



Dr. Iffat MUHAMMAD

Charges

Date Charge(s) Laid:	May 8, 2022
Penalty Hearing:	June 17, 2022
Charge(s):	Records, Improper; Billing, Improper; Dishonesty
Outcome Date:	June 17, 2022

*The Executive Committee of the College of Physicians and Surgeons directs that, pursuant to section 47.6 of **The Medical Profession Act, 1981**, the Discipline Committee hear the following charges against Dr. Iffat Muhammad:*

Charge 1

You Dr. Iffat Muhammad are guilty of unbecoming, improper, unprofessional, or discreditable conduct contrary to the provisions of section 46(o) and/or section 46(p) of **The Medical Profession Act, 1981** S.S. 1980-81 c. M-10.1, and/or bylaw 7.2 and the provisions of the Code of Conduct which state that CPSS expects that physician will (b) maintain high standards of personal and professional honesty and integrity and (c) take responsibility for their own behavior and ethical conduct regardless of the circumstances.

The evidence that will be led in support of this particular will include one or more of the following:

- You produced copies of patient records in relation to the Joint Medical Professional Review Committee's review of your billings.
- The copies of patient records which you produced had been altered.
- You altered the copies of records by inserting times during which you purportedly provided care to patients.

Charge 2

You Dr. Iffat Muhammad are guilty of unbecoming, improper, unprofessional, or discreditable conduct contrary to the provisions of section 46(o) and/or section 46(p) of **The Medical Profession Act, 1981** S.S. 1980-81 c. M-10.1, and/or bylaw 7.2 and the provisions of the Code of Conduct which state that CPSS expects that physician will (b) maintain high standards of personal and professional honesty and

integrity and (c) take responsibility for their own behavior and ethical conduct regardless of the circumstances.

The evidence that will be led in support of this particular will include one or more of the following:

(a) You were interviewed by the Joint Medical Professional Review Committee in relation to your billings.

(b) During that interview you provided false information or misleading information to the Joint Medical Professional Review Committee related to entries in the records.

(c) During that interview you made the following statement:

Yeah, I wear a wristwatch all the time. If I'm going into the consultation room, I'll have a glance and check how much is it taking. And when I come out of the room, I have another glance at my wristwatch, and I document the time.

(d) That statement was false or misleading.

(e) During that interview you engaged in the following interaction with a member of the Joint Medical Professional Review Committee:

DR. OVERLI-DOMES: For these two visits on this page, the February 8th and the February 28th, I am wondering about the times on there, that 4:15 to 4:46 p.m. and then the 4:05 to 4:36 p.m. I note that they're both 31 minutes. Can you tell me, do you – you said you were using a watch?

DR. MUHAMMAD: Yes, I wear a watch all the time.

DR. OVERLI-DOMES: When do you write down the start time on your paper and the stop time on your paper --

DR. MUHAMMAD: At the end of the consultation.

DR. OVERLI-DOMES: -- for these two visits.

DR. MUHAMMAD: At the end of the consultation.

DR. OVERLI-DOMES: End of the consult, okay. Is that your general, kind of, routine.

DR. MUHAMMAD: Yes. Yeah, yeah. I'm a very organized person. That's why I manage to see so many challenging patients in my office.

(f) Your statement or statements were false or misleading.

(g) During that interview you engaged in the following interaction with a member of the Joint Medical Professional Review Committee:

DR. OVERLI-DOMES: On this September 10th, 2018, visit, when did you enter the times on the September 10th, 2018, visit?

DR. MUHAMMAD: Okay. As I said --

DR. OVERLI-DOMES: Was that on September 10th, 2018?

DR. MUHAMMAD: Yeah, September the 10th, 2018. So as I enter my – the examination room, I would have a look at my watch, and I would check the time. And as I am coming out, I would check the time again. So it's done -- it's documented right after the visit.

DR. OVERLI-DOMES: I guess I'm just kind of wondering, because, like, this February 8th, it's 4:15 to 4:46, which is 31 minutes. February 28th is 4:05 to 4:36, which is 31 minutes. And now

September 10th is 12:04 to 12:35, which is 31. So 31, 31, 31, and so I -- it just makes me wonder if these are correct times that are – and contemporaneously written.

DR. MUHAMMAD: Yeah, I think this is -- it must have been a coincidence. I use my wristwatch to chart the time at each visit.

(h) Your statement or statements were false or misleading.

(i) During that interview you engaged in the following interaction with a member of the Joint Medical Professional Review Committee:

DR. BERENBAUM: -- times have been included. Explain why this visit is counselling as opposed to a minor assessment.

DR. MUHAMMAD: And obviously, I have documented the time that I had spent with her.

(j) Your statement was false or misleading.

Charge 3

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The evidence which will be led in support of this charge will include one or more of the following:

- (a) You caused or permitted billings to Medical Services Branch for Codes 40B and 41B when you did not document the start and stop times for the counselling as required by the physician payment schedule.
- (b) You caused or permitted billings to Medical Services Branch for Codes 40B and 41B based upon your recollection of the amount of time spent with patients.