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SIUT Hosts Global Robotic Surgery Symposium

IUT stands as a beacon of medical excellence known for its expertise in urology, nephrology, organ transplant, and hepatobiliary care. In its relentless pursuit of innovation, SIUT has advanced its surgical capabilities by incorporating robotic-assisted surgery, marking a significant leap in precision and minimally invasive procedures. Initiated in 2017, SIUT began its robotic surgery program by utilizing a shared Da Vinci robotic surgical system at Civil Hospital Karachi, successfully performing more than 600 procedures.

In November 2021, SIUT established the Kassim Parekh Robotic and Laparoscopy Unit, featuring the advanced, state-of-the-art Versius robotic surgical system. Since its implementation, over 2500 surgeries have been successfully conducted, revolutionizing surgical precision in urological, hepatobiliary, and colorectal surgery. In October 2022, SIUT expanded its robotic surgery services to Sukkur by establishing a Center of Excellence in Robotic Surgery at the SIUT Chablani Medical Centre.

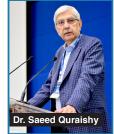
The two-day Global Robotic Surgery Symposium highlights SIUT's commitment to expand Robotic Surgery all over Pakistan. Symposium was held on February 14-15, 2025. This was a joint meeting of the International Society of Robotic Surgery (SRS) and the Pakistan Society of Robotic Surgeons (PSRS).

The inaugural sessions included a welcome address by Prof. Adib Rizvi and speeches by Prof. Saeed Qureshy, President of PSRS, and Prof. Ghulam Abbas, President of SRS. The session was moderated by Dr. Irfan Rizvi, Chairman Dept. of Surgery Virginia Hospital Center Washington.









Pakistan's First Medical Documentary Web Series Premiere at SIUT's Global Robotic Surgery Symposium

IUT launched the First Medical Documentary Web Series, "Precision Meets Purpose," at the Global Robotic Symposium held at SIUT on February 14-15, 2025. The documentary was conceptualized

by Ms. Saima Saleem of the SIUT Social Media Department, directed by Mr. Jami of Azadfilm, and produced by Dr. Irfan Rizvi, Chairman Dept. of Surgery Virginia Hospital Center Washington.

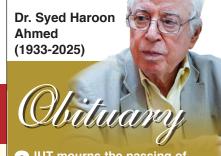
The web series focuses on the transformative impact of Robotic-Assisted Procedures on Pakistan's medical landscape. The series aims to educate both the healthcare professions and the public on advanced surgical innovations and improved patient outcomes.

CBEC-SIUT 20th Anniversary International Conference

he Centre for Bioethics and Culture (CBEC) held an international Bioethics conference to commemorate its 20th anniversary on January 10-11, 2025. This was a dynamic two-day event that featured international and national speakers with the aim to provide different threads and strands that have an influence in shaping human morals and values.

The conference opened with Professor Farhat Moazam, Founding Chairperson of CBEC, acknowledging the role of Professor Adib Rizvi in the growth of the Centre. She then presented the national and regional impact of the Centre's educational programs. Professor Anwar Naqvi from SIUT spoke about CBEC's achievements in Pakistan and in the region over the past twenty years. Following this, Professor Aamir

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IUT mourns the passing of Professor Syed Haroon Ahmed, a trustee of SIUT, lifelong friend, and unwavering supporter of SIUT. His gentle demeanor, steadfast principles, and profound wisdom drew individuals from all walks of life. His legacy will forever inspire and guide us in all that we do. ■



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The symposium also included a hands-on workshop on the general introduction of robotic simulation and individual practice of 2-3 basic exercises on Virtual Reality (VR).

The two-day symposium had 6 sessions focusing on various aspects of robotic surgery. It brought together surgeons and medical specialists from across the

globe. The symposium focused on advancing robotic surgical expertise, emphasizing the need for collaboration and resource sharing to expand across to minimally invasive surgical techniques in Pakistan. The experts provided valuable insights into Robotic Surgery Application in Urology, Hepatobiliary, General surgery, and gynecological surgery.

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Seated front row: Left to right: Dr. Farnat Moazam, celebrated poets Zehra Nigan Sahiba and Iftikhar Arif Sahib. Row standing: Left to right: Ms. Maryam Usman Ms Sualeha Siddiq Shekhani, Dr. Nida Wahid Bashir, Dr. Aamir M. Jafarey, renowned poet and writer Mr. Harris Khalique, Dr. Bushra Shirazi and Mr. Farid bin Masood.

Jafarey took the audience on a visual journey, reflecting on CBEC's progress through the past two decades.

Dr. Ceasar Atuire, President of the International Association of Bioethics, served as the keynote speaker on

Zoom. He explored the concept of pluriversality and critiqued the colonial mindset within bioethical traditions and highlighted the importance of local context and values in shaping human morality.

The first day included presentations by CBEC's alumni, Dr. Amjad Mahboob (KPK), Dr. Nida Wahid Bashir (Sindh), and Dr. Natasha Anwar (Punjab) who described the impact their ethics education in the Centre has had on their personal and professional lives. The afternoon sessions focused on "Women in Pakistan" with engaging talks by Dr. Arfana Mallah and Dr. Fatima Hasan. The day concluded with an engaging theatrical performance by schoolchildren that spotlighted environmental concerns, adding a creative dimension to the conference's ethical discourse.

The talks on the second day included Dr. Paul Lombardo, a historian and bioethicist from the USA, on the Muslim philosopher and physician, Ibn-e-Sina. Dr. Syed Noman-ul-Haq of IBA discussed the story of Hayy ibn Yaqzān by Muslim philosopher, Ibn-Tufayl. Dr. Nauman Faizi from the School of Social Sciences and Humanities, LUMS critiqued the dominant bioethical approaches and spoke about the ways to deal with the 'wicked problem' of uncertainty.

The conference concluded with an Urdu literary session exploring the relationship between literature and human values. The panel featured celebrated poets Iftikhar Arif Sahib and Zehra Nigah Sahiba, moderated by renowned poet and writer Harris Khalique. This culturally rich session served as a fitting end to a conference centered on diverse dimensions of morality.

Overall, the conference proved to be a huge success and drew professionals and the public alike. It was also heartening to see several Karachi-based CBEC alumni attending the conference.

Advancing Care for Complex Diseases Through Collective Efforts

omplex diseases, such as congenital heart disease (CHD), significantly affect the most marginalized and vulnerable populations. Addressing these challenges requires a collective communal responsibility and the generosity of donors and philanthropists.

Thanks to the remarkable support of Ms. Zubaida, we recently inaugurated on 13th January 2025 groundbreaking technologies that will transform care delivery:

- Video-Assisted Thoracoscopic Surgery (VATS) program
- CT Reconstruction Console
- Echocardiography Machine
- FDA-approved Al-driven decision support system: Etiometry

These advancements are a vital step in alleviating



inequities in global health and achieving the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2030: Good Health & Well-Being.

We are deeply grateful to those who contribute to this mission of improving access to high-quality care and providing hope to those in need. Together, we can continue to make a meaningful impact. ■

JIBA International Karachi Chapter Ladies Wing Gifts toys on Eid for children admitted in SIUT

IBA International Karachi Chapter gifted over 130 toys for boys and girls aged 1-16 years admitted in the Paediatric, Nephrology, Urology, Dialysis, and Cardiology Wards on 27th of March 2025. The toys given were age and gender specific. Mrs. Yasmeen Nanjiani, local chapter co-ordinator, organized the toys, which were distributed by the MSOs of SIUT. ■









SIUT CRICKET LEAGUE 2025

he 4th SCL championship was held on 4th and 8th February 2025 at the Eid-Gah Cricket Ground Nazimabad.

The league was organized by Aley Hassan Zaidi of the accounts departments, Raheel Ahmed and Farman Rasool of HR Department. They were supported by faculty members Dr. Rehan Mohsin, Dr. Gauhar Sultan, Dr Murli Lal, Dr. Naqi Zafar, and Dr. Altaf Hashmi. Excellent Biryani was arranged by the Kitchen Department by Mr. Ahmed Incharge Kitchen.

The championship is an excellent opportunity to bring the faculty and staff together away from the daily clinical work. It unites employees, inspiring a spirit of collaboration. It built unity, reinforcing connections and friendships, thus creating a lasting bond among the employees of SIUT. It brings their families together, expanding friendships.

The league is a win-win situation for the SIUT team. In all, 18 teams took part in the league. These were; 1. Nursing Kings, 2. HR Knight Riders, 3. MMC Shaheen, 4. Old Building Tsunami, 5. Lab Jaguars, 6. RGO Eleven, 7. ACC Strikers, 8. MSO Falcons, 9. ICU Stars, 10. Finance Legends, 11. Pharmacy Shark, 12. Radiology Royals, 13. Surgeons Sar-Mast, 14. Paeds Nephrology Avengers, 15. Dialysis Tigers, 16. O.T. Lions. 17. Bio-Medical Markhors, and 18. Radiology Bulls. The 4th league was won by Surgeons Sar-Mast who beat O.T. Lions. The highlights of the matches were the highest score in SCL 4 by Latif of OT Lions, who scored a total of 213 runs in 4 innings with a high score of 60 with 24 sixes and 12 fours. The most wickets taken was also Latif of OT Lions with a total of 7 wickets at a rate of 6.86/over in 4 innings. ■































Workshop on"The Role of Mechanical Ventilation in ICU and O.T."

echanical ventilation serves as a life-sustaining intervention, supporting patients who cannot breathe adequately on their own, whether due to illness or surgery in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and Operation Theater (OT)

The workshop was held in January 2025. Lectures were given by Dr. Qamar Abbas,

Dr. Faisal Farooq, and Dr. Mujtaba, followed by a practical hands-on session led by experts from the Department of Critical Care.



Designed for physician assistants, internees, and students, the workshop provided valuable knowledge and skills in mechanical ventilation.



peration Theater Department celebrated the successful completion of the 4-month Continuous Professional Development Training

Programme on Infection Prevention, Control & Patient Safety for Operation Theatre and CSSD Staff on 10th February 2025.

After the recitation of the Holy Verse, Dr. Anila Kazmi, welcomed & gave an introuduction of program. Dr. Fatema Ali Lanewala then shared insightful thoughts on the importance of the training program, emphasizing its role in professional development. Dr. Asma Nasim

provided a review and remarks on the training, highlighting its positive impact on participants' careers. Dr. Muneer Amanullah, Dr. Qamar Abbas, and Mr. Imran Ayub conducted the much-awaited Certificate Distribution. A special Recognition & Prize Distribution segment was held to appreciate trainers, facilitators, and coordinators.

This event marked another milestone in SIUT Pakistan's commitment to excellence in medical education and training, reinforcing the institution's dedication to nurturing skilled professionals in the field.

SIUT hosted the Bundles of Joy distribution drive by Jinnah Sindh Medical University (JSMU)

he students of JSMU Social lab distributed gifts among the children on March 26th 2025 at SIUT. An initiative by JSMU Social Lab under the banner of JSMU Students Council. Led by



Maryam Rizwan, President of Social Lab, this meaningful effort aimed to spread joy and support to those in need. We appreciate the dedication of the JSMU team for their compassionate initiative and for making a difference in the lives of children for Eid. ■

CPSP Approves SIUT Transplant Nephrology Program for FCPS Training

he CPSP team visited SIUT on January 22, 2025, for an inspection to consider accreditation of SIUT for training in Transplant Nephrology. The inspection team comprised Dr. Nayyer Mehmood, Consultant Nephrologist at Shifa International Hospital, Islamabad, and Dr. Abdul Razaque Shaikh, Registrar, CPSP. SIUT was granted approval on 29 January 2025.





Dr. Syed Haroon Ahmed, a legend, is no more

yed Haroon Ahmed, one of the country's leading psychiatrists and a prominent civil and human rights activist, passed away in Karachi on 3rd April 2025. He was 92.

Dr Haroon's overriding ability and unflinching faith in the betterment of the masses, including his patients, gave him a special place in society, not only as a physician but also as a teacher and a mentor.

Born in Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh, his family migrated to Pakistan after Partition, where he commenced his professional and political journey from the Dow Medical College.

At the time, the institution was considered a bastion of student activists with a progressive mindset, who dreamed of establishing an egalitarian society based on justice, equality and democratic values.

The young Haroon was one of the founding leaders of the Democratic Students Federation (DSF), which carried this message.

Many medical students remained part of this struggle, including the likes of Dr Mohammad Sarwar and Dr Mir Rehman Ali Hashmi.

Dr Haroon remained committed to the cause of human rights, minority rights and secularism all his life.

He joined the Jinnah Hospital before it was called Jinnah Post Graduate Medical Centre and accomplished a milestone when he succeeded in establishing a separate wing in the hospital and introduced psychiatry as an independent clinical subject.

Forceful, yet soft-spoken, Dr Haroon advocated the need for an extensive medical network in the field of mental health.

`As a senior psychiatrist at Jinnah Hospital`s Ward 20, he contributed significantly to the development of psychiatric care [in the country]. He cofounded the Pakistan Psychiatric Society in 1972 and, earlier in 1965, established the Pakistan Association for Mental Health (PAMH).

Beyond his contributions to mental health, he was a fervent advocate for peace and human rights. As president of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, he was one of the few courageous voices to campaign against Pakistan's nuclear armament in 1998.

Dr Haroon's dedication to human rights was further reflected in his longstanding association with the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP).

`Recognising the outdated nature of Pakistan's psychiatric legislation, he spearheaded efforts to replace the archaic Lunacy Act 1912.

`His perseverance led to the passage of the Sindh Mental Health Act of 2013, the first law in Pakistan to provide safeguards for individuals with psychiatric illnesses, including those accused under blasphemy laws. His relentless advocacy ensured its enactment, leaving an indelible mark on the country's legal framework,` the PAMH president said.

He was also one of the founding trustees of the Sindh Institute of Urology and Transplant (SIUT).

Dr Haroon is survived by his wife Anis Haroon a known political figure and social activist as well as two sons and a daughter. A large number of people from the medical fraternity and defenders of human rights, social justice, and freedom of expression also mourn him.

- By Jaffer Bilgrami

Eid ul Fitr Celebration at SIUT

id ul Fitr was celebrated at SIUT by Faculty and staff on 30th March 2025. Traditional Sheer Khorma and Dahi Baray was enjoyed by all. Faculty and staff exchanged Eid greetings and enjoyed the festive occasion.









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