

## SIUT acquires Regent Plaza Hotel to expand its patient services

**S**IUT has acquired Regent Plaza Hotel to expand its services to cater for its growing population of patients. The purchase process started in October 2023 and finally possession taken in August 2024. The hospital is ideally located on Shahrah-e-Faisal with easy access to Road and Rail transportation and in near vicinity of other government hospitals which facilitate thousands of patients. The focus of this facility will be dialysis center, transplant of solid organs and state of the art new operation procedures e.g. Robotics. ■



## SIUT Student Volunteer Program Inspires Young Minds



**T**he Sindh Institute of Urology & Transplantation (SIUT) recently celebrated the culmination of its Summer Session Volunteer Program with a certificate awarding ceremony for Batches 58 & 59. Batch 58 from 24th -29th June and Batch 59 from 1st - 6th July 2024.

This renowned initiative, which began in 2006, continues to shape the youth of Pakistan, instilling in them a deep sense of community service and civic responsibility.

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## Executive Director of SIUT - NA visits SIUT

**M**s. Sarah Sher of SIUT North America visited SIUT and its facilities in June 2024. She visited different departments and was informed of the patient services rendered. In her Lecture she informed of the fund raising activities of SIUT North America to the Senior Faculty of SIUT. ■



Ms. Sarah Sher giving her presentation to SIUT faculty



Ms. Sarah Sher, Dr. Anwar Naqvi, Dr. Altaf Hashmi in the centre with SIUT faculty members

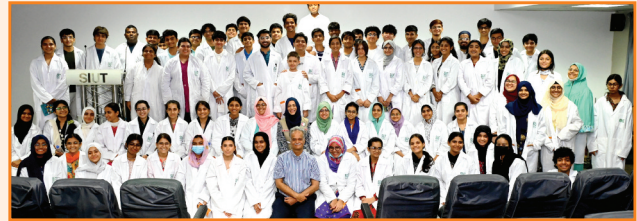
## WORLD HEPATITIS DAY 2024 "Its time for Action"

**T**he world Hepatitis day was observed at SIUT on 1st August 2024. This year's theme "It's time for action" focuses on need for concerted efforts to eradicate Hepatitis C by the year 2030. A large number of the general public visited SIUT to avail free hepatitis screening and treatment facilities. The day long event featured a number of activities from testing for Hepatitis C and B and lectures to educate and inform the community about Hepatitis. SIUT faculty presented lectures on awareness, prevention and informed of the alarming Statistics in Pakistan. Pakistan ranks fifth globally in combined Hepatitis B and C cases with over 12.6 million people affected by hepatitis.

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The SIUT Students' Volunteer Program has emerged as a cornerstone of educational enrichment, engaging students from diverse educational backgrounds, including class 9th, 10th, first, and second year college and O & A levels. Over the years, around 7000 young individuals have completed this transformative program, gaining invaluable insights and skills that go beyond traditional classroom learning.

The program includes orientation sessions introducing SIUT's mission and preparing students for a week of learning and service. Participants are exposed to various medical fields through interactive

lectures and workshops. These cover topics like urology, nephrology, dialysis, transplantation, and even robotics! Students also gain valuable skills in areas like personal hygiene and biomedical ethics.

Under the guidance of Prof. Adib Rizvi, SIUT's Director & Founder, the program emphasizes empathy and compassion. Students gain a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by underprivileged communities. Interactive sessions with pediatric patients, first aid workshops, and community health service training broaden their horizons and equip them with practical skills for social good. ■



People registering for Screening



Lectures on awareness by Dr. Nida Rasool



Volunteers taking history



Blood Testing for Hepatitis B and C



Dietary Consultation by Ms. Kehkashan Zehra

## WORLD HEPATITIS DAY 2024

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Pakistan has the largest burden of hepatitis C worldwide with figures of 8.8 million affected individuals. Unsafe healthcare practices, injection therapy, unscreened blood transfusions, sharing of personal items have contributed to the rapid spread of the virus.

The importance of using new syringes at clinics, fresh razor blades at barber shops and sterilized equipment for dental and cosmetic procedures was highlighted. The experts who spoke on the occasion included Dr. Abbas Ali Tasneem, Dr. Mudassir Laeeq, Dr. Zain Majid, Dr. Nadir Sattar, Dr. Nida Rasool Maher and dietician Ms. Kehkashan Zehra. ■

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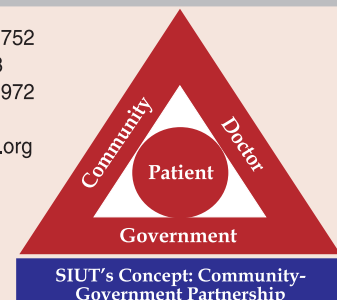
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## Robotic Training Workshop for Technologists/Technicians

**A** hands on robotic training workshop for Robotic Technologists/Technicians was hosted by SIUT on 8th July 2024. The participants were from Liaquat University of Medical & Health Sciences - LUMHS, Jamshoro Gambat Institute of Medical Sciences - GIMS and Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre - JPMC, Karachi



Dr. Asad Shazad's Lecture on Robotics



Participants of the Workshop being explained working of Robot

Presentations about Robotic Surgical System and interactive Session were also held during this short training program. Later, the participants had hands on experience of handling surgical robotic system facilitated by trained Robo-Techs. Certificates were distributed to the participants at the end of the program. ■

## SIUT Team attends 30th International Congress of The Transplantation Society (TTS) in Istanbul

**S**IUT Team attends 30th International Congress of Transplantation Society in Istanbul, Turkey. A team of doctors including Dr Mirza Naqi Zafar, Dr Ejaz Ahmed, Dr Sana Jamil, Dr Shaheera Shakil Malik, Dr Sunil Kumar Dodani, Dr Abdul Khalique and Dr Abdul Rauf Hafeez attended Transplant Society Meeting from 22-25 September, 2024. The team actively participated in Scientific Sessions.

The following papers were presented by the SIUT Faculty: Mr Mirza Naqi Zafar HLA-driven immunosuppression in living-related Kidney Transplantation. A protocol for low income countries. Dr Ejaz Ahmed Comparison of risk factors and outcomes between high and low Cytomegalovirus viremia in living donor R+D+ Renal transplant recipients, Dr Sana Jamil Nocardiosis in living related donor Kidney Transplant recipients: A study from a low income country. Dr Shaheera Shakil Malik Spectrum of Post-transplant Malignancies in live related renal transplant setting and their clinical characteristics over a period of 40 years: A single center study. Dr Sunil Kumar Dodani Trends of Antibiotic resistance in E.coli, Klebsiella spp., Pseudomonas aeruginosa and Enterococcus spp. and Urinary tract infection in Renal Transplant recipients from Pakistan over a decade. Dr Abdul Khalique Pediatric Kidney Transplantation: A single center experience of 988 transplants from a low income country. Dr Abdul Rauf Hafeez Graft and patient outcomes in Renal transplant recipients presenting with acute kidney injury requiring dialysis. ■



## SIUT hosts Pakistan Society of Nephrology monthly Journal Club



Dr. Sajid Bhatti of SIUT giving his lecture.

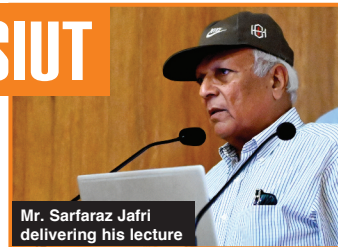


Nephrology Faculty and Trainees attending the Zoom Journal Club

**P**akistan Society of Nephrology monthly Journal Club was held on Zoom on 30th July 2024. The activity was attended by more than 100 members in person and on Zoom. The topic was "Hypertension and Kidney Function after". The PSN provides a platform for dissemination of new knowledge by scientific meetings, Journal Clubs to improve quality in care of patients. ■

## Fire Safety Lectures at SIUT

**A** fire safety awareness session was held at SIUT on 26th September 2024. The session focus was on the importance of fire prevention, the strategies for swift response and to put in place effective measures by the Fire Safety Department at SIUT. Commandant of Civil Defense Mr. Sarfaraz Jafri outlined the measures for diligence and fire prevention at SIUT. He outlined the preventive measures for hospital fire safety e.g smoke and heat detectors, loud fire alarms, storage of medical gases, hazardous chemicals and inflammable substances. He emphasized on regular fire drills and laid out evacuation plans. ■



Mr. Sarfaraz Jafri delivering his lecture



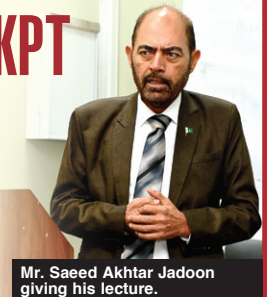
Mr. Ahtesham Siddiqui - Fire Chief at SIUT



SIUT Staff attending the Lecture

## Fire and Safety First Lecture by Chief Fire Officer, KPT

**A** lecture on Fire and Safety was given by Mr. Saeed Akhtar Jadoon Chief Fire Officer, KPT on 3rd August 2024. He discussed a number of strategies for Fire Prevention and Safety which included: Fire Detection & Alarm System, Fire Suppression Systems, Safe Hospital Design and Maintenance, Safe Storage of Flammable Materials, Staff Training and preparedness, Emergency power and lighting, Coordination with Local Fire Services. ■



Mr. Saeed Akhtar Jadoon giving his lecture.

## Students From USA Participated in SIUT Volunteer Program



Amina Oonwalla, Anniyah A. Azhar & Taha Oonwalla

**T**hree students from USA came to SIUT in the first week of August 2024 to participate in the Volunteer Program. Anniyah A. Azhar 10th grader (sophomore) class of 2024 at Maiden High School and Amina Oonwalla a 9th grader and Taha Oonwalla 12th grader studying in Houston. They underwent all the activities and were thankful for this learning experience. ■

## Independence Day Celebrated at SIUT with Patriotic Zeal and Enthusiasm

**O**n this Independence Day, SIUT stands proud with our nation, celebrating the strength, unity, and compassion that make Pakistan extraordinary. Together, we build a healthier, brighter future for all!

On this special occasion, SIUT (Sindh Institute of Urology and Transplantation) is filled with patriotic fervor as we honor the sacrifices of our forefathers and the resilience of our nation. ■



## SIUT-NA Stall at APPNA Convention in Washington DC, USA

**T**his year's APPNA (Association of Physicians of Pakistani Descent of North America) Annual Convention was held in Washington, D.C., on July 3-7, 2024.

SIUT North America (SIUTNA) is the largest private donor to SIUT and put up a booth at the convention to create awareness and highlight its mission to support the Sindh Institute of Urology and Transplantation's work in providing free and quality healthcare to underprivileged populations in Pakistan.

SIUTNA team led by Mr. Meraj Nazar was aided by Dr. Mohsin, Head of Robotic Surgery SIUT, and Dr. Shazia Mohsin pediatric cardiologist who had traveled from Pakistan to showcase the groundbreaking work being done at SIUT Pakistan. The APPNA Convention not only celebrated the accomplishments of Pakistani American physicians but also highlighted how organizations like SIUTNA are transforming lives through public-private partnerships. ■



Dr. Shazia Mohsin, Mr. Meraj Nazar, Dr. Rehan Mohsin, and Dr. Irfan Rizvi at SIUT-NA Stall.

## President and CEO of Habib Metro Bank Visited SIUT

**P**resident and CEO of Habib Metro Bank Mr. Khurram Shahzad Khan visited SIUT on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024 and presented a donation cheque to the Professor Adib Rizvi. ■



Dr. Adib Rizvi receiving the cheque from Mr. Khurram Shahzad Khan

## Certificate Distribution Ceremony for 6-month specialized training on Quality Guidelines and Standards in Lab Medicine & Patient Safety at SIUT



Dr. Mirza Naqi Zafar and Dr. Anila Kazmi with the participants of the course

A well-crafted & designed six - month training programme on Quality Management System (QMS) and Patient Safety for the Clinical Laboratory, under the leadership of Dr. Mirza Naqi Zafar, Professor of Pathology, Head Research & Publication; the commitment & mentorship of Dr. Anila Kazmi, Head Patient PSQA has been a tremendous success. This initiative, organized by the Department of Patient Safety and Quality Assurance (PSQA) at SIUT, brought together a diverse group of participants, who will now serve as QMS Coordinators and act as catalysts for continuous quality improvement

and patient safety in their respective spheres. With the expert direction of Master Trainer Mr. M. Maaz Ali Naqvi, Deputy Manager PSQA and skilled facilitation of Ms. Rabia Zehra, Associate PSQA - the participants gained valuable knowledge and practical skills in quality management, equipping them to enhance technical practices and uphold the highest standards of patient safety. This achievement reflects the department's commitment to fostering a culture of excellence and safety, and the participants' dedication will have a lasting impact on improving healthcare outcomes. ■

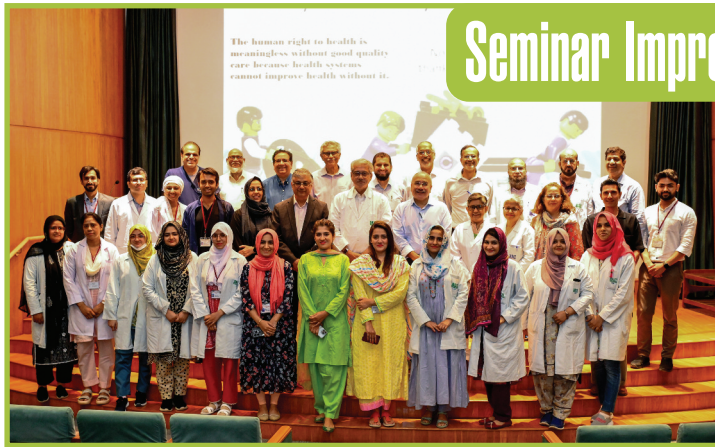
## SIUT holds workshops on World Patient Safety Day

SIUT "Department of Patient Safety and Quality Assurance and CBEC-SIUT held two workshops on 28th September 2024 in connection with World Patient Safety Day. The first workshop led by Dr. Natasha Anwar Molecular pathologist, AKU laboratory Lahore and Associate Faculty at CBEC-SIUT focused "How to cultivate Ethics: professionalism and patient safety in the Lab". The second workshop was conducted by Dr. Bushra Shirazi and Dr. Nida Wahid Bashir from CBEC-SIUT in collaboration with WHO which explored the critical issues of medical errors and the systems needed to prevent such errors. ■



## Guest Lecture by Professor Zeenat Safdar

A lecture titled "Recent Advances in Pulmonary Hypertension" was given by Professor Zeenat Safdar on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Dr. Zeenat is Professor of Medicine at Houston Methodist Academic Institute in Houston USA. ■



## Seminar Improving Diagnosis for Patient Safety

**A** Seminar on World Patient Safety Day was organized by the Patient Safety and Quality Assurance department on 18th September 2024. In response to this year's theme "Improving Diagnosis for Patient Safety" The event started with a Keynote lecture by Dr. Mir Uzair Hashmi CEO Healthcare Management Consultants on "Striving for Patient Safety," where he emphasized the importance of vigilance, transparency and fostering a culture of continuous improvement. Dr. Mirza Naqi Zafar, Professor of Pathology at SIUT delivered a

lecture on "Critical Role of Lab testing in Diagnosis". Dr. Aamir Jafarey Professor at CBEC - SIUT's lecture focused on "Ethical Dimensions of patient safety". Dr. Shazia Mohsin Associate Prof. Division of Cardiothoracic Sciences and Dr. Akbar Mistry Assistant Prof Cardiothoracic Sciences presented a Case Study demonstrating how a quality driven approach enhanced diagnostic accuracy, proving that the journey to patient safety is built on continuous learning and improvement. The Seminar was concluded by Dr. Anila Kazmi - Head, Patient Safety

## World Pharmacy Day observed at SIUT

**T**he World Pharmacy day was held at SIUT on 25th September 2024. Pharmacists are a critical part of patient care and play an important role in enhancing health care outcomes. SIUT team of Pharmacists are key to SIUT Philosophy "Free treatment with medications" They work tirelessly round the clock 24/7 to ensure the safe and effective use of medications. Indeed SIUT team of Pharmacists are not just dispensers of medications but protectors of health and an important part of patient care with their guidance to patient and health care providers. ■



## Seminar on Recognizing & Supporting Nurses in Diagnostic Safety

**A** two day seminar was held on 23rd – 24th September 2024 on Recognizing & Supporting Nurses in Diagnostic Safety. The seminar was organized by the Patient Safety and Quality Assurance Department. Speakers included Ms. Shahnaz Kausar Matran of Nursing Department and Ms. Ranjeeta Rajesh Kumar Principal School of Nursing SIUT. Dr. Anila Kazmi, Head of PSQA emphasized the need for Professional Collaboration and team work in providing quality care. ■



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