

THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF ONTARIO

INVESTIGATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

MEMORANDUM

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To: File

From: Lisa Mueller, Investigator

Date: Jan 25, 2017

Subject: Telephone conversation with Mr. [REDACTED]

File Ref: 7214399

Telephone call to Mr. [REDACTED] at 1145h:

Investigator:

- introduced self explained call was to discuss the care and treatment he has received from Dr. Akbar Khan
- indicated the College, as part of the mandate to protect the public, contacts patients to ensure they are receiving proper care
- asked Mr. [REDACTED] if he would mind answering some questions about the treatments he has received and he indicated he agrees to do so

In response to the investigator's questions, Mr. [REDACTED] indicated as follows:

- reported he is still seeing Dr. Khan and has been doing so for a number of years now
- stated he sought Dr. Khan out after looking for cancer support after he had his surgery and chemo done at TEGH
- indicated conventional treatment is fine but if you just take their word for things there is no guarantee the cancer won't come back because the cells are still in the body
- reported after his surgery and chemo were done the physician basically said "OK, you're done"; offered nothing further
- stated it was for this reason he started looking to other treatments
- indicated he has had no cancer recurrence and attributes this to Dr. Khan
- reported having done SFE treatments and DCA, continues to do DCA treatments
- explained that Dr. Khan never once said he could totally cure cancer but did say he has had some successes
- reported he was informed at the time of the risks and benefits, given information and signed consent to be treated
- indicated he paid for his treatments using his Visa and the payee was Medicor, never Dr. Khan himself
- advised he does not remember how much he paid as it was so long ago
- stated he continues to use DCA and pays for the medication on his Visa; picks it up from Dr. Khan's office
- indicated he is unsure if Dr. Khan obtained his previous medical records or if he ever spoke with his other doctors as it was a long time ago
- emphasized his high regards for Dr. Khan; feels he is great at what he does; remains cancer free

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Date: January 25, 2017

Subject: Telephone conversation with Mrs. [REDACTED]

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Telephone call with Mrs. [REDACTED] 1430h:

Investigator contacted the number listed in the patient record and requested to speak with Mr. [REDACTED]. Mrs. [REDACTED] indicated her husband passed away but is glad the College called and stated "thank God you called me". She provided the following information:

- stated her husband was diagnosed with osteosarcoma and was treated at Mount Sinai Hospital
- reported they were told there was nothing further that could be done so they explored other options that included going to India and consulting with naturopaths/homeopaths
- stated a naturopath referred them to Dr. Khan; when they went to see him he explained his treatments were natural but he never promised to cure cancer; he said in some cases it has been effective and they could try it
- indicated they were desperate because her husband didn't want to die and they would try anything
- explained she never thought it actually did anything, didn't notice any changes but they went ahead and tried it
- reported spending a lot of money on these treatments; thinks she paid approximately \$20,000 to \$30, 000 dollars
- indicated she has saved all her credit card bills and could provide them if required
- stated she thinks the money went to Medicor and not Dr. Khan himself but she would need to check; has kept everything and will look this weekend
- reported he did sit down with them and explained everything; at the end they were required to sign a consent that absolved Dr. Khan of responsibility
- reported the first drug didn't work so he suggested another medication
- advised he never spoke with her husband's doctors or attempted to get his records to her knowledge but she can't be sure of that
- stated her husband's treatments were given through the PICC line inserted at Mount Sinai
- offered to look for all the records and receipts on the weekend and contact investigator next week

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To: File

From: Janice Ball, Investigator

Date: February 2, 2017

Subject: telephone conversation with Ms. Bell's son @ 1100

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Telephone call to Ms. [REDACTED]. Her son Mr. [REDACTED] answered the phone and stated that his mother had passed away March 11, 2014. Condolences were expressed.

I introduced myself and explained that I was calling from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. As part of our mandate to protect the public, we review physician's practices. I explained that I was reviewing the care provided by Dr. Khan.

Mr. [REDACTED] acknowledged that his mother had been under his care for treatment of cancer. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he would be comfortable answering any questions as he was very involved in his mother's care.

- He learned about Dr. Khan from a naturopath and brought his mother from Ireland for treatment of breast and ovarian cancer
- Dr. Khan said he hoped the treatment would work and "fix her problem". He does not recall Dr. Khan stating that he could cure her cancer
- He thinks his parents spent about \$80,000.00 on treatments. His mother was only 54 years old and did not want to die. His father would have done anything to have her cured.
- unfortunately his father died December 21, 2015 at age 56 with cancer as well. He did not have any care from Dr. Khan
- to his knowledge Dr. Khan did not communicate with his mother's family physician
- His mother went to Dr. Khan's clinic and had an IV medication given several times a week
- His father looked after the payments, so he does not have exact details of who the payment was to, but his father did discuss the amount that had been spent before he died. He thinks there was a payment after every treatment and also may have been a larger payment on the first assessment by Dr. Khan
- there were no consults with other physicians that he know of. Dr. Khan was not interested in his mother's records and treatment plan from Belfast
- he did not see any improvement in his mother's condition after treatment began. Dr. Khan said the disease was probably too advanced and early treatment could have been beneficial
- he does not have any bank statements, those would be with his father's papers (at his father's estate lawyer in Ireland)

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To: File

From: Janice Ball, Investigator

Date: February 8, 2017

Subject: telephone conversation with Mr. [REDACTED]

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Return telephone call from Mr. [REDACTED] Mr. [REDACTED] is the next of kin of
 Mrs. [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED]
 DOD [REDACTED]

Mr. [REDACTED] attended the appointments with his wife to see Dr. Khan for treatments. Mr. [REDACTED] was willing to share information about their experience with Dr. Khan.

Brief background history:

- the end of 2010 his wife was diagnosed with ovarian CA and told she had 6 months to live
- she had 2 surgeries and was told after each the cancer was gone
- after the second surgery the surgeon suggested chemo.
- Mr. [REDACTED] had done a lot of research and he found many articles that indicated chemo was not recommended as being effective for ovarian cancer. The surgeon admitted it would likely not do any good and shared that she had two bouts of cancer in the past and did not do chemo for either. She said "I am offering it because it is all we have"
- Mr. [REDACTED]'s daughter had told them about Dr. Khan when they expressed interest to her about alternative therapy. (He stated she is a Chiropractor)
- they did about a year of treatment with Dr. Khan
- each visit /treatment cost them \$5,000.00 US
- in total Mr. [REDACTED] feels that they spent between \$80-100,000.00 dollars at Dr. Khan's clinic
- he does not know if the treatment did any good as they tried various other "natural" treatments and they "left no stone unturned"
- they decided to end the treatments after about a year as they did not know if the treatments were working and travel to Toronto was getting tiring for his wife. He thought Dr. Khan was disappointed that they stopped