

BIOETHICS NEWSLETTER

Bioethics Department of Shalamar Medical & Dental College

PAKISTAN'S 1st CLINICAL ETHICS RETREAT 2022

ESTABLISHMENT OF CLINICAL ETHICS GROUP PAKISTAN



Pakistan's first Clinical Ethics Retreat was held from July 15th- 16th 2022 in Lahore. Bioethics Department, SMDC hosted this event at the Defense Raya Golf and Country Club and welcomed distinguished guests: Dr. Atif Waqar (AKUH), Dr. Robyna Khan (AKU), Dr. Saima P. Iqbal (SCM), Dr. Annum Ishtiaq (AKUH), Dr. Shireen (SSCMS), Dr. Sarosh Saleem (SMDC). A surgeon and artist, Dr. Ahmed Shehzad engaged the participants in creative and mindful activities. The retreat has led to the establishment of the Clinical Ethics Group (CEG) of Pakistan which now meets quarterly.

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CLINICAL ETHICS RETREAT

A call to Clinical Ethicists in Pakistan

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WORLD BIOETHICS DAY

SMDC celebrates WBD 2022 with record attendance

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WORLD BIOETHICS DAY 2022

The 7th WBD was celebrated by Bioethics Unit-SMDC (Int'l Chair in Bioethics/WMA) on Oct 22nd, 2022. The theme of 2022 was “**Social Responsibility & Health**”. Stephanie Tillman, Bioethicist, Activist, Founder of Feminist Midwife, and PhD student from St. Louis, MO, USA talked about “Social Activism in Bioethics”. Dr. Asif Imam, Chairperson of SINA Health, Education and Welfare Trust, Karachi, Pakistan discussed primary healthcare access in Pakistan. Dr. Sarosh Saleem, Head of Bioethics Unit & Dept, SMDC, thanked the

guests, participating students, and the audience for an engaging session.

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STUDENT & FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Nuzhat Irfan Malik & Nida Shamsi, DHEP '22

Successfully conducted 2-day training session on “*Clinical Ethics Consultation*” at The Indus Hospital & Health Network, Manawan Campus, Lahore in May 2022.

Nadia Noreen, DHEP '23

Received “*Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Professional Development Award*” to present her work at International Society of Infectious Disease (ISID) 2022 at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Sarosh Saleem

Presented a paper, “*Reimagining the Assent in International Pediatric Research*” at the American Society of Bioethics & Humanities (ASBH) 2022 in Portland, OR, USA held in Oct 2022.

Co-authored a paper published in BMJ, “*Experiences of medical and dental students of Pakistan during COVID-19 pandemic lockdown: a qualitative study*” 10.1136/bmjopen-2022-066442