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# CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF FIGHTING CANCER THE JOURNEY CONTINUES WITH YOUR ZAKAT AND DONATIONS

## SURVIVOR'S STORY TAMSILA AMIN

Tamsila Amin, a devoted mother of four and a dedicated teacher from Rawalpindi, had faced her share of challenges in life. But nothing could have prepared her for the shock of being diagnosed with breast cancer in 2016. Despite the overwhelming news, Tamsila refused to let fear take hold. With unwavering determination, she started treatment journey at Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital and Research Centre in Lahore, undergoing chemotherapy, surgery, and radiation.

Throughout her ordeal, Tamsila's family stood by her, offering love, support, and encouragement. Her children, though young, showed remarkable strength and resilience, helping their mother through the darkest of times.

In 2024, Tamsila witnessed a momentous occasion – her son's graduation. Beaming with pride, she looked on as her child marked a significant milestone, a testament to her own perseverance and dedication.

Realising the importance of awareness and education, she began sharing her story with others, spreading the message of hope and the need for regular breast self-exam. Today, Tamsila continues to educate others about breast cancer awareness,



Tamsila at  
SKMCH&RC, Lahore

2016

empowering women to take control of their health. Her story serves as a reminder that cancer is curable and with courage, love, and support, we can overcome even the most daunting challenges.

With your support, we are equipped and ready to fight cancer, providing multimodality treatment, and helping patients like Tamsila leave cancer behind.

## HOW YOUR SUPPORT MADE A DIFFERENCE IN 2024

**31,000**

CANCER PATIENTS FUNDED  
WITH YOUR SUPPORT

**US\$ 61 MILLION**

SPENT ON PATIENT SUPPORT,  
OF WHICH

**US\$ 32 MILLION**

CAME FROM ZAKAT

## WHO RECEIVES YOUR ZAKAT?

After clinical evaluation, cancer patients needing financial support undergo a one-time financial assessment. Those deemed eligible for Zakat receive subsidised treatment, with over 75% of patients receiving all treatment completely free of charge. Shaukat Khanum Memorial Trust ensures that all Zakat is disbursed within the year of collection and used in accordance with Islamic principles. Zakat management at SKMT has been independently certified as being fully Shariah-compliant.



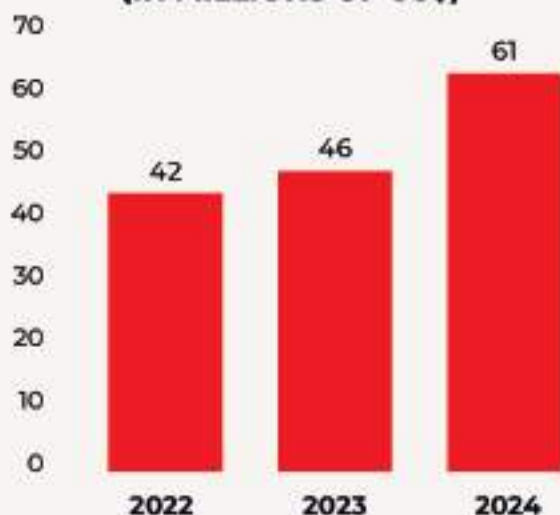
At her son's  
graduation

2024



## YOUR INCREASING SUPPORT HELPS US SPEND MORE ON TREATMENT OF NEEDY CANCER PATIENTS EACH YEAR

### AMOUNT SPENT ON PATIENT SUPPORT (IN MILLIONS OF US\$)



### Outpatient Visits



**362,439**

### New Registrations



**14,452**

### Pharmacy Dispensing



**2,559,609**

### Radiotherapy Sessions



**80,832**

### Chemotherapy Sessions



**82,114**

### Surgical Procedures



**19,599**



**70+ Patients Underwent  
Bone Marrow Transplantation**



## UPDATES FROM SKMCH&RC, PESHAWAR



With the help of our generous donors, we were able to make significant progress in 2024 at SKMCH&RC, Peshawar. We remain committed to providing high-quality, patient-centred care while promoting sustainability and education in 2025 as well.

- We have installed Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's **first 3 Tesla MRI scanner**, featuring enhanced imaging resolution and scan speed. The scanner, valued at US\$ 2.5 million, significantly enhances our diagnostic capabilities. The installation, which commenced in the first quarter of 2024, was completed in the third quarter of 2024.

- **One-stop breast clinic** opened at the hospital, an effective way to diagnose breast cancer where women can have physical breast examinations, scans and biopsies on the same day.

- **Radionuclide therapy** started for thyroid-related pathologies.

- As part of sustainability initiatives, the hospital implemented the **GREEN initiative**, focusing on energy conservation and reducing carbon emissions.

- **Deep Inspiration Breath Hold Techniques and Respiratory Gating System** introduced. These are only available at SKMCH&RC, Peshawar in the north of Pakistan, delivering precise radiation therapy for left-sided lung tumours and synchronizing radiation delivery with patient breathing patterns.

- **Plastic and Reconstructive surgery** services commenced.

- **Surgical Oncology Fellowship programme** approved by the College of Physicians & Surgeons, Pakistan started.

- Endoscopic Bronchial Ultrasound (EBUS) service is only available at SKMCH&RC, Peshawar in the north of Pakistan. The **first batch of respiratory therapists** completed their training.

## SHAUKAT KHANUM BREAST CANCER AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

According to Globocan estimates, approximately 31% of cancers seen in women in Pakistan are breast cancers. This is the leading type of cancer in our country in terms of incidence as well as deaths. For nearly three decades, Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital and Research Centre is running extensive awareness campaigns for early detection of breast cancer, which is critical for timely diagnosis and effective treatment.

Our campaign highlights the importance of self-examination, which remains an essential tool to detect unusual changes. This is aligned with the WHO Global Breast Cancer Initiative's aim of reducing global breast cancer mortality by 2.5% per year by 2040 and preventing 2.5 million global cancer deaths.

The theme of the Shaukat Khanum Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign 2024 was "Pay Attention to Yourself" with a series of awareness activities planned throughout the month of October.



More than

# 250

in-person  
awareness sessions

A special awareness  
session for

# 60

hearing impaired  
women in Karachi

# 198

pink walks



## SHAUKAT KHANUM LABORATORY IN LAHORE ACHIEVES COLLEGE OF AMERICAN PATHOLOGISTS (CAP) ACCREDITATION

In the last quarter of 2024, our pathology laboratory in Lahore was accredited by the College of American Pathologists (CAP), the world's leading organisation of board-certified pathologists. This accreditation culminates over two decades of collaboration between SKMCH&RC and CAP, which began with Proficiency Testing Surveys in 2002. The CAP accreditation programme is designed to ensure the highest standards of quality, accuracy, and reliability in laboratory testing.



The laboratory is accredited across all disciplines and sub-disciplines of laboratory medicine, including Histopathology and Immunohistochemistry, Cytopathology, Routine and Special Chemistry, Haematology, Flow Cytometry, Microbiology, Molecular Biology, Next-Generation Sequencing (NGS), Histocompatibility, Cytogenetics, Blood Banking, and Point of Care Testing.

## 23<sup>RD</sup> SHAUKAT KHANUM CANCER SYMPOSIUM

Pakistan's largest oncology meeting brought together

**116** Expert Speakers

**69** International Experts from

**14** Countries

**5,700+**

**Delegates**

**3,050 in-person**



The 23rd Shaukat Khanum Cancer Symposium (SKCS), Pakistan's largest oncology meeting, was a three-day hybrid event that brought together 116 speakers from leading hospitals and universities worldwide, including 69 international experts from 14 countries. Over 5,700 delegates attended the symposium, of whom approximately 3,050 attended in-person. The event is a unique forum for knowledge sharing, collaboration, and networking. It was accredited by the American Association of Continuing Medical Education, providing up to 33 Category I CME points.

The plenary talk was delivered by Dr Muzaffar H. Qazilbash from the MD Anderson Cancer Center, USA on Evolution of Cell Therapy for Blood Cancers. Dr Aasim Yusuf, Chief Medical Officer of the Shaukat Khanum Hospitals, gave an overview of Pakistan's oncology landscape and how Shaukat Khanum is bridging the gap in cancer management in the country. Professor Nick Maynard from the Oxford University Hospitals, UK, spoke on Gaza-A War on Healthcare.

The symposium featured research presentations on a variety of subjects, with awards given to outstanding submissions in different categories, including the Ahsan Rashid Memorial award, the Bashir-Alavi award, the Begum Mir Nursing award, and awards for the best free papers. These awards aim to recognise and encourage oncology research in Pakistan. The symposium covered talks on all the major cancer diagnostics and treatment related topics. This year, sessions on paediatric palliative medicine and Young Investigators Forum were also included for the first time.

"The Shaukat Khanum Cancer Symposium has established itself as a leading forum for professionals to share knowledge, advance research, and improve patient outcomes in oncology care in Pakistan," said Dr Aasim Yusuf. He congratulated the Chair of the organising committee, Dr Usman Ahmad and the Co-Chair, Dr Muhammad Faisal and added, "We are grateful to our international and national speakers and delegates for their participation and support. Planning is already underway for the next Shaukat Khanum Cancer Symposium to be held in Lahore from the 24th to the 26th of October 2025, with options to attend in person or virtually."

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