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# 30 YEARS OF HOPE

## THROUGH THEIR EYES...



**Dr Faisal Sultan**  
Chief Executive Officer

During the Shaukat Khanum journey, many impossibles have turned into realities. You may have heard from Mr. Imran Khan that the very idea of a modern cancer centre in a developing country was viewed with scepticism even by many leading medical professionals of the day. This was echoed by one of the earliest senior executives hired for the hospital who felt that while the hospital had been built, it would not survive if more than a small percentage of its patients were offered free treatment. Yet, here we are, 30 years on with two functional hospitals, a third one under construction – and over 75% of cancer patients on supported or free treatment. All because of the generosity of our donors and supporters.

When we started building a hospital information system for our institutional needs, I saw similar scepticism from various quarters, but our team of dedicated IT professionals, with the help of end-users, have developed a system that not only powers our work in

clinical, administrative and financial domains but also helps to automate a number of hospitals and health systems in the country. There are many firsts for us including the first PET-CT and training programmes in nursing oncology and in a number of disciplines of medicine and surgery that started at Shaukat Khanum, a reflection of the can-do in the organisation.

I remember the day when I held the plans for the future research laboratory – but with no money in sight for it – the estimate was 30 million rupees. While I was mulling where to get the money, the phone rang and one of our marketing colleagues asked if I had a project for around 30 million rupees! The donor wished it to be spent for sadqa-e-jaaaria – what greater sadqa-e-jaaaria than research, and that is what made the Abdul Hafeez Cancer Research Wing a reality! Once again, thanks to a donor who donated her inheritance for this work.

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### Sarah

A childhood cancer survivor  
Registered on December 29<sup>th</sup> 1994

At the age of 11, my life was suddenly turned upside down, when I was diagnosed with cancer. A freak accident led to my diagnosis, after I was hit on my shoulder by a door, prompting an X-ray that revealed a bony tumour. I underwent surgery at a local hospital, but, fortunately for me, Pakistan's first specialist cancer hospital, the Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital and Research Centre (SKMCH&RC), was opening in Lahore at almost exactly the same time. I registered at the Hospital on the day of its inauguration, the 29th of December, 1994.

I can remember to this day the mixture of fear, uncertainty and hope that filled me that day, as well as the optimism that the staff instilled in me and which helped carry me through my treatment. I was fortunate in that my cancer was diagnosed at an early stage. The prospect of chemotherapy treatment was daunting, but the support, care and love I received at SKMCH&RC made it all so much easier to bear.

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Even in those early days, the Hospital went to great lengths to make cancer treatment less frightening for children and their parents, and I look back fondly on the regular parties and melas that were held for children with cancer. Many times, the founder of the Hospital, Imran Khan, attended these and I was also lucky to meet the late Diana, Princess of Wales, at one such event.

Today, I have not only beaten cancer but am myself a doctor, and a proud mother of two. The care and support I received at SKMCH&RC and the love and prayers of my family are what carried me through this. Every day, I wake up thankful for the opportunities I have been given as a result – a new life to enjoy with my own family, the ability to help others and the good fortune to be able to contribute, in some small way, towards ensuring that Imran Khan's dream of making world-class cancer care available to everyone in our country, becomes a reality. Shaukat Khanum was instrumental in making this new life possible for me, thirty years ago, when cancer was considered a death sentence.





**Dr Aasim Yusuf**  
Chief Medical Officer  
Joined on December 1<sup>st</sup> 1994

I shall always remember coming in for my first day, the 1<sup>st</sup> of December, 1994 and being taken to see two empty and unfinished rooms with bare walls, which I was told was to be the Endoscopy Unit. Most doctors start work at an established hospital, and just slot themselves in. I was incredibly lucky to join a month before the Lahore hospital opened, as this allowed me the opportunity to play a small part in the development and commissioning of this incredible facility. There were numerous challenges, including the fact that there was very little money left to actually run the Hospital and treat patients for free. It is nothing short of a miracle that we survived those early days and that, thirty years on, there has never been a single day when we were unable to remain true to our mission to provide world class cancer care to all our patients, irrespective of their ability to pay.

## Hospital's Longest-serving physician



Another enormous challenge at the outset was that we were denied an electricity connection. For the first seven months of operations, we ran the entire hospital on two large generators. In a building designed for central air-conditioning, in which the windows could not be opened, we worked through the Lahore summer with only a few pedestal fans in our clinics. Many a time, it was unclear whether there would be enough money left to pay staff salaries and, in one particularly difficult period, Imran Khan, who was for the longest time the single largest donor to the Hospital, donated the plot of land he had been given by a grateful nation for winning us the World Cup, so that proceeds from its sale could be used to pay the staff.

The decision to make our second hospital, in Peshawar, in around 2010, afforded me the opportunity to be much more involved in the design, construction and commissioning of this huge project. Today, this hospital offers all the essential cancer diagnostic and treatment

services that we have in Lahore. We achieved Joint Commission International accreditation for Lahore in 2018, and for Peshawar in 2019, and then became only the second organisation in the world to obtain JCI Enterprise accreditation, for our entire organisation, in 2022. These are huge achievements, and testament to the belief that in Pakistan, we can do anything we set our minds to, which imbues our organisation.

Our third, and Pakistan's largest, cancer hospital is currently under construction, in Karachi. The physical structure is complete, and I have no doubt that with the continued support of the people of Pakistan, we will be able to complete, equip and inaugurate this facility so as to be able to continue Imran Khan's dream of providing world class cancer care to all the citizens of Pakistan.

Become a  
**Founding Donor**  
Starting From  
**US\$ 5,000**



**Saleem Johnson**  
Chief Cashier,  
Finance Department  
Joined on December 10<sup>th</sup> 1994

I will never forget the day, in April 1996, when, while I was counting cash at the outpatient counter, I suddenly heard an almighty bang, which we all

immediately realised was the sound of a bomb going off – in our hospital. Everyone ran out, as did I, to be met by terrible scenes of wounded patients and staff, as well as a large fire in the main outpatient waiting area. I suddenly remembered that I had left the cash unattended. Overcoming my own fear, I ran back inside to retrieve the cash as quickly as possible, and while I am glad that I made it out safely, I believe it was the spirit of Shaukat Khanum, where every rupee given to us is held and spent as sacred trust, which motivated me to put others above myself that day, and continues to do so to this day.



**Mohammad Tahseen**  
Senior Histopathology Supervisor,  
Pathology Department  
Joined on December 1<sup>st</sup> 1994

Every day, my team and I handle biopsy samples that reveal whether a patient has cancer or not.

I feel the weight and pain of what these samples represent for a patient and how the hospital remains an inexhaustible source of hope for all who come in contact with it. Our Pathology laboratories are the most advanced, and the busiest, in the country, and I have had tremendous opportunities for growth

and advancement, during my time here. Looking at our vibrant campus, and its bustling surroundings today, I can still remember the time when it was surrounded by wheat fields, when it was common to find snakes in the grounds and having to leave for home in convoy, because of the ever-present risk of being robbed once we left the building. Most of us were young – and foolish, perhaps! – but these challenges served only to motivate us to work harder to help establish the organisation and to achieve levels of excellence that were only dreamed of, in Pakistan, until then.



**Mohammad Saleem**  
Cook, Food & Dietary Services  
Joined on December 15<sup>th</sup> 1994

I was working in a restaurant in Multan when Imran Khan came in to ask the guests for donations – I donated Rs. 50 from the little that I earned.

Soon after this, I decided to apply for a job at the new hospital. Friends and family all discouraged me, saying that the hospital would never be built, or that it would not run for long. I was struck by the passion I had seen in Imran Khan that day, and went ahead and joined, because I knew that working here would mean serving the needy. When I first started, I used to work on the *tandoor* (clay oven). The Hospital has trained me and given me opportunities to grow in my profession, and today, I cook meals for admitted patients, including curries and special diets, and it makes me very happy knowing that the meals I prepare help patients with cancer to heal and to recover.

Donate a  
**Meal & Help Heal**  
for 100 patients, starting from  
**US\$ 250**



# 30 YEARS OF FIGHTING CANCER



**75%**  
of our patients  
are treated **free of charge**

**US\$ 732 million**  
Spent on treatment  
of needy cancer patients

Installed **Pakistan's**  
**1<sup>st</sup> PET-CT**  
scanning system  
at SKMCH&RC, Lahore

We have **Pakistan's**  
**Largest** Clinical & Radiation Oncology  
Department equipped with linear accelerators  
having stereotactic radiosurgery capability

**500**  
**Physicians**  
have completed formal post-graduate training



**770**  
**Children have graduated**  
from the Hospital  
Schooling Programme



We established Punjab's  
**1<sup>st</sup>** population -based  
**cancer registry**



Punjab Cancer Registry also feeds data to the  
WHO Globocan (Global Cancer Observatory)

**4 million**  
Outpatient visits



**236,000**  
Surgical procedures



**1 million**  
Chemotherapy  
sessions



**1 million**  
Radiotherapy  
sessions



**87 million**  
Pathology  
laboratory tests



**250 bone-marrow**  
transplantation  
procedures completed



Pakistan's  
**Largest**  
breast cancer  
awareness campaigns



**1,528**  
Research publications  
in peer-reviewed journals



## OUR FOOTPRINT ACROSS THE COUNTRY



**2+1**  
Hospitals  
(1 under construction)



**3**  
Diagnostic Centres  
Lahore, Peshawar  
Karachi



**174**  
Collection Centres  
Nationwide



**4**  
Walk-in Clinics  
2 in Karachi, 1 in Lahore  
1 in Peshawar

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**Shaukat Khanum**  
Memorial Cancer Hospital  
and Research Centre



**1985**

Imran Khan vows to build a cancer hospital in Lahore to honour the memory of his mother, Shaukat Khanum, who succumbed to cancer.



**1990**

Dr. Nausherwan Khan Burki draws up the master plan of the facility in Lahore.



**1993**

- Tree plantation is done at the Hospital by Pakistan Cricket Team.
- First Shaukat Khanum Cancer Symposium takes place in Lahore.



- Imran Khan launches a mass contact campaign, touring 30 cities across Pakistan to collect funds for the completion of the project.

1985  
1994

The Stone Laying Ceremony is held at the construction site of SKMCH&RC, Lahore.



**1991**



**1992**

Pakistan wins the Cricket World Cup under the captaincy of Imran Khan, providing a boost for collection of funds required for the Hospital's construction.



**1994**

- Inauguration of SKMCH&RC in Lahore by a cancer patient.







**1996**

Diana, Princess of Wales, visits SKMCH&RC in Lahore.



**1997**

- Diana, Princess of Wales, returns to SKMCH&RC in Lahore to support a fundraising appeal.
- The first Shaukat Khanum Laboratory Collection Centre opens in Lahore. Today, there are 174 Laboratory Collection Centres across Pakistan.

**2000**

Clinical Research Office is set up to help in the development and dissemination of research guidelines, to facilitate clinical trials and to liaise between SKMCH&RC and other national and international research groups.

**2001**

- SKMCH&RC, Lahore is awarded ISO 9001 Quality Management System certification for cancer diagnostic and therapeutic services.
- Successful in-house development and implementation of HOPE, our Hospital Information System.



**2002**

- Fundraiser with Boney-M
- Registration with the College of American Pathologists for Proficiency Testing Survey.



**2004**

- The World Health Organization awards SKMCH&RC the UAE Health Award for outstanding contribution in healthcare development at the 57th World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland.
- SKMCH&RC celebrates its 10th anniversary.

**2005**

The International Network for Cancer Treatment and Research (INCTR) grants SKMCH&RC Associate Membership.

1996

2007

- Pakistan Centre for Philanthropy certifies SKMCH&RC.
- SKMCH&RC becomes a member of the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC)
- The Hospital conducts its first bone marrow transplant successfully.
- Inauguration of Shaukat Khanum Walk-in Clinic in Peshawar for screening of patients.
- Fundraising Dinner with Liz Hurley

**2006**



**2007**

- Inauguration of Shaukat Khanum Walk-in Clinic in Karachi.
- Inauguration of Services Building at SKMCH&RC, Lahore, allowing for expansion of new ICU and inpatient areas.



**2008**

Construction of a state-of-the-art Intensive Care Unit.

**2009**

- Re-launch of the Shaukat Khanum Tigers' Club.



**2010**

- SKMCH&RC installs Pakistan's first PET-CT Scanning System, costing US\$ 5 million.

2008

2017

PET-CT scanners are essential for early diagnosis, accurate staging, precise treatment and monitoring of cancer.

- Inauguration of The Shaukat Khanum Diagnostic Centre and Clinic in Karachi.



**2011**

Ground-breaking ceremony of SKMCH&RC, Peshawar.

**2012**

The Women's Imaging Unit opens, equipped with state-of-the-art diagnostic services and home to the One-Stop-Breast Clinic.

- SKMCH&RC celebrates its 20th anniversary.
- Construction of 4 new operation theatres, taking the total to 8.

**2014**



**2015**



- Pakistan's second SKMCH&RC in Peshawar opens its doors to patients.
- A New Outpatient Parenteral Antibiotic Bay opens at SKMCH&RC, Lahore.

**2016**



Ground-breaking ceremony of SKMCH&RC in Karachi.

**2017**



Construction of a new specialised Endoscopy Unit at SKMCH&RC, Lahore.





**2018**

- SKMCH&RC, Lahore is awarded Hospital Accreditation by the Joint Commission International (JCI)
- SKMCH&RC becomes the first facility in Pakistan to offer 3D digital mammography.



**2019**

- The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, Prince William and Catherine visit SKMCH&RC, Lahore.
- SKMCH&RC, Peshawar is awarded Hospital Accreditation by the Joint Commission International (JCI).
- Radiation therapy treatment commences at SKMCH&RC, Peshawar.
- Site preparation is completed for construction of SKMCH&RC, Karachi.

**2021**



- Our third PET-CT scanning system, and the second at our Lahore hospital, is inaugurated
- Surgical oncology services commence at SKMCH&RC, Peshawar



**2022**

- SKMCH&RC is awarded full Enterprise Accreditation by the Joint Commission International (JCI)
- The Food and Dietary Services at SKMCH&RC in Lahore and in Peshawar are awarded ISO 22000 certification for Food Safety Management System
- The physical structure of SKMCH&RC, Karachi is completed

2018

2024



**2020**

- Fighting on two fronts: cancer care continues during the Covid-19 pandemic
- Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's first PET CT scanner becomes functional at SKMCH&RC, Peshawar
- Our first TrueBeam linear accelerator capable of Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy (SBRT) and Stereotactic Radiosurgery (SRS) with Hyper Arc, is inaugurated at SKMCH&RC, Lahore
- The pharmacy residency programme of SKMCH&RC is accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP)

**2023**



- First patient receives Lu-177 PSMA therapy at SKMCH&RC, Lahore
- A new 12-bed admission holding bay opens
- SKMCH&RC receives certification under the "Quality Oncology Practice Initiative (QOPI®) Certification Program", which is associated with the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO)

**2024**



Shaukat Khanum Laboratory in Lahore achieves accreditation by the College of American Pathologists (CAP)