



**MINUTES OF HEARING OF DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE OF PAKISTAN
MEDICAL COMMISSION HELD ON 11 DECEMBER, 2021**

(Compliant No. PF.12-Complaint-115/2016-legal)

Mr. Muhammad Usman Vs. Dr. Muhammad Farooq Sandhu

Mr. Ali Raza	Chairman
Dr. Anis-ur-Rehman	Member
Dr. Asif Loya	Member
Present	
Dr. Tanwir Khaliq	Expert (Surgery)
Dr. Farooq Sandhu (54961-P)	Respondent
Mr. Tahseen Bin Zia	on behalf of MS, Mayo Hospital, Lahore.
Hearing date	11.12.2021

I. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

1. A complaint was filed on 22.10.2014 before the Punjab Healthcare Commission, by Mr. Muhammad Usman (Complainant) against Dr. Muhammad Farooq Sandhu, who is working at Mayo Hospital, Lahore wherein it was submitted that:
 - a) Mother of complainant, the patient, sustained a firearm shot in her abdomen during a fight. She was brought and admitted in Mayo Hospital, Lahore on 14.8.2014, where she was treated after medico legal formalities. On the same day, doctor present in ward suggested not to go for surgery as the patient was old aged and had diabetes as well. She remained admitted in the hospital from 14.8.2014 to 21.8.2014.
 - b) It has been alleged that patient again reported on 25.9.2014 in Minor Operation theatre (MOT) for removal of bullet. Dr. Farooq (Respondent), instructed the ward attendant, Asghar, to remove the bullet from swollen part. The said ward attendant removed multiple masses from the patient's body but could not spot the bullet to remove it.
 - c) It has been alleged that no X-ray or ultrasound of the patient was suggested and the said removed masses were also not sent for further examination and analysis.
 - d) It has been further alleged that an X-ray of patient was conducted at a private facility by a qualified radiologist, which revealed presence of bullet.

- e) It has been further alleged that due to negligent treatment the wound did not heal even after lapse of one month.
2. The Punjab Healthcare Commission conducted investigation into allegations leveled by the complainant and decided the matter vide its decision dated 03.10.2016 in the following terms:

"15. After thorough deliberations and taking into consideration the record and the above noted findings / observations the Board decides as follows :

- a) *A fine of Rs.100,000 /-is imposed upon the HCE (Mayo Hospital for a non-provision of complete medical record of the patient to the PHC.*
- b) *Health Department Government of Punjab be approached to take disciplinary action against Dr. Muhammad Farooq, PGR (4h year) , MS surgery for not treating the patient himself and allowing a ward attendant to manipulate the gunshot wound of a diabetic patient.*
- c) *Disciplinary action be taken against ward attendant Mr. Muhammad Asghar under PEEDA ACT, 2006 for unauthorized treatment of a gunshot wound of a diabetic patient.*
- d) *MS, Mayo Hospital, Lahore be warned by the Health Department Govt. of the Punjab for;*
 - i. *Not exercising proper administrative control over the staff*
 - ii. *Not framing SOPS for procedures to be undertaken at Emergency Department of the hospital.*
- e) *The case of Dr. Muhammad Farooq is referred to PMDC for not treating the patient himself and allowing a ward attendant to manipulate the gunshot wound of a diabetic patient.*
- f) *Warning be issued by the Health Department, Govt. of the Punjab to the then Head of the Department, North Surgical Unit, Mayo Hospital. Lahore for poor command and control over his PGRs.*
- g) *A letter to be written to Vice Chancellor, Kind Edward Medical University apprising him the work and conduct of Dr. Muhammad Farooq, PGR and to direct him to take necessary measures for the improvement in training of PG students"*

II. HEARING BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE DATED 27.03.2021

3. In view of the reference of Punjab Healthcare Commission, the Disciplinary Committee took cognizance of the matter. After completion of codal formalities the matter was fixed for hearing before the Disciplinary Committee on 27.03.2021. The Disciplinary Committee in the said hearing observed and directed as under

"Both the parties were absent. Medical Superintendent Mayo Hospital has not provided record so far and has sought adjournment. Considering the facts of the case and the gravity of the issue and non-serious attitude of



the respondent doctor, the committee decided that the license of Dr. Muhammad Farooq will be suspended with immediate effect and shall stay suspended until his appearance before Committee”.

III. HEARING DATED 11.12.2021

4. The matter was again fixed for hearing before the Disciplinary Committee on 11.12.2021. Notice dated 29.11.2021 were issued to the Complainant as well as the Respondent Dr. Farooq Ahmad Sandhu directing them to appear before the Disciplinary Committee on 11.12.2021. The Medical Superintendent of Mayo Hospital was also directed to appear before the Disciplinary Committee along with medical record.
5. On the said date the Complainant remained absent whereas the Respondent appeared in person. On behalf of the Medical Superintendent, Mr. Tahseen Bin Zia (Office Superintendent) appeared before the Disciplinary Committee.
6. The Disciplinary Committee observes that license of Respondent Dr. Farooq Sandhu was suspended on 27.03.2021 due to absence of Respondent doctor in hearing dated 27.03.2021. The Committee further observed that Respondent Dr. Farooq Sandhu stated during the course of hearing that he had not instructed anyone for removal of bullet from the abdomen of mother of the Complainant as he was not performing duties in Minor Operation Theater on 25.09.2014. When asked as to who was performing duties in MOT on 25.09.2014, Respondent Dr. Farooq Sandhu stated that he was not aware. He further stated that he is working as Surgeon at DHQ Hospital, Toba Tek Singh now a day.
7. The Disciplinary Committee further observes that Mr. Tahseen Bin Zia (Office Superintendent) representative of MS, Mayo Hospital, Lahore failed to produce record as directed vide office letter dated 29.11.2021. The said representative was even not aware of the name of Head of Administration Department of Mayo Hospital, Lahore. He was also not aware of name of In-charge of Emergency, Surgery and Minor Operation Theater.

IV. DECISION

8. The Disciplinary Committee has noted that admittedly Respondent Dr. Farooq Sandhu (54961-P) has been practicing despite suspension of his license on 27.03.2021. The Disciplinary Committee shows its grave concern over such conduct of Respondent doctor and decides that suspension of his license will continue till further orders and disposal of the instant Complaints on merit. A copy of this order be forwarded to Secretary Primary & Secondary Healthcare Department, Government of Punjab and healthcare establishment where the Respondent Dr. Farooq Sandhu is working.
9. The Disciplinary Committee further decides to suspend the license to practice of Dr. Iftikhar Ahmad (12368-P) Medical Superintendent of Mayo Hospital, Lahore. His license shall remain suspended till provision of requisite medical record pertaining to the instant complaint.

Dr. Anis-ur-Rehman
Member

Dr. Asif Loya
Member

Muhammad Ali Raza
Chairman

28th February, 2022