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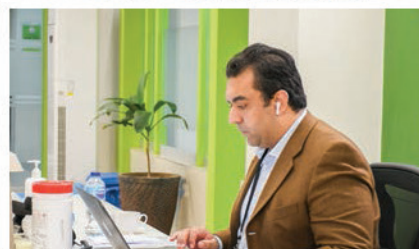
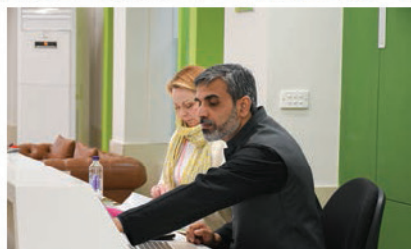


AL-SHIFA TRUST CONDUCTS FIRST-EVER FRCOphth EXAM IN PAKISTAN.

Al-Shifa Trust Eye Hospital Rawalpindi has become Pakistan's first-ever venue to host The Royal College of Ophthalmologists practical exam for the Fellowship Diploma. Following an extensive evaluation, including visits to Al-Shifa's facilities and departments by the Royal College team, the hospital's exceptional patient pool and logistics were acknowledged.

Held from February 19th to 23rd, 2024, the event offered a prime opportunity for local candidates without the need for international travel. Of the 20 candidates who participated in the exam, 3 doctors came from Al-Shifa Trust Eye Hospital, Rawalpindi, while the remaining candidates traveled from various regions across Pakistan, including one who traveled internationally.

Additionally, three team members from Al-Shifa Trust joined the examination team, underscoring the hospital's expertise and potential for future collaborations with international institutions.

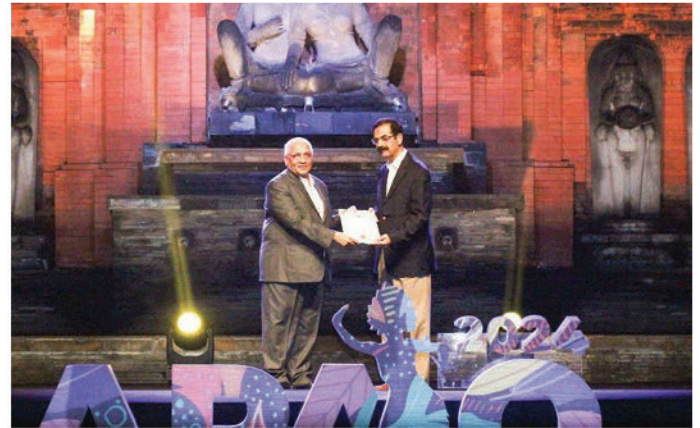


ASIA-PACIFIC ACADEMY OF OPHTHALMOLOGY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD BY APAO.

We are pleased to announce that Prof. Dr. Nadeem Qureshi, Chief Consultant & HOD of Retina Department at Al-Shifa Trust Eye Hospital, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology (APAO) at the 39th APAO Congress in Bali, Indonesia. This prestigious accolade recognizes his outstanding contributions to the eye care profession and remarkable advancements in ophthalmic developments.

At the same conference, Dr. Abdul Hannan, Assistant Professor at Retina Department of Al-Shifa Trust Eye Hospital, has been honored with the Leadership Development Program Award for the Class of 2023-24. The Leadership Development Program by APAO provides systematic orientation and professional development skills for the future leaders of Ophthalmology within the Asia-Pacific region.

Congratulations, Prof. Dr. Nadeem Qureshi and Dr. Abdul Hannan on this remarkable achievement and for representing Al-Shifa Trust on the global stage.



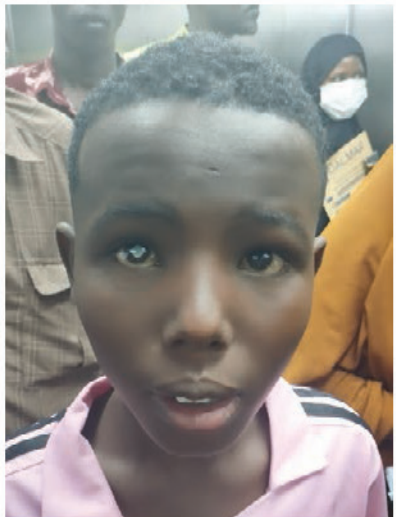
EYE CAMPS HELD IN SOMALIA THROUGH ACCO.

The government of Somalia requested Al-Shifa Trust Eye Hospital through COMSTECH to conduct essential eye camps in Somalia. The country is one of the poorest in Sub-Saharan Africa and therefore, required assistance to treat the widespread eye diseases in the region.

As a result, Al-Shifa Trust organized a free eye camp to actively provide essential eye care services in Mogadishu, the capital city of Somalia. President Al-Shifa Trust, Maj Gen (R) Rehmat Khan, proudly announced this international outreach activity, expressing confidence in our exceptional team of doctors who traveled to deliver free eye care services.

A team of four ophthalmologists—Dr. Hasan Raza Gulzar, Dr. Mujjaddad Rehman, Dr. Fawad Ahmed, and Dr. Faez Uddins—along with two OT assistants went to Somalia. They treated 5,625 patients, offering free medicines and glasses as needed. Additionally, they performed 401 free cataract surgeries, restoring the vision and hope of those in need.





BILL & MELINDA GATES MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE DELEGATION VISITS ASRC.



A two-member delegation from Bill & Melinda Gates Medical Research Institute, USA, Dr. Alexander Schmidt and Dr. Michael Dunne visited Al-Shifa Research Centre (ASRC). Prof. Dr. Ume Sughra, Director of Research at ASRC showcased our capacities and capabilities to the delegation, highlighting the depth of expertise and resources available at our institution.

The delegation thoroughly explored our clinical trial unit's strengths, capabilities, facilities, and resources. Their interest in Pakistan, particularly in therapeutic areas like malnutrition, underscores their commitment to global health initiatives.

This visit marks a continuation of their ongoing Probiotic Clinical Trial collaboration with ASRC and paves the way for long-term research alliances. It presents an incredible opportunity for knowledge exchange and collaboration at the nexus of medical research and healthcare innovation. The Gates delegation was also accompanied by the IQVIA team, led by Mr. Syed Munawar, further enriching the discussions and insights shared during the visit.

"We are excited about the prospects of advancing global health initiatives through collaborative efforts," team ASRC.



3RD INTERNATIONAL AL-SHIFA RESEARCH CONFERENCE.

The 3rd International Al-Shifa Research Conference at Al-Shifa Trust Eye Hospital was held on Friday, 8 March 2024 under the esteemed leadership of President, Al-Shifa Trust Maj Gen (R) Rehmat Khan. Prof. Dr. Ume Sughra, Director of Research, and the Al-Shifa Research Centre team successfully organized the conference under the theme “Exploring the Global Perspective: Trends & Insights of Clinical Research”.

The welcome address was given by Prof. Dr. Wajid Ali Khan, Dean & Chief of Medical Services, Al-Shifa Trust Eye Hospital, Rawalpindi. The chief guest of the conference was Dr. Obaidullah, Director Division of Pharmacy Services, Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan. The guests of honor were Dr. Baber Saeed Khan, Founder & CEO of The Emergent Platform, Karachi, and Prof. Dr. Shahzad Ali Khan, Vice Chancellor of Health Services Academy, Islamabad.



The speakers at the conference were renowned medical and clinical research professionals from across the globe, including Mr. Ben Laverty, Research & Development Operations Head, Southeast Asia, Australia & New Zealand, IQVIA; Mr. Lei Zhang, Vice President of International Medical Affairs Division, AIM Vaccine Co., Ltd, China; Ms. Janie Parrino MD, Clinical Development Leader; and Ms. Lori Muir, Clinical Trial Leader, Bill & Melinda Gates Medical Research Institute, USA; Mr. Syed Munawar Ali, Head of Clinical Operations, IQVIA Solutions Pakistan (Pvt) Ltd., Karachi; and Dr. Saboor Waris, Associate Director of Research, Maroof International Hospital, Islamabad. We are thankful to our conference participants and attendees for the enriching discussions and insights shared at this impactful gathering.

AL-SHIFA CENTER FOR COMMUNITY OPHTHALMOLOGY GOES DIGITAL.

Al-Shifa Center for Community Ophthalmology (ACCO) has transitioned to fully digitalized operations, thanks to our dedicated IT team. This transformation has revolutionized the way eye care is delivered in camps, as ACCO now operates as a Mini Hospital. From patient registration to medication provision, everything is computer-based. The integration of online systems ensures seamless coordination between camp patient data and the hospital database, while also enabling efficient inventory management.

With real-time reporting capabilities, ACCO is now better positioned to provide high-quality eye care to communities in need. Moreover, by leveraging real-time data analytics, we can now make informed decisions to optimize resource allocation and enhance the effectiveness of our upcoming eye camps.



CELEBRITIES JOIN HANDS WITH AL-SHIFA TRUST EYE HOSPITALS FOR RAMADAN DONATIONS.

Popular celebrities Waseem Badami, a television host and journalist known for his philanthropic endeavors and Sarwat Gilani, a prominent actress recognized for her commitment to social causes have teamed up with Al-Shifa Trust Eye Hospitals to support Al-Shifa's Ramadan donation drive. The partnership aims to raise funds for the trust's mission of providing quality eye care to the underprivileged.



ACCO CONTINUES EYE SCREENING CAMPS DURING RAMADAN.

Despite the holy month of Ramadan, Al-Shifa Center for Community Ophthalmology (ACCO) remains committed to its mission of providing essential eye care services to the underserved communities. ACCO teams in Rawalpindi, Sukkur, Kohat, Muzaffarabad, and Chakwal are actively running community eye screening and school screening camps, ensuring that eye health remains a priority even during this sacred time.



PRESIDENT AL-SHIFA TRUST DRIVES SPECIALIZED EYE CARE EXPANSION IN CHAKWAL AND KOHAT HOSPITALS.

Under the leadership of President Al-Shifa Trust, Maj Gen (R) Rehmat Khan, Al-Shifa Trust's Chakwal and Kohat Hospitals have introduced new subspecialty departments, enhancing their capacity to deliver specialized eye care services.

Chakwal Hospital now has an up and running Retina department, while Kohat Hospital has introduced both Retina and Glaucoma departments, which are now fully functional. These expansions underscore the President's commitment to advancing excellence in eye care services across all hospitals of Al-Shifa Trust.

PREPARATION TO LAUNCH GILGIT HOSPITAL.

Al-Shifa Trust is ready to start building its new eye hospital in Gilgit. With the acquisition of the land generously donated by the Government of Gilgit Baltistan and the successful completion of the feasibility plan, the construction is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2024.

The Rupani Foundation has committed to contributing 50% of the construction cost. Another potential donor has also pledged 40 Million PKR towards the project. An additional 30 Million PKR and 100 Million PKR are required for the completion of the construction and equipment respectively. Sponsors and individual donors are invited to join us in collaboration.

CORNEA TRANSPLANTS IN SUKKUR.

Al-Shifa Trust Eye Hospital Sukkur celebrates the success of four new cornea transplants for deserving local patients. Since September 2023, the hospital has conducted 21 cornea transplants, completely free of charge. This wouldn't have been possible without the unwavering support of our dedicated team and the generosity of our donors.



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