in the medical notes of the Complainant under care of the Respondent. The hospital inquiry report at para 12 mentions *Professor Dr. Yasmeen Shabeen examined the patient and whilst doing per-vaginal examination found four gauze pieces within the vaginal orifice*”. It is also noted that Dr. Yasmeen Shaheen in her report does not make any statement as to the apparent or physical age of the gauze removed, which any practitioner of

her experience would easily be able to identify had it been a piece inserted for as long as give weeks in the vagina.

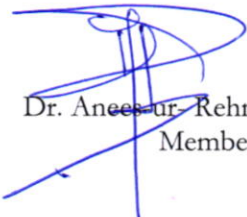
25. In view of foregoing, the Disciplinary Committee is of the considered opinion that the allegations of the Complainant are not substantiated with any evidence. On the other hand the Respondent doctor has submitted complete medical record of all the events, procedure and treatment given to the Complainant which establishes that the Respondent doctor has fulfilled her duty of care towards her patient. Therefore, Dr. Foqia Saleem Baig is exonerated and the complaint is dismissed against her.
26. The Disciplinary Committee is also cognizant of the fact that huge media publicity was done on social media by the Complainant and her husband against Dr. Foqia regarding alleged professional negligence/misconduct by the doctor. Complainant's husband is a tiktoker who regularly appears and shares posts, video and pictures on the social network and has a large following amongst the public. On 23rd May 2021 a video of 14 minutes was uploaded by the Complainant on social media against Dr. Foqia which was watched by almost 03 million people. Due to negative campaign against Dr. Foqia she was terminated from her job and she suffered mental agony. Even when she was reinstated after completion of enquiry against her and decision by the PHCC, the number of patients of Dr. Foqia significantly reduced owing to the negative publicity and public opinion created directly as a consequence of the Complainant and her husband's unwarranted campaign through social media.
27. By uploading such videos and statements on social media, the Complainant embarked on a media trial of Dr. Foqia. The Committee observes that intervention through social media influences the public opinion as to the integrity and the competency of a medical practitioner based purely on allegations of one side without a proper adjudication of the allegations. Impact of social media on a person's reputation by creating a widespread perception of guilt before decision by the relevant adjudicatory forum creates prejudice not only in the mind of viewers and readers but may also results in a gross defamation of the practitioner. In this case in particular it stands established that the Complainant was aware that her allegations against the Respondent doctor were false and in fact she created the evidence as the gauze found clearly is a fresh piece of pyodine soaked gauze. Whether this was in fact inserted by the Complainant in her vagina prior to visiting Dr. Yasmeen Shaheen or there was some involvement of Dr. Yasmeen Shaheen cannot be determined based on current evidence. Yet in either case, and

there exists no other possibility based on the appreciation of the evidence, it is established that this gauze was not left in the Complainant's vagina five weeks earlier by the Respondent or any other practitioner. This fact is established by the later ultra sound and pathology reports. The conduct and intent of the Complainant finds evidence in the fact that the Complainant simultaneously proceeded on a wide campaign against the Respondent doctor through complaints to the Commission, the Punjab Health Care Commission, the hospital and all these were used to ostensibly substantiate the baseless social media campaign undertaken. Pertinently these multiple actions on the part of the Complainant and her husband culminated in a civil suit for damages against the Respondent, and it appears that was the ultimate intent to harass and pressurize the Respondent to extract a monetary settlement.

28. The law and the Commission condemn such practices which are intended to level false allegations against a medical practitioner with the intent to harass and blackmail a practitioner into a civil monetary settlement or destroying the practitioner's reputation. It is mandatory that issues pertaining to professional negligence and misconduct of medical practitioners need to be brought before the Disciplinary committee which is the competent forum to decide upon such matters rather than initiating a smear campaign in the media.
29. It is to address such cases that the Committee has been empowered under the 2nd proviso to Section 32(3) of the PMC Act 2020 to not only impose costs upon a complainant found to have filed a false complaint but also impose a penalty in addition thereto. In view of the evidence and it being established that a false complaint was filed by the Complainant, the Committee imposes on the Complainant;
- a. Costs to be paid to the Respondent where the Respondent is directed to submit costs incurred by her in pursuing the instant proceedings; and
 - b. A penalty of Rs.2,000,000 to be paid by the Complainant to the Respondent within fourteen days of this Order.
30. In addition, the Complainant is directed to immediately remove all the videos and posts against the Respondent doctor made on social media by the Complainant and her husband.
31. The Disciplinary Committee further observes that Dr. Yasmeen Shaheen examined the Complainant after five weeks of the procedure done by Dr. Foqia and allegedly removed gauze

piece from inside the vagina of the Complainant. As per the statement of the Complainant, Dr. Yasmeen Shaheen told her that she has been mishandled by her primary physician. Dr. Yasmeen Shaheen works in the same hospital as head of the department, however, she did not inform Dr. Foqia, being the primary physician of the Complainant about the incident that took place on 05 May 2021 under her care. Instead, Dr. Foqia came to know when a formal complaint was lodged against her before the hospital and hospital administration informed her formally on 22nd May 2021. Also Dr. Yasmeen Shaheen did not properly record the physical condition of the gauze allegedly removed from the Complainant instead she allowed the Complainant and her husband to take pictures of the gauze. Such conduct of Dr. Yasmeen Shaheen is against the norms and principles of ethics of the medical practitioners and on the face of it appears to be aiding the Complainant in creating a false complaint against the Respondent.

32. Further, Dr. Yasmeen Shaheen made the statement during the hospital's internal inquiry as it has been recorded at para 12 that *"Professor Dr. Yasmeen Shaheen examined the patient and whilst doing per-vaginal examination found four gauze pieces within the vaginal orifice. She sent the gauze pieces for culture and sensitivity to the pathology laboratory of Bahria Hospital Lahore"*. The statement of Dr. Yasmeen Shaheen does not correlate the medical notes entered in the record of the Mrs. Somia Farooq maintained at the hospital during her admission between 30th March to 1st April 2021. Therefore, the Committee directs the Secretary to the Disciplinary Committee to issue show cause notice to Dr. Yasmeen Shaheen in the matter and her conduct as noted in the evidence.



Dr. Anees-ur-Rehman
Member



Dr. Asif Loya
Member



Muhammad Ali Raza
Chairman

26 January, 2022