BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE OF PAKISTAN MEDICAL COMMISSION

In the matter of

Complaint No. PF. 8-1971/2021-DC/PMC

Mr. Tanveer Ahmad Vs. Dr. Sohaib Anwar

Professor Dr. Naqib Ullah Achakzai	Chairman
Professor Dr. Noshad Ahmad Sheikh	Member
Mr. Jawad Amin Khan	Member
Barrister Ch. Sultan Mansoor	Secretary
Expert of Orthopedic Surgery	

Present:

Mr. Tanveer Ahmad	Complainant
Dr. Sohaib Anwar (56428-P)	Respondent
Hearing dated	21.11.2022

I. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

1. Mr. Tanveer Ahmad (the "Complainant") filed a Complaint on 05.07.2021 against Dr. Sohaib Anwar (the "Respondent") working at DHQ Hospital, Chiniot and doing his private practice at Sardaran Siddique Hospital, Chiniot (the "Hospital"). Brief facts of the Complaint are:
   a) *Complainant visited DHQ hospital for the treatment of his fractured leg after falling into a ditch.*
   b) *He alleged in his complaint that the Respondent doctor suggested to conduct an operation in the Respondent's private clinic (the "Hospital") due to lack of facilities at the DHQ Hospital.*

c) *The Respondent negligently operated on his fractured leg, wherein after consulting another doctor due to worsening of his leg-wound post operation, the Complainant found out that a vein of his leg was negligently cut during the procedure, leading to severe complications.*

II. SHOW CAUSE NOTICE TO RESPONDENT, DR. SOHAIB ANWAR

2. In view of the allegations leveled in the complaint, Show Cause Notice dated 19.07.2021 was issued to the Respondent doctor in the following terms:

"...

4. ***WHEREAS,*** *in terms of Complaint, it has been alleged that the Complainant came to DHQ Hospital Chiniot with history of fall and fractured leg where you were the treating doctor. It has been alleged that you asked the patient to visit private hospital i.e. Sardaran Siddique Hospital (your private clinic) for his treatment; and*
5. ***WHEREAS,*** *in terms of Complaint, you deiced to perform the operation at Sardaran Siddique Hospital Chiniot and the operation was carried out on 20.03.2021 and patient discharged on 23.03.2021, it has been further alleged that patient visited your clinic few days after the operation and complained of un-healthy state of the affected leg for which you prescribed to change the bandage; and*
6. ***WHEREAS,*** *in terms of the compliant, the general health condition of the Complainant got worse on each passing day so he visited Yasin Memorial Hospital, Faisalabad for second opinion where the doctor diagnosed him with infected implant and skin necrosis of the affected area as complications occurred during and after the initial surgery. The patient's treatment started again at Yasin Memorial Hospital, Faisalabad and subsequent surgeries were performed i.e. ROI, AO External fixation on dated 27.04.2021 and rotation flap surgery on 09.06.2021 with ongoing follow-ups; and*
7. ***WHEREAS,*** *in terms of the facts mentioned in the Complaint it is a failure on your part to fulfill your professional responsibilities towards your patient. Such conduct is a breach of code of ethics amount to professional negligence/ misconduct. ..."*

III. REPLY TO SHOW CAUSE NOTICE BY RESPONDENT, DR. SOHAIB ANWAR

3. Respondent, Dr. Sohaib Anwar submitted his reply in response to Show Cause Notice on 07.09.2022 wherein he stated that:

a) *The stance of the Complainant that he visited DHQ Hospital, Chiniot for treatment of his fractured leg and I asked him to go to a private clinic, is false. The Hospital record found no evidence of the Complainant visiting DHQ Hospital, Chiniot. Complainant proceeded to Sardaran Siddique Hospital, Chiniot at his own will, where he was operated.*

b) *Post-surgery, Complainant visited the hospital only once for checkup and was found to be having superficial skin infection. The treating doctor changed the medicine and asked Complainant to visit weekly for check-up, but he did not turn up thereafter.*

c) *Complainant had also filed a complaint in the office of the CEO office, Chiniot who conducted an Inquiry under the supervision of DHO. The Inquiry found no adverse opinion about my conduct.*

IV. REJOINDER OF THE COMPLAINANT

4. Reply received from the Respondent doctor was forwarded to complainant through a letter dated 08.09.2022 for his rejoinder. However, no response has been received from complainant till date.

V. HEARING

5. After completion of the codal formalities, the matter was fixed for hearing before the Disciplinary Committee on 21.11.2022. Notices dated 14.11.2022 were issued to the Complainant and Respondent Dr. Sohaib Anwar, directing them to appear before the Disciplinary Committee on 21.11.2022.

6. On the date of hearing, the Complaint and the Respondent Dr. Sohaib Anwar; were both present in person.

VI. EXPERT OPINION

7. A consultant Orthopedic surgeon was appointed as an Expert to assist the Disciplinary Committee in this matter. The Expert opined as under:

Patient was operated ORIFT DCP for tibia/fistula close fracture and discharged after 03 three days. Patient visited after 07 seven days post operatively and surgeon noted superficial infection and he prescribed medicines accordingly. The patient did not visit again. Infection is a known complication of surgery.

VII. FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

8. The Disciplinary Committee has perused the relevant record, submissions of the parties and the expert opinion in the instant Complaint, and noted that the Complainant has not been able to submit any record pertaining to his visit/admission in the DHQ Hospital, Chiniot by the Respondent. Further, an Inquiry has also been earlier conducted by the District Health Officer, Chiniot, upon application of the present Complainant. This Inquiry has concluded that the Respondent did not refer the Complainant to any private Hospital, as the patient was not checked/treated at the DHQ Hospital, Chiniot by the Respondent.

9. In view of the available evidences, statements of the parties and the Expert opinion, this Committee notes that in the instant matter no case of medical negligence is made out against the Respondent. Hence, the Respondent Dr. Sohaib Anwar (56428-P) is absolved of the allegations against him. Disposed of accordingly.

Prof. Dr. Noshad Ahmad Sheikh	Mr. Jawad Amin Khan	Barrister Ch. Sultan Mansoor
Member	Member	Secretary

Prof. Dr. Naqib Ullah Achakzai

Chairman

21/ 11 ~~December~~, 2022