

DMC/14/2/Comp.238/2005/

3rd November, 2005

ORDER

The Disciplinary Committee examined a complaint of Addl. Dy. Commissioner of Police, North Distt. Civil Lines, Delhi, forwarded by Directorate of Health Services, alleging professional misconduct on the part of Dr. Paramjeet Singh of St. Stephens Hospital, in failing to inform the local police regarding admission of medico legal case (MLC No. 379/03 dated 5.11.2003). The Disciplinary Committee perused the complaint, reply of Dr. Paramjeet Singh, Dr. Mathew Varghese, Director, St. Stephens Hospital, medical records of St. Stephens Hospital (referred hereinafter as the said Hospital). The following were heard in person :-

- Dr. Paramjeet Singh
- Dr. Vijay Kataria, CMO, St. Stephens Hospital
- Shri Bijendra Singh, ASI, Police Station Lahori Gate, North Distt., Delhi

Briefly stated the facts of the case are that one Shri Fariuddin (referred hereinafter as the patient) was admitted in the said hospital with alleged history of Road Traffic Accident on 25.10.2003. He was diagnosed to have suffered head injury with brain contrusion with B/L Parental bone. He continued to receive treatment at the said Hospital till 5.11.2003, when he expired.

In his reply Dr. Paramjeet Singh stated that at the time of admission of patient, he was informed by the patient relatives that the MLC was already initiated in some other hospital, police had already been informed and that they shall inform the details of the MLC to Dr. Paramjeet Singh later on. Dr. Paramjeet Singh in good faith believed in the assertions of the patient relatives and did not initiate MLC on 25.10.2003. It was only after the patient relatives failed to inform Dr. Paramjeet Singh about the purported MLC, that Dr. Paramjeet Singh initiated a MLC No. 379/03 on 5.11.2003.

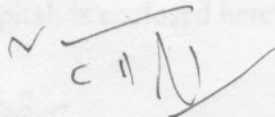
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The Director, St. Stephens Hospital in his reply stated that the failure to inform the police in the first instance was solely on account of misrepresentation of facts by the persons who brought the patient and as soon as the Hospital came to know of this misrepresentation the MLC was initiated and police was informed.

In view of the above, it is the decision of the Disciplinary Committee that Dr. Paramjeet Singh has acted in good faith and under no set of circumstance it can be said that Dr. Paramjeet Singh did not lodge MLC intentionally, deliberately. In fact there is no allegation of any ulterior motive against Dr. Paramjeet Singh for delaying in lodging of MLC. There is every possibility that at the first instance i.e. on 25.10.2003 true and correct facts might not have been told to Dr. Paramjeet Singh. The Disciplinary Committee does not find that Dr. Paramjeet Singh was guilty of professional misconduct.

Complaint stands disposed.



Dr. V.K. Arora
Chairman
Disciplinary Committee



Dr. K.K. Aggarwal
Member
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Dr. Daljit Singh
Expert Member
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