

# SIUTnews

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## Robotic Surgery in Urology



**A** three-day international conference on "Robotic Surgery in the field of Urology" was held at SIUT from 8th to 10th January 2018.

Some eminent surgeons from UK and Netherlands along with team of SIUT urologists took part in live operating sessions transmitted through real time video link at the conference. A number of lectures and discussions were held at SIUT and live surgery at new OT complex Ruth Pfau Civil Hospital. Secretary Health of Sindh Govt also witnessed the live surgery session on the opening day of the conference. Inaugurating the conference, Professor Adib Rizvi Director SIUT highlighted the merits of minimally invasive surgery and robotic surgery and declared it as "leading edge technology" which has opened new avenues of providing relief and

comfort to surgical patients. So far some 200 cases have been performed through robotic surgery by SIUT and Civil Hospital team during past six months including cases of urological disorders.

The visiting surgeons who were taking part in the conference included Professor Muhammad Shamim Khan from Kings College London, Professor Matin Sheriff from Medway Maritime Hospital Kent, Dr Faiz Mumtaz from Royal Free Hospital London, Dr Tariq Tassadaq from Bedford Hospital, Dr Axel Bex from Netherlands Cancer Institute, Amsterdam. Dr Asad Shahzad and Dr Rehan Mohsin were from SIUT. Conference was divided into various sessions comprising of workshops, live robotic surgeries, panel discussions and training sessions.

### **SIUT Surgeons Perform Live Surgical Demonstration at the 9<sup>th</sup> International Symposium of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Medical University, Larkana**

A team of doctors participated in the Symposium at Larkana January 18th - 20th, 2018. Prof. Manzoor Hussain and Prof. Rehan Mohsin performed live demonstration of Urothralpasty and Laparoscopic Nephrectomy which was highly appreciated. Professor Ghulam Asghar Channa, Vice Chancellor was also present on the occasion. Prof. Malik Jalbani, Head of Urology & Organizer Urology Session thanked SIUT team for their participation in successful symposium. Prof. Altaf Hashmi presented SIUT experience on Minimally Invasive Surgery. Prof. Manzoor Hussain presented his paper on Current Trends in the Management of Stricture Urethra and Prof. Murlal presented SIUT Experience on Continent Urinary Diversions in Adults.





## Dow Graduates of North America Visit SIUT

A group of visiting Dow Graduates Association of North America (DOGANA) as a part of their winter meeting on 26th December 2017 paid a visit to SIUT.

The visiting doctors were briefed by Professor Anwar Naqvi on the philosophy of SIUT, the journey which the Institute undertook during past 40 years beside, the overall operational network of SIUT.



The visitors were also briefed as how SIUT is making impossible - possible in a developing country. The medical professionals who appreciated the landmarks and milestones achieved by SIUT came out with many suggestions particularly in the field of deceased organ donation. Later, they went round the various sections of the Institute.

Also present on the occasion were Professor Zafar Husain, Professor Altaf Hashmi, Professor Manzoor Husain, Professor Ejaz Ahmed, Professor Rubina Naqvi beside other members of the faculty.

## Overseas Probationers of Diplomatic Service

A group of twenty three Foreign Service probationers representing twenty one countries paid a visit to SIUT to acquaint themselves of health facilities in the country. The probationers were attending six week training at the Foreign Service Academy in Islamabad.



During the visit the group was briefed by Director SIUT Professor Adib Rizvi who informed them about Institute's journey spanned over forty years and how the unique philosophy of providing state of the art treatment which is provided to patients. The treatment is totally free and without compromising the dignity of the visiting patient. The guests were taken to various units of SIUT where they spoke to patients receiving treatment. The trainee diplomats greatly lauded the services of SIUT and declared "a medical establishment of excellence"

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## 40th Annual Conference of Pakistan Association of Pathologists (PAP) held at SIUT from 14th to 16th December 2017



meet the challenges of future and extend the cover of meaningful medical care. He gave a detailed presentation on the activities of SIUT as an institution of special medical care for last 40 years.

Dr. Rizwan Naeem, Professor of Molecular Pathology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine New York gave the Razi lecture on his paper as a part of Muslim scientist Al Razi. He spoke on molecular and genetic screening especially for cancer patients. President of Pakistan Association of Pathologist Dr. Farida Naseer who

A clarion call was made at the inaugural session of the annual conference of pathologists here 13th December 2017 to make the medical treatment and related investigations affordable in the greater interest of public at large.

The call came at the 40th annual conference of Pakistan Association of Pathologists (PAP) which began at SIUT (Sindh Institute of Urology and Transplantation). The three-day conference was attended by over seventy practicing pathologists from within the country and abroad. Chairman of the conference organizing committee Professor Mirza Naqi Zafar welcomed the guests and highlighted the theme of the conference "70 years of Pathology in Pakistan". The Association started in 1976 with 18 pathologists and today the number stand beyond twenty thousand in the country.

Professor Adib Rizvi who is a founder Director of the Institute gave the keynote address dedicated to late Prof. Javed Kazi. He highlighted the prevailing disparity that is experienced in every segment of developing world.

He said this disparity is causing hardship to its population and restricting his access to avail basic amenities of life including health. Discussing his own philosophy that "health is a birth right of every individual" he declared that the root cause of prevailing disparity is massive economic exploitation.

Prof. Rizvi pointed out that disparity of resources had increased as 80 per cent of the global population comprising developing world is suffering because all the resources are owned by a small group of 20 per cent developed world. He called upon the pathologists' community to carry out a crusade in their medical research based on solid foundation to

declared the conference open said that the field of pathology is surging ahead in the world of medical sciences.

Dr. Mohammad Mubarak Chairman scientific committee introduced Dr. Rizwan Naeem. Dr. Sabiha Anis and Dr. Khawar Abbas also spoke at the inaugural session. The working sessions and workshops of the conference discussed various branches of pathology including microbiology, immunology, histopathology, infectious diseases, transplantation, hematology and genetics.





## Seminar on Infection Prevention & Control at SIUT



Dr Nizam Damani



Dr Shamim Khan



Dr Shehla Baqi



Dr Faisal Mahmood

Dr Nizam Damani an internationally known expert on infection control had called for stopping of inappropriate use of antibiotics by medical practitioners as the community at large may soon develop resistance with no alternate remedy in the near future.

Dr Damani who is a senior Consultant at the Infection Prevention Control Unit of W.H.O in Geneva was speaking at a two-day seminar on infection prevention and control organized by SIUT on Thursday January 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> 2018.

Dr Damani who is a former graduate of Dow Medical College is currently a part of W.H.O decision making team on infection control. In his inaugural address dwelt with two major topics with global perspective which included proper use and stewardship of antibiotics and importance of infection control in providing quality medical care.

Discussing the overall health scenario in developing countries he said there is a need of proper sanitation, hygiene and infection control not only in hospitals but also at community level.

W.H.O official in his presentation deeply regretted that infection control system in developing countries including Pakistan is in pitiable condition. He said the management or control is either nonexistence or totally ineffective.

Infection specialist pointed out that whole exercise is cost effective as by spending 20 per cent one can cover 80 per cent of the population.

This basic step Dr Damani noted would cost little but achieve durable and tangible results.

He reminded that infection control is an integral part of patient's safety and quality care in developed world. The importance of hand hygiene is paramount in curtailing cross infection.

SIUT as a premier tertiary care institution of the country with several specialties has offered its services to become a hub institution for control infectious diseases declaring infection control on W.H.O. guidelines as high priority agenda.

On the opening day of the seminar other speakers who spoke included Dr. Shamim Khan from King's College London who made a presentation on infection control for transplant patients. Dr Tahir Aziz of SIUT, Dr Shehla Baqi from Ruth Pfau Civil Hospital Karachi Dr Faisal Mahmood of Aga Khan University, Dr Asma Nasim, Dr Sunil Dodani and Dr Ali Nadeem all from SIUT discussed various aspects of infection control.



# Winter Session of SIUT Volunteer Program held from 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> December 2017



The certificate awarding ceremony of SIUT's students voluntary program for winter session concluded at SIUT on 30th December 2017. The program was the 49th batch of volunteers.

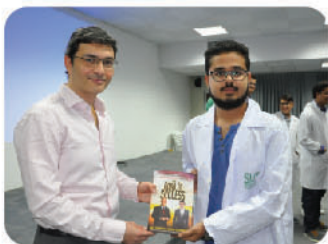
These week long programs are held during the summer and winter vacations of the educational institutions of the country where students are trained with basic principles of community services, patient care and civic education. The volunteers during their training are also exposed and trained as how to mitigate the plight and sufferings of their fellow brethren. In a way the volunteers learn the positive and productive role they can play as useful and responsible member of the society.

During the training which is spread over 30 hours', the students of high school, intermediate and O/A level representing major schools and colleges were attached with various department including OPD's, radiology, clinical laboratory, oncology, dialysis, transplantation, lithotripsy, medical and surgical sciences.

The participants also engaged themselves with the care program of admitted patients as well as the outpatients.

A number of 132 students participated in the batch making the grand total of 5580 students who have so far benefited from this program since its inception in 2006.

The certificate awarding ceremony included certificate and gifts distribution and life stories of transplant dialysis patients. Concluding ceremony was largely attended by teachers, parents, students and staff members of SIUT including doctors.





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