



THE COUNCIL OF MODERN MEDICINE KERALA STATE MEDICAL COUNCILS

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGISTRAR

Subject: Kerala State Medical Councils – Temporary removal from State register- Dr. Collin Alphonse, Jubilee Memorial Hospital, Thiruvananthapuram, for practising with unrecognised & unregistered qualifications- Reg.

- References:**
1. Complaint submitted by Mr. Peter received on 18-02-2022.
 2. Council of Modern Medicine decision dated 03-08-2022.
 3. Order No: A2-2697/2022/MC/Complaint dated 09-12-2022.
 4. Reminder letter of even no dated 31-03-23.
 5. Council of Modern Medicine decision dated 01-03-2025.
 6. Council of Modern Medicine decision dated 21-06-2025

Order No. A2-2697/2022/MC/Compl. Dated 03-07-2025

A complaint was received from Mr. Peter alleging that Dr. Collin Alphonse, a doctor at Jubilee Memorial Hospital, Thiruvananthapuram, is displaying and using unregistered additional qualifications while in clinical practice. Based on this complaint, Dr. Collin Alphonse was summoned to appear before the Ethics Committee of the Modern Medicine Council on 14-06-2022 for a personal hearing.

During the hearing on 14-06-2022, Dr. Collin Alphonse stated the following:

- He completed his MBBS in the year 2000 from Government Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram.
- He claimed that he appeared for the DNB (Medicine) examination after training from 2007 to 2010, **but the result was not declared.**
- He claimed that he obtained an MD in Medicine in 2016 and a PhD in Medicine in 2019 from Nicaragua, South America. Both are not recognised qualifications for registration, for a Medical practice.
- He claimed that he underwent training in Critical Care.

- He claimed to have applied for an Equivalency Certificate from the National Medical Commission (NMC) and initiated the registration process with the NMC.
- He has been practising at Jubilee Memorial Hospital since 2019 and asserted that he was unaware that unregistered qualifications should not be displayed and should not be used for Medical practice.
- He assured the committee that, upon receiving the notice, he immediately removed the unregistered qualifications from the practicing areas.
- He requested for an apology, citing it as a first-time violation, and an undertaking was given in this respect.

The Ethics Committee on 14-06-2022 arrived at the following,

- The claim that Dr. Collin Alphonse had applied for an equivalency Certificate was found to be misleading, as NMC is not issuing such an equivalency certificate.
- The degrees displayed were not listed as NMC's recognized qualifications.
- Dr. Collin Alphonse had practiced for three years using these unregistered qualifications.

The matter was referred to the Council of Modern Medicine meeting held on 03-08-2022. After a detailed discussion, the Council of Modern Medicine decided to:

- 1) Impose a fine of ₹50,000, to Dr. Collin Alphonse
 - 2) Direct Dr. Collin Alphonse to remove the unregistered qualifications from his name board, official seal, and prescription pads, and to submit documentary proof of the same to the Council.
 - 3) Issue a public notice, if the offence is repeated.
- Following this, Dr. Collin Alphonse was informed of the fine imposed, and an order was issued on Dr. Collin Alphonse as per ref cited 3rd above to remove the unregistered qualifications from his name board, official seal, and prescription pads, and to submit documentary proof of the same to the Council.
 - Dr. Collin Alphonse did not comply with this except for paying the ₹50,000 fine via Demand Draft No. 519289 dated 04-01-2023, even after sending a reminder notice as per reference no. 4.
 - Subsequently, during a surprise inspection at Jubilee Memorial Hospital on 22-02-2025, by a Member of the Council of Modern Medicine, it was found that MD (Medicine), PG in Diabetology, and FCCM (Critical Care in FC) were still being displayed by Dr. Collin Alphonse.

This was reported to the Council of Modern Medicine Meeting held on 01-03-2025. The following points were discussed in the meeting.

- Violation of the undertaking as well as the apology given on 14-06-2022, by Dr. Collin Alphonse.
- Violation of the decision of the Council of Modern Medicine dated 03-08-2022, and contravening the Order No: A2-2697/2022/MC/ Complaint dated 09-12-2022.
- Continuing the practice by displaying unregistered degrees, despite the award of a fine of Rs.50000/-, warnings, and directions by the Council, in 2022.

In the light of this repeated non-compliance, the Kerala State Council of Modern Medicine, as per reference no. 5 decided to issue a "Show Cause Notice" and directed Dr. Collin Alphonse to appear before the Council of Modern Medicine on 16-05-2025. Since he didn't appear before the Council of Modern Medicine stating that he was out of station due to a family emergency, the Council gave him a subsequent date to appear on 21-06-2025, to explain why disciplinary action should not be taken against him for the continued non-compliance. His reply to the "Show Cause Notice", before the personal appearance and hearing, was found to be unsatisfactory.

Subsequently, Dr. Collin Alphonse appeared before the Council on 21-06-2025 and submitted the following claims as defence:

"No Intent to mislead or misrepresent. At no point did I intentionally practice or present myself using unrecognized or unregistered medical qualifications. I have always been mindful of adhering to professional and regulatory standards. The name board that allegedly displayed the above-mentioned qualifications was arranged by the hospital administration without my direct involvement. I was not aware that those degrees were being displayed, and I did not authorize or instruct the inclusion of such qualifications on the board placed outside my consulting room. Upon receiving *the current show cause notice* from the Council and realizing the issue, I immediately instructed the authorities at the hospital to remove the unregistered qualifications from the name board and any other displays. I have taken all possible steps to ensure full compliance with the Council's guidelines".

- Dr. Collin Alphonse also claimed that he was not personally displaying any unrecognized or unregistered degrees, and he was under the impression that there was no requirement to submit documentary evidence to prove their removal.

- Dr. Collin Alphonse stated that he believes that compliance was already achieved by not using or displaying such qualifications by him, and therefore, did not consider additional documentation necessary.
- But Dr. Collin Alphonse admitted that he was using the unregistered qualifications in some other areas, other than Jubilee Memorial Hospital, where he was practising as a Doctor, thinking that the instructions by the Council applied only to the practice at Jubilee Memorial Hospital.

After the hearing held on 21-06-2025, and after considering both mitigating factors and repeated non-compliance identified, despite prior warnings, the Council of Modern Medicine has resolved the following:

Dr. Collin Alphonse is held accountable for:

- Repeatedly ignoring the directions of the Council and continuing his unauthorised practice and even though a fine was imposed previously (2 years back).
- Continuing to display unregistered medical qualifications in violation of the Council's directions dated 09-12-2022
- Failing to submit proof of compliance as per instructions/reminder dated 31-03-2023.
- Not acted upon the instructions, which was given 2 years back, till the Show cause Notice is served, recently, as evidenced by his claim itself, as he has stated that ***"Upon receiving the current 'show cause notice' from the Council and realizing the issue, I immediately instructed the authorities at the hospital to remove the unregistered qualifications from the name board and any other displays"***
- Neglecting his professional responsibility to ensure accurate and lawful public representation.

Thus, the Council of Modern Medicine as per ref. no. 6 has decided to impose the following actions:

- 1) Removal of Dr. Collin Alphonse's name from the State Medical Register for a period of three (3) months.
- 2) Imposition of a monetary penalty of ₹1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Only), to be remitted within 30 days.
- 3) Dr. Collin Alphonse is directed to implement corrective measures to prevent unauthorized practice of Modern medicine using unregistered qualifications, not to display unregistered qualifications, and not to claim as a Specialist till duly qualified to do so.

Accordingly, orders are issued for the following.

- 1) Dr. Collin Alphonse's name will be removed from the State Medical Register for a period of three (3) months,

- 2) A monetary penalty of ₹1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Only), is imposed, to be remitted within 30 days through online payment to the Kerala State Medical Council (KSMC), using the SBI Collect payment gateway <https://www.onlinesbi.sbi/sbicollect/icollecthome.htm?corpID=6795672>
- 3) Dr. Collin Alphonse is directed to implement corrective measures to prevent unauthorized practice of Modern medicine using unregistered qualifications, not to display unregistered qualifications and not to claim as a Specialist, till duly qualified to do so.

Dr. Collin Alphonse has the right to Appeal before the Ethics and Medical Registration Board of the National Medical Commission, New Delhi within 60 days from the date of this order, as per Section 30(3) of the *National Medical Commission Act, 2019*, and as per Clause 8.8 of the Indian Medical Council (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002. It is further informed that the implementation of this order will be deferred for a period of 60 days from the date of its issuance. This grace period is provided to allow the Respondent the opportunity to file an appeal to the Ethics and Medical Registration Board of the National Medical Commission, if he so chooses, without immediate interruption to his medical practice. Should no appeal be filed within this timeframe, the punitive measures will come into effect on the 61st day following the issuance of this order.



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