

**PROCEEDING OF MEETING PUNJAB MEDICAL COUNCIL HELD UNDER
THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF PROF. MANMOHAN SINGH, PRESIDENT,
PUNJAB MEDICAL COUNCIL HELD ON 26-4-2008 AT JALANDHAR**

The following members of the Punjab Medical Council attended the meeting:-

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| 1. | Dr. Hardipinder Singh | - Vice President |
| 2. | Dr. Balbir Singh Shaha | - Member |
| 3. | Dr. Anurag Goswami | - Member |
| 4. | Dr. P.S. Bakhshi | - Member |
| 5. | Dr. Randhir Kumar | - Member |
| 6. | Dr. Vinod Sood | - Member |

Dr. S.P.S. Grover could not attend the meeting due to personal reasons. The following agenda was discussed, item wise as follows:

Item No. 1

Confirmation of the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting held on 23-3-2008.

The proceeding of the Punjab Medical Council meeting which was held on 23-3-2008 at were circulated to all the members of the council vide Council office letter No. PMC/2008/3002-3008 dated 23-4-2008. The council unanimously confirmed and ratified the proceedings of the meeting held on 23-3-2008.

Item No. 2

Enactment of the act for the “Protection of doctors and their property” on the lines as promulgated by the State of Andhra Pradesh.

It was informed that at places the doctor and the property has been made the target by the unruly/ unsatisfied relatives/ attendants of the patients in the State of Punjab. The situation is alarming and requires urgent measures to protect the life and property of the doctors. The general public should not take the law in their own hands. The State of Andhra Pradesh has taken a forward step in promulgation of an ordinance for the protection of the doctors. The crime has been made a cognizable offence with stringent punishment to the unruly general public.

The Punjab Medical Council has taken serious view of the activity. This is degrading the doctor-patient relation. The Medical fraternity should be protected at all cost.

The Council unanimously resolved that a meeting be held with the Hon'ble Minister, Medical Education and Research for the promulgation of an ordinance on the similar pattern as that of Andhra Pradesh. Later on to impress upon the urgency of the ordinance the Council resolved and decided to meet the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

Item No. 3

Holding of Voluntary Camps.

The issue of holding of camps by the doctors at their own, by the hospitals and the organizations was discussed in detail. In the garb of holding free camps certain instances had come in the notice of the council where instead of free camps it amounts to soliciting the patients. The council unanimously resolved that:

- 1) Anybody who wants to organize a camp has to take prior permission from the Punjab Medical Council.
- 2) No fee will be charged from the patients attending the camps.
- 3) Concessional camps where 20% or 40% discount is offered will not be allowed by the council.
- 4) Camps should preferably be organized in association with a Non Gazetted Organizations.
- 5) The Camps should be organized in an areas where the people need the services of the qualified medical practitioners. The camps should not be allowed in the Corporate hospitals located in posh localities/ big cities.

Item No. 4**Advertisements by Doctors / Hospitals Institutions**

As per Ethics/ guidelines of the Medical Council of India an information in the press can only be released in the following circumstances.

- On starting practice.
- On change of type of practice.
- On changing address.
- On temporary absence from duty.
- On resumption of another practice.
- On succeeding to another practice.
- Public declaration of charges.
- Acquiring new equipment or starting a new procedure or operation.

Some of Registered Medical Practitioner indulge in wrong practice of giving unauthorized advertisement in the press. It was unanimously resolved that the following guidelines will be observed by the practitioners in the State of Punjab.

- a) The practitioner will be allowed only one advertisement in two months (not more than six in any year) month. In no way it should appear that the material in the advertisements in one way or the other seems to solicit patients.
- b) The advertisement in the press shall not be more than 15cm x 2 columns.
- c) The advertisements shall not carry photograph of the Doctor/ Building/ Equipment/ Procedure.
- d) Hoardings of any size along the roadside will not be allowed.
- e) Doctors practicing in Punjab shall not be allowed to put up hoardings of any size in adjoining states.
- f) Advertisements in any way on the F.M. / Radio / Electronic Media will not be allowed.
- g) Advertisements in the form of strips on the Cable television will not be allowed.
- h) Doctors will be allowed to give Lectures/ Talks of mass awareness on television without giving his/her address. This will also include request to consult the particular doctor. During the talk the name of the hospital where the doctor work should not appear.

Item No. 5**Ethical issues related to surrogate mothers – donating womb.**

The ICMR has already formulated the guidelines. The council unanimously resolved that all the doctors practicing in the State of Punjab will follow the guidelines of I.C.M.R.

Item No. 6**Discussion and finalization of the modalities for the distribution of awards.**

It was resolved that each member of the Punjab Medical Council will suggest and submit the names of prominent doctors to the President for the awards to be bestowed by 10th May 2008.

The date for the award ceremony function will be finalized in consultation with Hon'ble Minister, Medical Education and Research.

Item No. 7**Any other item with the permission of the chair.****A. Credit Hours for the Continued Medical Education (C.M.E.)**

Indian Medical Associations branches in the State of Punjab regularly holds academic activities in the form of C.M.E. It was pointed out that certain credit hours be awarded to such C.M.E./ Academic work organized by the branches.

The council unanimously resolved that these activities needs credit hour. It was decided that the details will be worked out in consultation with the State IMA.

B. Complaint case of Dr. Ajit Pal Singh

The case was discussed in detail. It was decided that complete information be sought from the Secretary Medical Education & Research and Director Health Service. The case be put up in next council meeting.

C. Complaint case of Mr. Vareesh Kumar, Vardaan Medical Centre

In response to the letter from the council the doctors has submitted replies. It was decided to take up the matter in the next council meeting.

D. Registration of Doctors with Punjab Medical Council

It had been observed and pointed out by the members that few doctors not registered with the Punjab Medical Council are doing practice in the hospitals. This is in violation of the Punjab Medical Council resolution/ directive that all the doctors practicing in the State of Punjab must be registered with Punjab Medical Council.

It was unanimously resolved that all big hospitals in the State of Punjab be asked to submit the information regarding registration of doctors working in their hospitals. In case any doctor is not registered with the Punjab Medical Council he should get himself registered with the council to avoid action.

E. Use of Ultrasound Machines

It was pointed out that only the Radiologists after taking permission can buy the ultrasound machines in the State of Punjab.

It has been observed that the machines can not only be used for gynecology work but it is also necessary part in the diagnosis/ treatment in other disciplines like Ophthalmology, Cardiology, General Surgery etc. In case the doctors of these streams wants to purchase the machines they are debarred. Certain provisions should be there where these doctors may be able to buy ultrasound machines.

It was unanimously resolved the Punjab Medical Council will take up the matter with Director Health Services as how to get these machines registered under P.N.D.T. act.

F. P.N.D.T. case of Dr. Harbans Singh

The case was discussed and was resolved that the case be put up in the next council meeting.

G. PNDT case of Dr. Dashan Goyal and Rajesh Goyal of Fatehabad.

The case was discussed and resolved that the notice be issued to the doctor.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair

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President,
Punjab Medical Council,

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