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DISCIPLINARY INQUIRY FOR DR ZUBIN MEDORA

1. The Singapore Medical Council's (SMC) Disciplinary Committee (DC) held a disciplinary inquiry from 18 to 20 February 2009, 31 October 2009 and 2 to 4 November 2009 against Dr Zubin Medora, a 37 year old general practitioner practising at Medora Centre for Aesthetic Medicine located at Camden Medical Centre.
2. Dr Medora faced 2 charges before the DC; the first charge related to his misrepresentation to a patient that he was a fully trained and accredited specialist plastic surgeon and the second charge related to a liposuction procedure he performed on the patient.
3. On the first charge, which Dr Medora denied, the DC found that the charge had been proven beyond reasonable doubt and that Dr Medora had orally misrepresented to the patient and through the information posted on his website that he was a fully trained and accredited specialist plastic surgeon. Thus, Dr Medora was guilty of contravening Section 65 of the Medical Registration Act.
4. The DC noted that Dr Medora had, during a consultation with the patient, discussed the work and prices of other plastic surgeons to whom Dr Medora compared himself. The DC found that Dr Medora had told the patient of his overseas training and work experiences, that he was trained in "Cosmetic Surgery" and his Consultant appointment in "Cambridge". However, at no time did he tell the patient that he was not a plastic surgeon.
5. In respect of the second charge, Dr Medora was charged with professional misconduct under section 45(1)(d) of the Medical Registration Act in carrying out a liposuction procedure on the patient. Arising from the liposuction procedure, the patient was left with deformities and scars which required corrective procedures in the form of both liposuction of residual fat followed by fat grafting.

6. The DC accepted the evidence of the Prosecution's expert witness, as well as the attending doctors for the patient, who all confirmed that the results of the surgery indicated that harm was caused as a consequence of incompetent treatment.
7. Dr Medora had been charged with *professional misconduct* under section 45(1)(d) of the Medical Registration Act in carrying out a liposuction procedure on the patient. The DC concluded that although the result was far from satisfactory and *the manner Dr Medora carried out the procedure may amount to negligence*, it did not amount to professional misconduct within the meaning of section 45(1)(d) of the Medical Registration Act. Accordingly, the DC acquitted Dr Medora of the second charge.
8. In sentencing Dr Medora, the DC took into account the earlier disciplinary inquiry against Dr Medora whereby he pleaded guilty to two charges under section 65 of the Medical Registration Act and was suspended from practice for six (6) months. After hearing a mitigation plea from counsel for Dr Medora, and taking into account all the relevant circumstances, Dr Medora was censured and fined \$10,000 and further ordered to provide a written undertaking to abstain in future from the conduct complained of or any similar conduct in the first charge. The DC also ordered Dr Medora to pay 50% of the costs and expenses of and incidental to these proceedings in respect of the costs of the solicitor to the Medical Council and the Legal Assessor.

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