

REPORT

I have been asked by the President, APPNA to head the APPNA Specialty Networks Committee for 2018. I feel very honored and wish to submit the following:

I noted on the main APPNA website that the ADHOC committee for the Specialty Networks has the following members for 2018:

Khalid Kamal (myself, Chair)
Irfan Suleman (Co-Chair)
Rashid Khalil (Co-Chair)
Nadeem Ahmad
Irfan Ahmad
Asif Mohiuddin
Ghulam Mujtaba (Past Chair)

While Dr. Shahid Usmani is not on the list, I will very much like him to be. He gave a wonderful suggestion of connecting APPNA Specialty Network with the President of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Pakistan, Dr. Zafar Ullah Khan to form bridges, consolidate and strengthen various specialties.

Out of these I have the contacts and e mails of few, like Dr. Ghulam Mujtaba. I have contacted and met with Dr. Rashid Khalil.

On February 4, I created a Facebook working group for Appna Specialty Networks.

On February 6, Dr. Ghulam Mujtaba provided some history of the setup of various networks:

- 1- APPNA Cardiology: 2006
- 2- APPNA Pulmonogy: 2014
- 3- APPNA GI: 2014
- 4- APPNA- Psych:2014
- 5- APPNA Peds 2015
- 6- APPNA Hem-Onc :2015
- 7- APPNA Nephrology 2015
- 8- APPNA Anesthesia/Pain management 2015
- 9- APPNA Hospital Medicine 2017-18
- 10- APPNA RAD 2017-18
- 11- APPNA Surgery 2017-18

I don't have the e mails nor contact numbers of the office holders of say Pulmonology or Nephrology groups.

On February 25, I met with Co-Chair, dear Dr. Rashid Khalil and discussed

- 1) strengthening existing groups
- 2) nurturing budding groups
- 3) developing meaningful projects

On February 25, Dr. Muhammad Sanaullah formed a Facebook Group for Internal Medicine Hospitalists. There are 225 members.

On April 21, Dr. Majid Toseef Aized created APPNA Surgery Facebook group. There are 102 members. Dr. Adeel Shamim is the President. Dr. Sohaib Mohammad Khan is a PGY 3 surgery resident at Case Western, and Secretary. I have requested Dr. Aized, the Founder to have a teleconference so that we can proceed with election of more members and registrations.

Similarly, I have requested dear Dr. Sanaullah to have a teleconference of the Hospitalist group so that election of President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Committee may take place.

Dr. Mohammad Riaz, President, APPNA Peds left for Pakistan today to teach and train various specialists in Lahore, Islamabad and a few other cities about Neonatal Resuscitation Program. At APPNA Peds, we have had regular meetings and teleconferences, and we are very concerned that Pakistan has now the highest neonatal mortality rate in the world.

I will request that the main APPNA website may please provide links to various specialty network websites, Facebook groups, so that we may proceed further.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
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