

APPNA Education/ MERIT Report

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Please visit our new website www.appnamerit.com to register and becoming part of Medical Education in Pakistan. Following is the highlight of some of the Committee work.

1. Online Educational Courses

- Neurology Curriculum enhancement at resident level. A six-month Movement disorder course was started with University of Nebraska targeting Neurology trainees across Pakistan. After its great success a six-month Stroke course is being started this summer. Next year Epilepsy and Neuromuscular six months courses will complete major subspecialties in the Neurology Residency training. This has been supported and much appreciated by Pakistan Society of Neurology (PSN).
- A special course has been developed for primary care physicians in Pakistan to educate them with latest in the field of Neurology, titled NEUROLOGY for ALL (Neurology for Non-Neurologist). This will be offered first time in Global Health Imitative conference in Karachi this December.
- There is an interest in PMDC to approach APPNA for help in latest in Medical Education curriculum in line with requirement by the World Federation of Medical Education (WFME). The curriculum specialist in APPNA family will then be approach for this collaboration.
- Army Medical College has requested to enhance their undergraduate Neurology rotation for final year Medical students. Faculty development at NUMS and Army Medical College.

2. Visiting Faculty Program

- NUMS/HEC Visiting Faculty in Dec 2017.
- The Board of Governors LRH has approved the designation of Visiting Consultants. To begin with two subspecialties in Neurology and in ICU project.

- We will be organizing the visiting APPNA members interested in giving medical education in Pakistani institutions. A new website collecting the data base of all such visiting consultant has been launched. This will be divided in specialties. On the other side the database of institutional contacts in Pakistan will be prepared. The matching will take place well in advance of the visit for a smooth and effective time management. The process of data collection has been started by APPNA President blast mail, Education is caring.

3. Clinical Program development

- Lady Reading Hospital (LRH) in Peshawar KPK: Second MOU signed last year has seen the development of a Model ICU in LRH with the help of APPNA intensivist going on a rotation schedule complemented with Tele ICU efforts. The protocols and process have been developed and MS in ICU training is being explored. The research is part of this initiative.
- Second project at LRH is Neurology Center of Excellence. The Board of Governors LRH has approved all equipment and space presented in the document for foundation of COE along with the designation of Visiting Consultants. To begin with two subspecialties in Neurology Stroke and Movement Disorder have been selected for this year.
- Rawalpindi Institute of Cardiology (RIC) has requested for help set up a model post cardiac surgery ICU. The initial meetings with the leadership on both sides have started.
- Rawalpindi Medical University has requested APPNA MERIT to help develop a Neurology Center of Excellence which will be in line with the LRH project.
- NUMS has approached APPNA for help in Institute of Neuroscience in Medical City in I-17 Islamabad.

4. Annual Conferences and workshops

- Global Health Initiative is a unique vision of APPNA president and will be a major focus of 2018 with two conferences around APPNA Winter Conference in Karachi, Lahore and Islamabad. APPNA MERIT will be part of this.
- NUMS will hold a one-day symposium with APPNA around the Winter Conference in Pakistan to Global and Public Health initiative of APPNA president. This day will also showcase the Research collaborations and a Research Abstract competition. The revival of Medical Research Society of Pakistan (MRSP) is part of Research Initiative.
- Rawalpindi Medical University will have a brain storming session with Health care leadership and the VC in the Capital region to find and address the gaps in the Medical Education in Pakistan. Similar workshop and meeting will take place in Lahore with Punjab Government and VCs in the area as well in Karachi with Sindh Government and VCs in the Karachi city. .

5. Research Collaborative Network

- A website portal has been created for Research projects in our new website www.appnamerit.com. All Academicians and researchers in APPNA family are invited to fill a form so that a database according to the specialty can be prepared. This will include the area of research interest and previous research projects in their profile.
- The Medical students and the young faculty interested in different research projects will approach through this forum.

- A team of PI from Pakistan along with few member and a supervising US faculty will be built for a project which will then be presented to Higher Education Committee (HEC) for funding. The HEC has allocated substantial funding for ORIC in each Medical University.