

**PROCEEDING OF THE EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE PUNJAB
MEDICAL COUNCIL HELD ON 13-6-2009 AT 1:00 PM UNDER THE
CHAIRMANSHIP OF PROF. MANMOHAN SINGH, PRESIDENT, PUNJAB
MEDICAL COUNCIL.**

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

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| 1. | Dr. Hardipiinder Singh | - Vice President |
| 2. | Dr. P.S. Bakhshi | - Member |
| 3. | Dr. Vinod Sood | - Member |
| 4. | Dr. Anurag Goswami | - Member |
| 5. | Dr. Randhir Kumar | - Member |
| 6. | Dr. P.P.S. Coonar | - Registrar |

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Confirmation of the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting held on 17-5-2009.

The proceeding of the Punjab Medical Council meeting which was held on 17-5-2009 at Hotel Shivalik View, Sector 17, Chandigarh were circulated to all the members of the council vide Council office letter No. PMC/2009/ 13779-13785 dated 1-6-2009. The council unanimously confirmed and ratified the proceedings of the meeting held on 17-5-2009.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Committee to look into cases of Medical Negligence.

Council unanimously approved the amended draft as per Annexure: A regarding a committee which will look into the cases of medical negligence. It was decided that this draft will be sent to the Punjab Government for further necessary approval.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

Public Notice regarding Advertisement.

The council unanimously approved the amended draft as per Annexure: B regarding advertisement and decided to be published in the leading newspaper next month.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

Renewal of Registration Issues

The council unanimously approved to issue a public notice in the leading newspaper as per Annexure :C.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

Memorandum of Indian Medical Association:

In the last meeting Indian Medical Association presented a memorandum to the Hon'ble President. Punjab Medical Council regarding the change in procedure of election process and increasing the number of members.

Council unanimously decided that Registrar, Punjab Medical Council will make a proposal regarding amendment in the Punjab Medical Registration act, 1916 and have that vetted from the council.

The council decided to go through the election procedures of the similar to those followed by Council of Homoeopathic System of Medicine, Punjab and Maharashtra Medical Council and online election process.

The council unanimously authorized the President, Punjab Medical Council to take steps / consultation with the Government for amendment in the Act

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

Approval of Punjab Medical Council Audit for the year 2008-09 from M/s Rajesh Aggarwal & Associates:

The copy of the Audit Report for the Year 2008-09 was placed on the table. The council considered the Audit Report and unanimously approved.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

Misc. if any, with the permission of the chair.

(i) Conference

The conference topic should be "*Doctors Role in Female Feticide*".

Council decided that before fixing the date of conference the meeting be held with the State Appropriate Authority. In this regard letter should be sent to State Appropriate Authority to provide mock clinic for demonstration to doctors and exhibition for conference on 26-7-2009 at Jalandhar.

The Council further unanimously decided that Punjab Medical Council will bear only the expenditure on lunch of about 400 delegates, who will attend the conference.

(ii) Permission of Annual Increment of Sh. Mohinder Partap Singh, Sr. Asstt., Punjab Medical Council :

The request of Sh. Mohinder Partap Singh regarding release the annual increment was placed on the table. Now the employee is working to the satisfaction of the office. Council unanimously approved that 3 increments will be granted w.e.f. 2006 which were stopped after enquiry report vide this office order No. PMC/2008/2657 dated 2-4-2008.

**Sd/-
President,
Punjab Medical Council.**

Endst. No.PMC/2009/ 14601

Dated : 18-6-09

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

**Sd/-
Registrar,
Punjab Medical Council.**

Endst. No.PMC/2009/ 14602

Dated : 18-6-09

Copy forwarded for information to:

1. Dr. Hardipinder Singh, Vice President, 201, Gujral Nagar, Jalandhar.
2. Dr. Balbir Singh Shaha, Member, 593-1, Model Town, Ludhiana.
3. Dr. Anurag Goswami, Member, Ashirwad Hospital, 112-A, Model Town Extension, Ludhiana.
4. Dr. Randhir Kumar, Member, 339, New Jawahar Nagar, Jalandhar City.
5. Dr. Vinod Sood, Member, C/o Surindra Diagnostic Lab, Opp. Bank of Punjab, G.T. Road, Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana.
6. Dr. S.P.S. Grover, Member, 26-Link Road, Lajpat Nagar, Jalandhar City.
7. Dr. P.S. Bakhshi, Member, Bawa Hospital, 517, New Jawahar Nagar, Jalandhar City.

**Sd/-
Registrar,
Punjab Medical Council.**

Committee to look into cases of Medical Negligence.

- 1) In pursuance of the supreme court Judgment Civil appeal No. 3541 of 2002 Martin F. D' Souza vs Mohd Ishfaq.

“We, therefore, direct that whenever a complaint is received against a doctor or hospital by the Consumer Forum (whether District, State or National) or by the Criminal Court then before issuing notice to the doctor or hospital against whom the complaint was made the Consumer Forum or Criminal Court should first refer the matter to a competent doctor or committee of doctors, specialized in the field relating to which the medical negligence is attributed, and only after that doctor or committee reports that there is a prime facie case of medical negligence should notice be then issued to the concerned doctor/hospital. This is necessary to avoid harassment to doctors who may not be ultimately found to be negligent. We further warn the police officials not to arrest or harass doctors unless the facts clearly come within the parameters laid down in Jacob Mathew’s case (supra), otherwise the policemen will themselves have to face legal action.”

The Punjab Medical Council has resolved to constitute a state level committee of experts to help and give expert opinion in cases of Medical Negligence that are brought to their notice.

- 2) The committee shall constitute the following members.

Chairman **Dr. ManMohan Singh**

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Secretary **Dr. P.S. Bakhshi**

**Bawa Hospital 517, New Jawahar Nagar,
Jalandhar City. Mobile No. 99156-67475**

President Punjab Medical Council

Vice President Punjab Medical Council

Registrar Punjab Medical Council

Chairman Ethical Committee Punjab Medical Council

Chairman Disciplinary Action Committee Punjab Medical Council

Immediate Past President Punjab Medical Council

Immediate Past Vice President Punjab Medical Council

Immediate Past Chairman Ethical Committee Punjab Medical Council

Immediate Past Chairman Disciplinary Action Committee Punjab Medical Council

Vice Chancellor Baba Farid University of Medical Sciences or Representative

Director PGI Chandigarh or Representative

Director Medical Education and Research Punjab or Representative

Director Health Services Punjab or Representative

Director Health Services Chandigarh or Representative

President IMA Punjab

Advocate General Punjab or Representative or Retired Session Judge

Doctors by Virtue of their Specialty

Medical Specialties	Dr. S.P.S.Grover
Surgical Specialties	Dr. Neeti Rajan Singh
Obstetric and Gynecology	Dr. Arshi Sarin
Pathology and Microbiology	Dr. B.S.Shah
Radio Diagnosis	Dr. Ravinder Pal Kaur
Haematology / Oncology	Dr. Vinod Sood
General Practitioners	Dr. Randhir Hastir

- 3) In addition to the above mentioned experts the secretary in consultation with chairman can take opinion / Co-OPT other specialists from various fields of Medicine including the following and / or other specialties or subspecialties not mentioned below.

Transplant Surgery

Plastic Surgery

Urology

Neuro surgery

G1 Surgery

Cardio Thoracic Surgery

Pediatric Surgery

Cardiology

Neurology

Gastroenterology

Endocrinology

Pulmonary Medicine

Oncology

Ophthalmology

ENT

Infertility and IVF

Pediatrics

Dermatology

Orthopedics

Anesthesia

- 4) In addition the state committee can also constitute district level committees for a certain period of time or for a particular case as the need arises.
- 5) This committee shall work for a period of three years from the date of its notification.

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR DOCTORS
REGARDING
CODE OF MEDICAL ETHICS
GUIDELINES FOR ADVERTISEMENTS**

Punjab Medical Council is to ensure to quality medical care of the people of Punjab.

Punjab Medical Council has adopted Code of Medical Ethics (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics Regulations 2002 & 2004). All the Registered Medical Practitioner registered with Punjab Medical Council are advised that if required they should give advertisements only as per the Code of Medical Ethics.

Some of the Registered Medical Practitioner (Doctors) indulge in wrong practices of giving unauthorized/ unethical advertisement in the press/Media.

The following guidelines be observed for giving Advertisements by Doctors/ Hospitals/ Clinics/ Pathology Labs/ Diagnostic Centers/ Health Care Institutions in the State of Punjab.

- i. The practitioner will be allowed to give only one advertisement in two month. In no way it should appear that the material in the advertisements, in one way or the other seems to solicit patients and should not violate the Code of Medical Ethics in any way as outlined in Chapter 6.
- ii. The advertisement in the press shall not be more than 15cm x 10cm.
- iii. The advertisements shall not carry photograph of the Doctor/ Building/ Equipment/ Procedure.
- iv. Hoardings of any size along the roadside is not be allowed.
- v. Doctors practicing in Punjab shall not be allowed to put up hoardings of any size in adjoining states.
- vi. Advertisements in any way on the F.M. / Radio / Electronic Media is not be allowed.
- vii. Advertisements in the form of strips on the Cable television is not be allowed.
- viii. Doctors are permitted to give Lectures/ Talks of mass awareness on television without giving his/her address. There should be no request to consult the particular doctor. During the talk the name of the hospital where the doctor works should not appear.
- ix. It should not violate the guidelines given in the Code of Medical Ethics of Medical Council of India.
- x. The guidelines will be applicable for Hospital, Nursing Home, etc. where the doctors registered with the Punjab Medical Council.

(Dr. ManMohan Singh)
President

(Dr. P.P.S. Coonar)
Registrar



PUBLIC NOTICE
REGARDING COMPULSORY C.M.E. &
RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION

A meeting of the Punjab Medical Council was held on 13-6-2009 to review the ongoing process of renewal of registration. It was noted by the council that some misunderstanding has been created amongst the doctors regarding the process of renewal of registration.

It is strongly emphasized for the information of all doctors registered with the Punjab Medical Council that the process of renewal of registration has been undertaken on the strong and specific recommendation of the Medical Council of India.

The Medical Council of India vide letter No. MCI-311(14)/97-CME/30196 dated 2-1-1998, had asked for the necessary steps to be taken for the *“implementation of the decisions of the Medical Council of India regarding compulsory C.M.E. programme as well as renewal of registration of Medical Practitioners every 5 years.”*

On the basis of this letter of the Medical Council of India the Government of Punjab issued a notification No. 11/47/2007-3HBIII/ 2749 dated 29-4-2008 which has ordered the renewal of registration every five years. The notification of renewal of registration is reproduced below for your kind information:-

“The Governor of Punjab is pleased to notify that every Registered Medical Practitioner shall get his registration renewal after 5 year and must obtains 50 hour of Continuing Medical Education (CME), 10 hour per year, on payment of renewal fees. The renewal fee shall be Rs.500/- for each five years and as amended from time to time. In the absence of such renewal the registration of Registered Medical Practitioners will be suspended with the expiry of the registration.”

Public notices were issued earlier in this regard on 7-9-2008 and 1-3-2009.

The process of renewal of registration is further necessary because it is important to update the medical register to know the exact strength of the existing registered doctors and to delete the names of non-existing doctors, who have since expired or migrated to other states like Haryana, Himachal Pardesh and Delhi which were originally under jurisdiction of the Punjab Medical Council but now have their own councils.

The Punjab Medical Council once again advises the Registered Medical Doctors to have their registration renewed and start collecting C.M.E. hours for next 5 years. The guidelines regarding C.M.E. hours are being displayed on the website of the Punjab Medical Council.

The Council decided in its meeting dated 13-6-2009 to extend the date of renewal of registration upto 30-9-2009.

**Dr. P.P.S. Coonar
Registrar**