



BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE OF PAKISTAN MEDICAL COMMISSION

In the matter of

Complaint No. PF.8-2108/2022-DC/PMC

In the matter against Dr. Muhammad Khan (40547-P)

Prof. Dr. Naqib Ullah Achakzai	Chairman
Prof. Dr. Noshad Ahmad Shaikh	Member
Mr. Jawad Amin Khan	Member
Barrister Ch. Sultan Mansoor	Secretary

Present:

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Hearing dated 21.11.2022

I. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

1. Application for registration of additional/postgraduate qualification was received from Respondent Dr. Mohammad Khan at the online portal of Pakistan Medical Commission (the Commission) on 23.10.2021. Along with the application certificate of "Specialization in ICU & PAIN MANAGENENT" certified by Arab board, Dec 2010 was submitted. Licensing Department of the Commission vide email dated 25.10.2021 sought verification of degree from the Arab Board of Health Specializations. The Arab Board reverted with the observations on 28.10.2021 that this program of study started in 2020 only and there is no graduate from this program, till now. The credential/degree of the Respondent was, thus, found to be fake.
2. Information was also received to this Commission from one Dr. Rizwan Ahmed conveying that the Respondent was practicing as interventionist claiming to have EDIC Certificate and Arab Board Diploma in 'ICU & Pain Management'. It was alleged that Respondent negligently treated



Dr. Rizwan Ahmed's mother, being unqualified. A letter was sent by the Disciplinary Section to Dr. Rizwan directing him to submit all the relevant documents and medical record however he did not provide the relevant record.

II. SHOW CAUSE NOTICE TO RESPONDENT, DR. MUHAMMAD KHAN

3. In view of the response received from the Arab Board regarding verification of credential of the Respondent and the forged nature of the document, Show Cause Notice dated 10.03.2022 was issued to the Respondent, in the following terms:

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3. **WHEREAS**, information has been received on 07.03.2022 by the Disciplinary Committee of Pakistan Medical Commission (hereinafter referred to as the “Information”) which is attached as Annex I and shall be read as an integral part of this notice; and

4. **WHEREAS**, you have applied on the online portal of Pakistan Medical Commission on 23.10.2021 for registration/ recognition of post-graduate/ additional qualification “Specialization in ICU & PAIN MANAGEMENT” certified by Arab board, Dec 2010; and

5. **WHEREAS**, the certificate you provided was forwarded to the Arab Board of Health Specializations, General Secretariat, for verification. Registrar General of Arab Board of Health Specializations vide email dated 28.10.2021 informed that, ‘Unfortunately this certificate is not eligible for Dr. Muhammad Khan, since this specialty (ICU & Pain Management’) has started in Arab Board in 2020 and there is no graduate from it till now’; and

6. **WHEREAS**, no medical or dental practitioner is allowed to represent himself as specialist without having acquired the requisite qualification. Your attempt to get registered with Pakistan Medical Commission for specialization in ‘ICU and Pain Management’ on the basis of a fake certificate/ degree is, prima facie, in violation of the provisions of the PMC Act 2020, particularly section 29 of the Act and Code of Ethics of Practice for medical and dental practitioners, Regulations 2011; and ...”

III. REPLY OF RESPONDENT, DR. MUHAMMAD KHAN

4. The Respondent, Dr. Muhammad Khan submitted his reply to the Show Cause Notice on 07.04.2021, wherein he contended that:



- a) *I am a registered medical practitioner bearing registration number 40547-P and Saudi Council Registration No. 09-L-M-0273291. I have been working as interventionist since 2006 in National Guard hospital, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The National Guard Hospital is recognized for MRCP, Saudi Board, EDIC and Arab Board.*
- b) *I am a member of the Critical care response team and certified with courses like FCCS, BLS, ACLS, ATLS, CCRT. Further, I am teaching courses as ACLS, BLS, FCCS and Mechanical ventilator courses to junior doctors as well as residents of Saudi board in ICU. I am trained in the ICU by Hospital education department for MCPS pulmonary medicine and European Diploma in ICU (EDIC).*
- c) *Arab Board Programme dates back to 2010 in Iraq, Baghdad and doctors were allowed to take the examination who had 4 years of ICU and critical care experience from gulf countries. I was allowed to take the examination in view of my gulf experience in 2010.*
- d) *Pertinent to mention here that administration of Arab Board Secretariat was split in the war era in IRAQ and there was a separate administration and registrar office from the General Secretariat, which was operational on its own with a different verification office.*
- e) *The charges against me are baseless and require further inquiry. My credentials have been certified from General Secretariat but not from the Arab Board Secretariat in Baghdad, Iraq. I would never apply for verification of a credential which is allegedly fake. I had applied to the PMC for status of my degree and the PMC can either approve or disapprove the same. However, the PMC cannot disapprove the credential and then issue a Show Cause Notice to me.*
- f) *The present Complaint, thus, should be dismissed.*


IV. HEARING

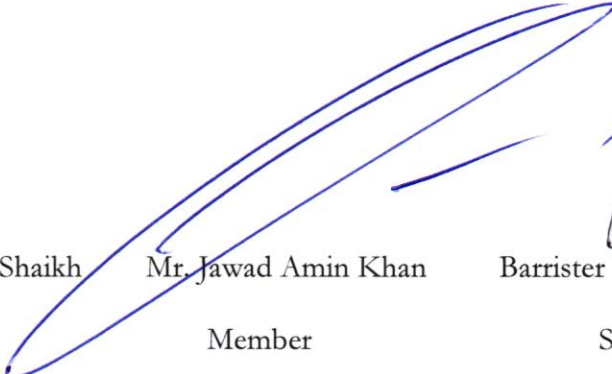
5. After completion of codal formalities, the matter was fixed for hearing before the Disciplinary Committee on 21.11.2022. Notice dated 14.11.2022 were issued to the Respondent, Dr. Muhammad Khan directing him to appear before the Disciplinary Committee on 21.11.2022.
6. On the date of hearing, the Respondent, Dr. Muhammad Khan did not appear before the Disciplinary Committee.

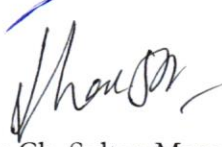
V. FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

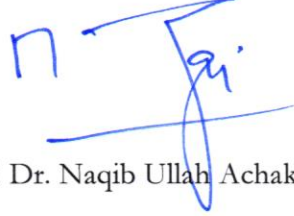
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7. The Disciplinary Committee observes that the Respondent had submitted his application to this Commission, for registration of post-graduate clinical qualification 'Specialization in ICU and Pain Management' issued by the Arab Board of Health Specializations. This Commission sent verification query to the Registrar General of the Arab Board on 25.10.2021, along with a copy of the certificate submitted by the Respondent. In response, the Arab Board, on 28.10.2021 has conveyed to this Commission that the certificate attributed to Respondent is not eligible. Further, that the specialty 'ICU & Pain Management' has started in the Arab Board in the year 2020 and no student has graduated from this course, till the date of their response.
8. In view of the record and evidences available before us and the absence of the Respondent on the present date of hearing, the Disciplinary Committee directs that the License of Respondent, Dr. Muhammad Khan (40547-P) shall be suspended until he presents himself before the Disciplinary Committee. Further, the Disciplinary Committee directs that a letter be written to the Punjab Healthcare Commission informing them appropriately about the instant proceedings and suspension of Dr. Muhammad Khan's license to practice.
9. The proceedings are adjourned till the next meeting of the Disciplinary Committee, for which fresh notice shall be issued to Respondent Dr. Muhammad Khan.


Prof. Dr. Noshad Ahmad Shaikh
Member


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Barrister Ch. Sultan Mansoor
Secretary


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Chairman

21/11 ~~December~~, 2022