

BIOETHICS NEWSLETTER

Bioethics Department of Shalamar Medical & Dental College

DIPLOMA IN HEALTHCARE ETHICS & PROFESSIONALISM

2024 Cohort Contact Session



The third cohort of the Diploma in Healthcare Ethics and Professionalism (DHEP) 2023-24 gathered at SMDC for a two-day contact session. The DHEP faculty welcomed them and engaged them in various interactive sessions. The session aimed to introduce the students to the DHEP course and faculty and stimulate Bioethics discourse.

ADVANCED CLINICAL ETHICS CONSULTATION

Capacity Building Workshops (Karachi-Lahore)

The Hospital Ethics Committees of the Shalamar Hospital, Aga Khan University



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DHEP CONTACT SESSION

Enthusiastic Faculty &
Students

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**ADVANCE CLINICAL
ETHICS WORKSHOP**

A Collaborative
Training Initiative

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**ASIAN PEDIATRIC
ETHICS NETWORK**

Faculty Spotlight:
Pakistan becomes a
member

Hospital, and Indus Hospital-Karachi held collaborative workshops in Karachi and Lahore on June 17, 2023, and June 24, 2023, respectively. The workshops, attended by Hospital/Clinical Ethics Committees of various institutes, aimed to promote a systematic and principled approach to the Clinical Ethics Consultation process. These workshops were part of a series of activities focused on Clinical Ethics in Pakistan, funded by the Hans Joachim Schwager Award received by Dr. Sarosh Saleem in 2021.



DHEP Admissions Open for 2024-25 Cohort

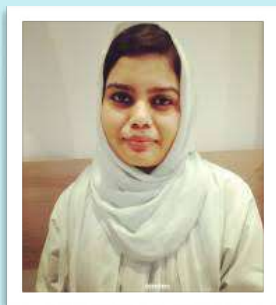
Admissions for the Diploma in Healthcare Ethics & Professionalism (DHEP) are now open. Applications can be submitted online at <https://smdc.edu.pk/dhep/>. DHEP is a one-year hybrid program specifically designed for busy clinicians. It is ideal for Clinical or Research Ethics Committee members and medical educators. Application deadline is March 1st, 2024.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Mariam Kamran, a student of MLT 2nd-year secured third position worldwide in the World Bioethics Day 2023 competition held by Int'l Chair in Bioethics/WMA Cooperation Center. Mariam won the prize for her poem on the theme of "Protecting Future Generations". *Bravo, Mariam!*



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



Annum Ishtiaq, DHEP'22, presented two papers at Australasian Association of Bioethics & Health Law Conference, held in Brisbane, Australia on 19-22nd Nov, 2023. Titles of Dr. Ishtiaq's papers: "*Changing Paradigms and Creating Opportunities - Establishing Clinical Ethics Forum and Consultations in Pakistan*" and "*Healthcare Ethics Literature in Pakistan: A Scoping Review of Thirteen Years*". Dr. Ishtiaq is a Family Physician and Palliative Care Physician at Liaquat National Hospital, Karachi and an Associate Faculty of DHEP.

Dr. Sarosh Saleem represented Pakistan at the Inaugural Asian Pediatric Ethics Conference [APEC 2023](#), 2-3 Oct 2023 in Singapore. Her talk in the conference was titled, "*Reclaiming Interests: Centering Children in Pakistan's Pediatric Ethics Discourse*". The conference was attended by Pediatric Ethicists from all over Asia as well as Australia and UK. An Asian Pediatric Ethics Network (APEN) was also established that aims to promote Pediatric ethics in Asia. Pakistan is committed to be an active participant of the APEN.

Dr. Sarosh Saleem is awarded the **Max Charlesworth Award** for her paper, "*Consensual Paternalism: Building a Case for Paternalism in Patient Care and Shared Decision-making*" at the Australasian Association of Bioethics & Health Law (AABHL) Conference held in Brisbane, Australia on 19-22nd Nov, 2023. Saleem presented another paper titled, "*Clinical Ethics Consultation: Exploring the Practice and Training in Pakistan*".