

**PROCEEDING OF THE MEETING OF THE PUNJAB MEDICAL COUNCIL
UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF DR. MANMOHAN SINGH, PRESIDENT
HELD ON 19-08-2007 AT 2.00 PM**

The following members of the council attended the meeting: -

1. Dr. Balbir Singh Shaha, Member
2. Dr. Anurag Goswami, Member
3. Dr. Vinod Sood, Member
4. Dr. P.S. Bakhshi, Member

Dr. Hardipinder Singh and Dr. Ravinder Kumar could not attend the meeting due to personal reasons. There was no communication from Dr. S.P.S. Grover, Member of the Council. The following agenda was discussed, item wise as follows:

Item No. 1

Confirmation of the proceeding of the Punjab Medical Council meeting held on 7-6-2007.

The Council Unanimously confirmed the proceedings of the Punjab Medical Council meeting held on 7-06-2007.

The Council further discussed the minutes of the meeting 18-06-2007 under the Chairmanship of Sh. Tikshan Sud, Hon'ble Minister, Medical Education & Research. The following decisions were taken:

a. Registration after every five years:

The council unanimously ratified the decision of the Government and resolved to renew the registration after attaining 50 credit hours (Continued Medical Education). The Council has already constituted a C.M.E. Committee. It was resolved that the Chairman, C.M.E. Committee will co-ordinate and will devise the ways and means to implement the decision.

The Council commended the efforts taken by the President, Punjab Medical Council.

b. Registration of doctors from other states:

The office will verify the certificates of the candidates and the bonafide of the college/ degree from the Medical Council of India. In case of suspicion the Council may send the committee to other states for the verification of the degree. It was resolved that the Chairman, Registration Committee will take all possible steps so that the doctors having recognised medical qualification are registered in the Council.

c. Registration of doctors from other states:

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d. Awareness Campaign:

The Council decided that in collaboration with the Non Government Organizations various awareness campaign be organized so that the public is aware of the various Acts and social problems like P.N.D.T. Act, Drug Addiction, Female Feticide, etc.

It was decided that along with seminars/ talks stage acts be organized at various places in collaboration with the N.G.O.'s.

- e. Advertisement:**
The Council is in process of formulating specific guidelines and codification of the rules for the advertisements. The registered medical professionals and the public will be informed accordingly. Emphasis will be given to specific do's and don'ts for the advertisement.
- f. Funds for needy students and patients:**
The Council unanimously decided to adopt deserving poor students from the Government/ Private Medical colleges and to reimburse the expenditure on books; provide the text books after purchasing from the market.
- g. Press Conferences:**
The Council unanimously decided to regularly hold press conferences to highlight the steps being taken by the councils to promote ethical practice and to stop malpractices in the profession.
- h. Awards:**
The Council has already decided to give away awards to the eminent personalities in the various fields of Medicine. The Council members were requested to come up with the procedures/ selection/ modalities for the award of Medal & Certificates.
- i. Standardization of Diagnostic & Investigation procedures:**
The council decided that while deciding to standardize the diagnostic & investigative procedures the laboratories dealing in Diagnostic Procedures and Investigative Procedures be given an opportunity to submit the comments and suggestions on the matter. It was decided that Dr. P.S. Bakhshi will co-ordinate and submit the various recommendations on the subject.
- j. Quarterly Meeting:**
The council unanimously decided to hold regular quarterly meeting.
- k. Website:**
The council already has a website named www.punjabmedicalcouncil.com. The site is regularly updated. The steps are being taken to computerize the working of the Council. For computerization the Registrar is authorized to take steps for the purchase of the Computers/ server, development of the software.
- l. Guidelines:**
The item will be taken up for discussion in the Council meeting on 26-08-2007. The copy of the judgment has been handed over to all the members of the Council. All the members have been requested to come up with clear-cut recommendations and guidelines.

Item No. 2

Observation 22nd national Fortnight on Eye Donation Camp from 25th August to 8th September 2007 under National Programme for blindness.

Hon'ble Minister had desired that the 22nd national Fortnight on Eye Donation Camp w.e.f. 25th August to 8th September 2007 under National Programme for blindness be observed in the State of Punjab. To this effect a telephonic message was received from the Government through Joint Secretary, Medical Education & Research, Punjab, to observe the fortnight. Dr. Kiranjit Kaur, Co-ordinator-cum-

Principal, Govt. Medical College, Patiala and Hon'ble President, Punjab Medical Council, Mohali attended the meeting on 14-08-2007 which was held under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Minister on 14-08-2007. It was decided that the function will be observed in collaboration with the local association of Hoshiarpur. Dr. Kiranjit Kaur, Co-ordinator-cum-Principal, Govt. Medical College, Patiala submitted the brief of the function. Registrar of the Council was authorized to attend the meeting with the local N.G.O.'s alongwith Dr. Pathak from Govt. Medical College, Patiala. The letter of the co-ordinator and other papers pertaining to the fortnight were placed before the Council for consideration.

Council has already decided in the past council meetings to hold Seminars and C.M.E.'s at Distt. Headquarter. This will be a first step to go to the masses and one to one contact of the Council with local people.

The Council unanimously decided to observe the fortnight by holding an Eye Camp & Eye Donation at Distt. Headquarter at Hoshiarpur. President and Registrar are authorized for taking necessary steps to hold the Eye camps and Eye Donation in association with the Eye Donation Association, Hoshiarpur. The Council further unanimously decides and approves the expenditure on venue, refreshment, breakfast and lunch to the Faculty Members of the Medical Colleges and other expenses.

It was resolved that all the members will attend the function on 26th August 2007.

Item No. 3

Complaint against Dr. Narotam Dewan, Dewan Hospital, Sangat Road, Civil Lines, Ludhiana.

The case of the doctor was placed before the Council. In the present case the complaint had been filed by a few doctors of Ludhiana. The complaint was duly forwarded by the previous President, I.M.A. Ludhiana. The complaint had been withdrawn by the President, I.M.A., Ludhiana. On the recommendations of the Minister the Secretary, Medical Education & Research had stayed the orders of the Council. Dr. Narotam Dewan in its statement has also submitted the photocopies of the other doctors indulging in such type of practices.

The case was discussed in detail. It was unanimously resolved that the matter may be taken up with the Secretary, Medical Education, Punjab that the Medical Council is constitutional body and is competent to take action against the doctors. The Council has followed a due procedure in the case. The Council decided that the notices be served to the doctors who's name and advertisements have figured in the statement of Dr. Narotam.

The case be put up for consideration again after the meeting with the Secretary on 3-09-2007.

Item No. 4

Ban in advertisement by Doctors in Newspapers and Magazines – Dinesh Sood, Ozone Ads. (P) Ltd., 2nd Floor, Seiyu Complex, Near Gurudwara, Model Town, Ludhiana.

The Council members were requested to bring specific recommendations on the subject in the next Council meeting. It was decided that specific guidelines be given to the registered medical practitioners about the ethical advertisements. Guidelines should include what should be displayed and what should not be included in the advertisement.

Item No. 5

Clarification about Medical camps – Dr. Arun Mitra, President, Indian Medical Association, Ludhiana.

The letter was placed before the council for consideration. It was informed that the copy of the letter was endorsed to all the members of the council to come up/ submit their opinion/ recommendation on the subject so that the same are considered and the guidelines are framed.

It was unanimously resolved to take up the agenda item in the next council meeting. All the members were requested to bring the blue print of their opinion/ recommendations on the agenda item.

Item No. 6

Regarding honorarium in connection with the inspection of opening of Medical/ Para Medical Institute.

It was unanimously resolved that the Council will pay Rs. 500/- as inspection fee to the inspectors. No DA will be paid. The inspectors will be paid T.A. and Inspection fee.

Item No. 7

Harassment of Doctors- Registration of cases under Section 304 and 304-A I.P.C. Consideration of Hon'ble Supreme Court orders in a case titled Jacob Mathew vs State of Punjab & others

The Hon'ble Supreme Court judgment was discussed in the Council meeting. It was resolved to take up the agenda item in the next council meeting. It was also decided to hold the next council meeting on 16-08-2007 at Hoshiarpur.

Item No. 8

Increase the Local T.A. of employees Scooter/ Car of Punjab Medical Council.

The Council Unanimously decided to give local T.A. to the employees of the Council as per Punjab Government T.A. Rules.

Item No. 9

10% Contributory Provident Fund on Basic Pay + D.A.

The Council Unanimously decided to deduct Contributory Provident Fund as per Punjab Government Rules applicable to Councils.

Item No. 10

Miscellaneous if any, with the permission of the chair.

- a. Next Council Meeting:
It was decided unanimously that the next Council meeting will be held on 26th August 2007 at Hoshiarpur.
- b. Continued Medical Education – Credit Hours.
Dr. Anurag Goswami, Member, P.M.C. brought to the notice of the Council the practical difficulties in awarding the credit hours. The matter was discussed in detail and the following recommendations were made:
 - i. The Council member attending the CME/ Conference will be given due respect by the organizers.
 - ii. The P.M.C. Member will be invited to sit on the dais.
 - iii. The P.M.C. Member attending the CME/ Conference will speak on the policies of the Council for 5 minutes.
 - iv. The list of Council Members will be sent to the Organizers for sending initiations.

- v. The Council member attending the C.M.E./ Conference will also sign the certificates to be given to the delegates.
- vi. The organizers will get feedback proforma filled from the delegates and the Council member attending the C.M.E./ Conference will in turn submit the proforma in the council office for evaluation and record.

c. **Surrogate Mothers.**

Dr. P.S. Bakhshi, Member, P.M.C. brought to the notice of the Council the article “Donating A Womb” which had appeared in the “Society & the Arts Surrogate Mothers” and an advertisement for “Egg Donors” in the Times of India, Mumbai edition.

It was decided to send the copy of the same to all the members of the council for their comments and suggestions. The item will be taken up in the next council meeting.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair

Sd/-

President, Punjab Medical Council,

Endst.No.PMC/2007/ 2091

Dated: 21-8-07

Copy forwarded for information to Principal Secretary, Medical Education & Research, Punjab, Chandigarh.

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Registrar, Punjab Medical Council,

Endst.No.PMC/2007/ 2092 to 2098

Dated: 21-8-07

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1. Dr. Hardipinder Singh, Vice-President, Punjab Medical Council, 599-R, Model Town, Jalandhar.
2. Dr. Anurag Goswami, Punjab Medical Council, Ashirwad Hospital, 112-A, Model Town Extension, Ludhiana.
3. Dr. Balbir Singh Shaha, Punjab Medical Council, 593-1, Model Town, Ludhiana.
4. Dr. P.S. Bakhshi, Punjab Medical Council, Bawa Hospital, 517, New Jawahar Nagar, Jalandhar City.
5. Dr. Randhir Kumar, Punjab Medical Council, 339, New Jawahar Nagar, Jalandhar City.
6. Dr. S.P.S. Grover, Punjab Medical Council, 26-Link Road, Lajpat Nagar, Jalandhar City.
7. Dr. Vinod Sood, Punjab Medical Council, C/o Surindra Diagnostic Lab, Opp. Bank of Punjab, G.T. Road, Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana.

Sd/-

Registrar, Punjab Medical Council,