

Delhi Medical Council

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DMC/14/2/Comp.120/2005/

9th September, 2005

Shri T.V.L.N.Rao H.No. D-59, Brij Vihar, P.O. Chander Nagar, Ghaziabad – 201 011 Complainant

Vs.

Dr. Ina Jain C/o. Paras Eye Centre, D-106, Vivek Vihar, (Near Vivekanand Mahila College) Delhi – 110 095 Respondent

ORDER

The Delhi Medical Council examined a complaint of Shri TVLN Rao, forwarded by Directorate of Health Services, alleging medical negligence on the part of the respondent in the treatment administered to complainant's mother Smt. Sitamma, resulting in loss of vision in her left eye. The Delhi Medical Council perused the complaint, reply of Dr. Ina Jain, medical records of Paras Eye Centre, Walia Nursing & Maternity Home, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi and AIIMS. The following were heard in person:-

- Shri TVLN Rao
- Smt. T. Sitamma
- Dr. Ina Jain

Briefly stated the facts of the case are that the patient was operated for cataract in left eye by the respondent on 15.12.2003 at Walia Nursing Home. Subsequently the patient developed post-operative endophthalmitis which caused blindness in the left eye. It is alleged by the complainant that on 16.12.2003, the day when the eye bandages were removed, the complainant telephonically informed Dr. Ina Jain about the severe pain in the operated eye of the patient, for which the

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respondent prescribed certain pain-relieving medicines. Again on 17.12.2003, the respondent prescribed certain medicines without physically examining the patient. Dr. Ina Jain in her reply stated that she asked the complainant to bring the patient to her on 16.12.2003 (night) and again on 17.12.2003, however, the complainant did not do so. The complainant alleged before the Delhi Medical Council, that Dr. Ina Jain never asked him to bring the patient for physical examination on 16.12.2003 (night) or on 17.12.2003. It is observed that the Delhi Medical Council find it difficult to reconcile the statements of both the parties. It was only on 18.12.2003 when the patient visited the Paras Eye & Surgical Centre and was found to have developed post-operative endophthalmitis that the patient was admitted and started on intravitreal broad spectarum antibiotics. Since there was no improvement, the patient was referred to Vitreo-retinal surgeon at AIIMS.

The Delhi Medical Council is of the opinion that post operative endophthalmitis is a known complication after a cataract surgery. The mainstay of treatment is by means of intravitreal broadspectrum antibiotics injection at first stage and thereafter surgery to remove pus from the eye. The possibility of regaining the vision is poor especially if corneal infiltration is present. In the present case pre-operative risk factors were ruled out before operation by means of blood sugar test and the patient was examined to rule out any other focus of infection. Once the infection was detected, standard treatment for control of infection was followed by the respondent, thereafter the patient was observed, and then referred for specialized treatment.

It is, therefore, the decision of the Delhi Medical Council that the line of treatment adopted by the Respondent in the management of this case was in accordance with the accepted professional practices and no medical negligence can be attributed on the part of Dr. Ina Jain in the treatment administered to Smt. Sitamma.

Complaint stands disposed.

By the order of and in the name of Delhi Medical Council

(Dr. S.K. Khattri) Secretary

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- Dr. Ina Jain, C/o. Paras Eye Centre, D-106, Vivek Vihar, (Near Vivekanand Mahila 2) College), Delhi - 110 095 - 12051
- Medical Superintendent, Nursing Homes, Directorate of Health Services, Govt. of 3) NCT of Delhi, Swasthya Sewa Nideshalaya, Bhawan, F-17, Karkardooma, Delhi -110032 - With reference to letter No. F.23/139/PG/Med/DHS/2003-04/4247 dated 11th February, 2004 - 17052

(Dr. S.K. Khattri)

Secretary