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Plastic Surgery Forum Focuses on Safer, Smarter Patient Care

Jan 23: The University of Health Sciences (UHS) held a Discipline Specific Faculty Council (DSFC) meeting on Plastic Surgery bringing together senior surgeons, teachers and postgraduate trainees for in-depth, case-based academic discussion aimed at improving clinical judgment and patient care.

The DSFC session was inaugurated by Pro Vice Chancellor UHS Prof Dr Nadia Naseem, who welcomed participants and outlined the objectives of the forum. She said DSFC had emerged as an effective academic platform for structured discussion of complex clinical cases, helping promote evidence-based practice and stronger collaboration across specialties within plastic surgery.

The scientific session featured presentations by Prof Dr Moazzam Nazeer Tarrar, Prof Dr Kamran Khalid, Prof Dr Nauman Ahmad Gill,

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Prosthodontics Teaching Reviewed to Strengthen Dental Training

Jan 15: A panel discussion on evidence based prosthodontics; curriculum planning and implementation was attended by over 30 faculty members including principals and heads of departments from 16 affiliated and constituent dental colleges across the province.

Academically hosted by Fatima Memorial Hospital College of Medicine and Dentistry, the meeting featured a detailed presentation by Prof Saad Mateen on prosthodontics education frameworks, graduate exit competency mapping, and vertical and horizontal integration within the curriculum. This was followed by an extensive panel discussion led by Prof Zahid Iqbal, with panelists Prof Hina Zafar Raja, Prof Saad Mateen, Prof Usman Munir, Prof Momina Akram and Dr Muhammad Sohlab Nawaz. The discussion focused on the current integrated BDS curriculum and the future direction of prosthodontics teaching.

Addressing the forum, UHS Vice Chancellor, Prof Ahsan Waheed Rathore encouraged subject experts to work closely with the university on curriculum development and research projects, noting that curricula remain dynamic documents shaped by evidence based feedback.



Convocation Ceremony at Rahber Medical College

Jan 10: The convocation ceremony at Rahber Medical College for academic session 2019-24 was held with dignity and academic pride, under the leadership of Prof Nadia Naseem, Pro Vice Chancellor, University of Health Sciences (UHS), who presided over the event.

Graduating students were awarded degrees in recognition of their dedication, perseverance, and academic excellence. Faculty members, parents, and guests joined the celebrations, marking an important milestone in the professional journey of young doctors.

Prof Nadia Naseem congratulated the graduates and encouraged them to uphold ethical values, lifelong learning, and compassionate patient care in their future careers.





Family Medicine Courses Approved to Strengthen Primary Healthcare

Jan 22: The University has approved the launch of three- and six-month certificate courses in family medicine to strengthen primary healthcare services across Punjab.

The decision was taken at the 41st meeting of the Academic Council, chaired by Prof Ahsan Waheed Rathore. The programmes will be introduced in collaboration with the Punjab Healthcare Commission and offered through a blended system combining online learning with on-site clinical training.

The courses will be open to medical graduates who have completed house jobs and will include mandatory workshops and clinical attachments at medical colleges. The vice chancellor said certification would be required for doctors opening private clinics, adding that around 40,000 to 50,000 general practitioners would be required to complete the course within a year.

The council was also informed that UHS plans to introduce a two-year diploma and an MD programme in family medicine.

In other decisions, the council approved a zero-semester curriculum for PhD and MPhil students, a revised BS Human Nutrition and Dietetics curriculum developed with UNICEF, and academic calendars for MBBS and BDS for the 2025–26 session.

Seminar Highlights Need for Better English Skills in Healthcare Education

Jan 01: A seminar at the University of Health Sciences (UHS) called for focused English language training to help students overcome communication barriers affecting academic and professional performance.

Organised by the English Section of the Professional Skill Development Centre, the event was coordinated by Ms Tayyaba Zahid in collaboration with Prof Sarah Ghafoor. Keynote speaker Ms Kaneez Fatima



discussed code-switching and interlanguage issues, highlighting the impact of first-language transfer and recurring errors on classroom communication. In a second session, Mr Faheem Sarwar shared practical strategies to improve language competence in academic and clinical settings.



Psychiatrists Warns of Rising Stress and Self-Harm Among Medical Students

Jan 01: Senior psychiatrists and educators at the University of Health Sciences (UHS) have expressed concern over rising academic stress and incidents of self-harm among medical students, calling for early mental health screening and stronger support systems.

The issue was discussed at the Discipline Specific Faculty Council (DSFC) meeting in Psychiatry, hosted by the Allama Iqbal Medical College, with participation from faculty across Punjab. Speaking at the forum, Prof Sadia Yasir highlighted the pressures faced by newly admitted MBBS students and stressed the need for early assessment to identify students at risk. Dr Fatima Saleem presented a case of self-harm, showing how academic load and competition can overwhelm vulnerable students.

Participants noted that stress often increases over time and may peak in final years. They urged the implementation of counselling services, support groups, and orientation programmes to reduce stigma and improve early intervention.

Concluding the session, Prof Ahsan Waheed Rathore emphasised closer faculty-student engagement, while Prof Muhammad Asif Naveed highlighted the role of DSFCs in coordinated academic development.

Advanced Workshop to Strengthen Clinical Research Supervision

Jan 5: The University of Health Sciences (UHS) launched a three-day Advanced Research Methodology and Biostatistics (ARMB) Workshop to enhance the quality of clinical research supervision in medical institutions.

The opening day, held under the supervision of Prof Nadia Naseem, focused on developing a practical understanding of clinical trials. Participants explored different trial phases, selection of appropriate samples and outcome measures, and variations in trial design based on research objectives. Detailed discussions were also held on the differences between randomized controlled trials and pragmatic trials, supported by real-world research examples.

The workshop aims to strengthen supervisors' skills in research methodology and biostatistics, while improving their capacity to mentor postgraduate students.



The programme covers study design, data analysis, interpretation of results, and ethical standards essential for credible medical research. Senior academicians and clinicians attended the opening session, including Prof Junaid Rashid, Prof Iqbal Dogar, Prof Saira Afzal, and Prof Ahmad Nauman. Faculty members from UHS departments and affiliated colleges also participated.



UHS OBGYN Forum Highlights Science-Driven Approaches to Women's Health

Jan 06: The second Discipline-Specific Faculty Council (DSFC) meeting in Obstetrics and Gynaecology focused on strengthening women's health education through research-based teaching and updated clinical practices.

More than 75 senior faculty members from 45 public and private medical institutions attended the forum, which featured scientific lectures, evidence-based discussions, and structured case analyses aimed at improving undergraduate and postgraduate training.

Welcoming the participants, Prof Nadia Naseem said the DSFC served as a vital platform for linking

academic instruction with evolving clinical science and international standards. Prof Nudrat Sohail discussed curriculum reforms and competency-based training models for managing high-risk pregnancies and obstetric emergencies. Prof Amina Ahsan highlighted recent research on menopause, hormone therapy, and metabolic health, stressing personalised, patient-centred care. Dr Misbah presented emerging applications of artificial intelligence in assisted reproductive technologies, including embryo selection algorithms, predictive analytics, and improved diagnostic accuracy. Participants also reviewed clinical guidelines on maternal morbidity, infertility management, and minimally invasive gynaecological procedures. In his address, Prof Ahsan Waheed Rathore reaffirmed UHS's commitment to promoting collaborative research, innovation, and continuous professional development through such forums.





Hematologists Highlight Genetics, Diagnostics

Jan 06: Advances in the diagnosis and teaching of bleeding disorders were discussed at the second Discipline Specific Faculty Council (DSFC) session in Hematology, organised by the University of Health Sciences (UHS) and academically hosted by the Ameer-ud-Din Medical College in collaboration with the Shahida Islam Medical College.

The session opened with remarks by Prof Mohammad Asif Naveed, who highlighted recent progress in hematology and stressed the importance of continuous faculty development for strengthening undergraduate and postgraduate education.

Prof Nazish Saklain delivered a case-based presentation on Von Willebrand Disease and bleeding disorder of unknown cause, emphasising the diagnostic value of the Bleeding Assessment Tool and explaining key concepts of genetics and genomics. She also discussed emerging molecular approaches for patients with unexplained bleeding. This was followed by a clinical discussion by Dr Uzma Chauhan, who shared additional perspectives on diagnosis and management. From the UHS Department of Hematology, Dr Umera Saleem presented an overview of the genetic basis of Von Willebrand Disease, with special focus on the rare Type III variant.

In his concluding remarks, Prof Ahsan Waheed Rathore emphasised inter-faculty collaboration and announced plans to strengthen laboratory-based diagnostics and research at UHS.

Standardise Clinical Training for Speech Pathology Students

Jan 08: The University of Health Sciences (UHS) convened a faculty forum of speech-language pathologists to address the need for standardised clinical training for undergraduate students.

The Discipline-Specific Faculty Council (DSFC) in Speech and Language Pathology focused on aligning supervised clinical rotations with approved curricula and establishing uniform methods for competency assessment across affiliated institutions.

In his remarks, Prof Ahsan Waheed Rathore said the forum aimed to ensure that graduates met recognised



recognised professional standards and described the DSFC as a collaborative platform for strengthening academic links between UHS, colleges, and students. The session was hosted by Dr Saba Khaliq and Ms Shahzadi Arshad, who highlighted concerns regarding curriculum implementation and competency-based training.

Ms Madiha Maqsood discussed strategies for developing independent clinical skills, while Ms Shahzadi Arshad presented a structured logbook system to track student progress.

Opening the session, Prof Nadia Naseem stressed the importance of standardised clinical exposure. Participants agreed on the urgent need to bridge policy and practice gaps to ensure consistent training. The session concluded with shields presented by Dr Masooma and Dr Saba Khaliq.



UHS Releases First Selection Lists for Dental and Nursing Colleges

The University of Health Sciences Lahore (UHS) has issued the first selection lists for admissions to public sector dental and government nursing colleges in Punjab, highlighting strong competition among applicants this year.

For the BDS programme, the first list was released on January 16, with the overall closing merit recorded at 94.3273 percent. de'Montmorency College of Dentistry, Lahore, topped the list with a closing merit of 94.5808 percent, followed by Nishtar Institute of Dentistry Multan at 94.4394 percent, Fatima Jinnah Institute of Dental Sciences Lahore at 94.3758 percent, and the Dental Institute, Punjab Medical College Faisalabad at 94.3273 percent. A total of 235 open merit seats are available in four public dental colleges. Selected candidates were directed to deposit fees by January 21.

Meanwhile, the first selection lists for BS Nursing admissions were released on January 29. At the College of Nursing Shahdara Hospital Lahore, the highest merit stood at 93.5455 percent for the morning shift and 93.4167 percent for the evening shift. The lowest closing merit was recorded at DHQ Hospital Khushab, with 86.9167 percent (morning) and 86.0833 percent (evening). Across Punjab, 45 nursing colleges are offering over 6,000 seats. Nursing candidates must deposit their fees by February 2.

UHS Highlights Advanced ICU Physiotherapy Practices

The University of Health Sciences Lahore (UHS) organised Phase III of the Discipline-Specific Faculty Council for Physiotherapy on January 13, highlighting the role of advanced physiotherapy in intensive care units. The one-day workshop focused on strengthening clinical skills and aligning academic training with bedside practice. Arranged by the Department of Physiotherapy at the Institute of Allied Health Sciences, the workshop titled "Advanced ICU Physical Therapy



Techniques – From Ventilator to Mobility” brought together ICU physiotherapists and faculty from UHS and affiliated institutions.

The session was held under the leadership of Vice Chancellor Prof. Ahsan Waheed Rathore and Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof. Nadia Naseem, who emphasized the importance of early, evidence-based rehabilitation for critically ill patients. Dr. Muhammad Sharif Waqas led sessions on ventilator weaning, airway clearance, early mobilization, and patient safety. Director IAHS Dr. Saba Khaliq said the initiative was improving clinical confidence, while coordinator Dr. Gull Mahnoor Hashmi highlighted strong participant engagement and practical learning.







Hands-on workshop on flow cytometry to sharpen diagnostic skills

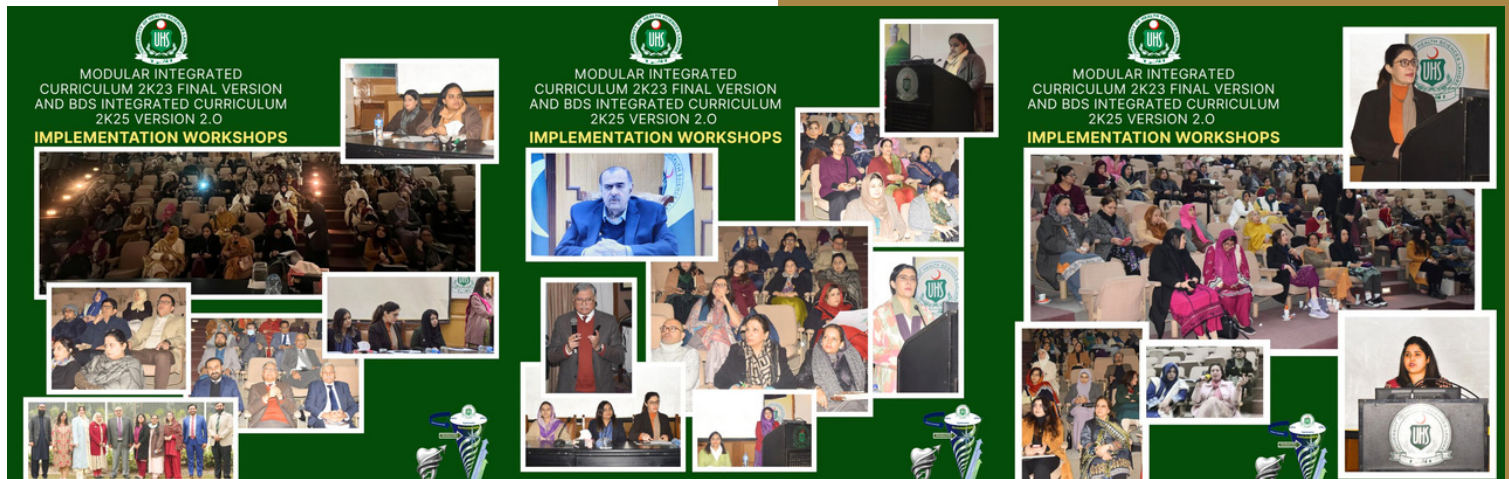
Jan 15: Titled “Precision in Practice: Flow Cytometry for Pathologists and Laboratory Scientists”, the joint workshop was arranged by the Institute of Allied Health Sciences (IAHS) in collaboration with the Pakistan Kidney and Liver Institute and Research Centre (PKLI) and the Children’s Institute of Allied Health Sciences. Held under the Faculty Council for Medical Laboratory Technology, the event aimed to strengthen diagnostic and research capacity in the use of flow cytometry, a rapidly expanding tool in modern laboratory medicine.

The scientific sessions featured Dr Mahjabeen Imam, Consultant Immunologist at PKLI, who discussed flow cytometry principles, instrumentation, and diagnostic applications. Dr Farhana Shahzad, Associate Professor, University of Child Health Sciences, presented its role in diagnosing and prognosticating primary immunodeficiency disorders and AIDS, highlighting markers such as CD4 and CD8. Dr Faheem Shahzad, Assistant Professor, IAHS, outlined its expanding applications in cancer diagnostics, immunology, microbiology, and translational research. The sessions were chaired by UHS Pro Vice Chancellor Prof Nadia Naseem.

UHS Orthodontics Forum Bridges Research and Clinical Practice

Jan 14: The University launched its first Discipline Specific Faculty Council (DSFC) in Orthodontics, bringing together senior dental educators from across Punjab to strengthen the link between research and clinical practice. More than 40 faculty members from 16 affiliated and constituent dental colleges attended the inaugural forum, held under the theme “Evidence-Based Orthodontics: From Research to Chairside Decisions.”

Head of Dental Sciences Prof. Sarah Ghafoor outlined the council’s objectives, including case discussions, journal clubs, curriculum reforms, assessment feedback, and collaborative research. Academically hosted by de’Montmorency College of Dentistry, the forum featured presentations by Prof. Iffat Batool on sleep apnea, and Prof. Junaid Israr Khan on growth modification. Dr Asmi Shaheen explored applications of artificial intelligence in orthodontics, followed by Dr Shabbir Hussain’s presentation on advances in naso-alveolar molding and nasal stent fabrication. In his address, Vice Chancellor Prof. Ahsan Waheed Rathore said the DSFC initiative would help bridge gaps between colleges and the university, ensure balanced student workload, and promote continuous, evidence-based improvement in dental education and training.



UHS rolls out hands-on workshops to bring new MBBS, BDS curricula to life

The University of Health Sciences (UHS) organized Curriculum Implementation Workshops for the MBBS 2K23 and BDS 2K25 programmes to support the effective rollout of newly approved curricula in classrooms and clinical settings.

Held on January 5, 7 and 8 by the Department of Medical Education (DME), the workshops brought together principals, senior faculty and academic representatives from medical and dental colleges across Punjab. The sessions focused on developing a shared understanding of integrated and modular curricula, ensuring uniform implementation while allowing flexibility to meet local institutional needs.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Ahsan Waheed Rathore appreciated faculty contributions to curriculum development and stressed that continued engagement was essential for maintaining quality and consistency. He said curriculum reform required teamwork and collective responsibility. Prof. Dr. Sumera Ehsan, Head of DME, outlined the implementation framework, highlighting the role of institutional teams in faculty orientation, student support, integrated teaching, assessment planning, mentoring and continuous review. Participants were also briefed on curriculum structures, assessment models and academic planning, with emphasis on balancing curricular and co-curricular activities to improve student learning and engagement.

UHS hosts forensic medicine forum to review medico-legal challenges

Jan 16: Organized by the Department of Forensic Medicine and Medical Jurisprudence, the meeting titled "Integrated Forensic Excellence" brought together faculty members and forensic experts from UHS and affiliated institutions to promote shared learning and standardized practices.

The scientific session featured keynote presentations by Prof. Dr. Shaukat Ali on post-burial examinations, Dr. Shoib Ramay on central nervous system stimulants, and Dr. Ahmad Raza Khan on fabricated injuries. The talks highlighted procedural gaps, diagnostic challenges, and medico-legal implications.

Participants engaged in active discussions, sharing field experiences and stressing the need for closer coordination with legal authorities.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Ahsan Waheed Rathore appreciated the deliberations and announced that the next meeting would focus on modular curriculum challenges and review of MCPS and DMJ programmes.





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Dr Muhammad Aslam Khan, Dr Ammara Rabbani, Dr Roomana Akhlaque and Dr Samia Fatima, representing leading institutions from across the country. Speakers presented challenging reconstructive and aesthetic cases, sharing practical insights drawn from real-world clinical experience.

In his keynote address, Prof Dr Moazzam Nazeer Tarrar spoke on chest wall and complex reconstructive surgery, stressing the importance of oncological safety, careful preoperative planning, appropriate flap selection and long-term functional outcomes. Prof Dr Kamran Khalid discussed contemporary approaches to facial rejuvenation, with emphasis on patient selection and maintaining aesthetic balance, while Prof Dr Nauman Ahmad Gill highlighted the importance of correct timing and anatomical precision in unilateral cleft lip repair.

In the concluding address, Vice Chancellor UHS Prof Dr Ahsan Waheed Rathore described DSFC as a valuable forum for continuous professional development, critical thinking and shared learning among faculty and trainees. He noted that regular scientific discussions of this kind contribute directly to better patient care by encouraging evidence-based decisions, interdisciplinary dialogue and reflective clinical practice, and appreciated the contributions of the speakers and participants.

Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons Highlights Role of Clinical Diagnosis

Jan 12: The University convened its first Discipline-Specific Faculty Council (DSFC) meeting in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, emphasizing that accurate clinical diagnosis remains central to safe and effective surgical decision-making.

Held at the UHS City Campus, the meeting brought together more than 35 senior faculty members from 16 dental colleges across Punjab. Prof. Sarah Ghafoor said the DSFC aims to promote clinico-pathological case discussions, joint journal clubs, curriculum feedback, and collaborative research to strengthen academic and clinical standards. Participants were informed that version 2.0 of the BDS Curriculum 2K25 has been launched, with improved integration of basic and clinical sciences, and that structured faculty input would guide further refinement.

The academic session focused on the diagnosis and management of vascular lesions, with Prof. Nabila Riaz presenting a complex clinical case that stimulated detailed discussion. A panel of experts stressed multidisciplinary approaches to oral cancer diagnosis involving clinicians, histopathologists, and oral pathologists. Faculty also supported expanded postgraduate rotations in high-volume diagnostic centres to enhance practical skills. UHS VC highlighted the need for coordinated training, shared clinical resources, and stronger community-based services to improve oral and maxillofacial care across the province.



Operative Dentistry DSFC moves to standardise teaching & assessment

Jan 16: The University of Health Sciences (UHS) held the first Discipline-Specific Faculty Council (DSFC) in Operative Dentistry to harmonise curriculum delivery, clinical training and assessment under the integrated BDS Curriculum 2K25.

The meeting, attended by more than 35 senior faculty members from 16 dental colleges, focused on developing uniform academic and clinical standards across Punjab. Prof. Sarah Ghafoor said the forum aimed to strengthen coordination between UHS and affiliated institutions and ensure consistent teaching content and evaluation methods, as operative dentistry will span second to final year under the new curriculum.

Academic host Prof. Sarosh Ehsan stressed the

Cardiologists stress prevention, research and evidence-based training

Jan 30: Leading cardiologists have called for a stronger focus on preventive cardiology, clinical research and evidence-based training at the second session of the Discipline Specific Faculty Council (DSFC) in Cardiology at UHS.

The academic forum, hosted by the Punjab Institute of Cardiology (PIC), reviewed recent advances in cardiovascular medicine, emerging prevention strategies and proposed revisions to the MD Cardiology curriculum. Experts emphasized integrating clinical practice with biomedical research to improve diagnosis, treatment and long-term outcomes in cardiac patients. Prof. Dr. Bilal S. Mohyuddin highlighted the importance of guideline-driven management, clinical audits and data-based decision-making. Prof. Dr. Sajjad Ahmad presented evidence on Pakistan's rising cardiovascular disease burden, stressing early screening, risk factor modification, and lifestyle interventions to reduce morbidity and mortality.

Addressing rheumatic heart disease, Prof. Dr. Abdul Wajid Khan Faisal called for multicentre epidemiological studies to establish national disease registries and inform public health policy. Prof. Dr. Abubakr Ali Saad emphasized competency-based medical education aligned with modern diagnostic and interventional techniques.



need for systematic implementation of integrated modules. Prof. Shahid Mehmood highlighted evidence-based teaching and structured assessment, recommending a standard reference textbook, structured viva with agreed questions, and clinical evaluation based on comprehensive lesion management rather than isolated cavity preparation.

Clinical sessions featured case-based discussions on avulsed tooth management, molar-incisor hypomineralisation, dental care in Apert's syndrome, and rotary endodontics, reflecting current scientific practices.

Participants noted gaps in objective structured practical examinations (OSPE) and resolved to improve clinical assessment standards. Training in MCQ and SEQ design was also emphasised.



UHS brings Orthopaedic experts together to sharpen surgical skills and standards

Jan 29: The University hosted the second session of its Discipline Specific Faculty Council (DSFC) in Orthopaedics, bringing together senior specialists and young faculty members to review modern surgical practices and strengthen postgraduate training.

Opening the session, Prof Mohammad Asif Naveed said the DSFC aimed to promote uniform academic standards and strengthen institutional collaboration in teaching and clinical training. The meeting featured two major scientific sessions. Prof Farooq Azam Khan and Prof Muhammad Hanif Mian discussed distal femur replacement, focusing on biomechanical considerations, implant selection, fixation techniques, and management of periprosthetic fractures and tumour-related defects.



They also reviewed outcome measures, complication profiles, and long-term functional recovery.

In another session, Dr Bilal Ahmad Abbas highlighted technical challenges in anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) reconstruction. He discussed graft biomechanics, tunnel positioning, fixation methods, and evidence-based rehabilitation protocols, stressing their role in preventing graft failure and instability. Participants also attended a hands-on workshop



on total knee replacement, where they practiced alignment strategies, soft tissue balancing, and intraoperative decision-making using standardised instrumentation. The session emphasised accuracy in mechanical and kinematic alignment to improve implant longevity and patient outcomes.

In her concluding remarks, Prof Nadia Naseem said such scientific forums were essential for promoting research-based practice, improving surgical competence, and raising standards of orthopaedic care across affiliated institutions.

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UHS, Astana Medical University Move Towards Formal Research Partnership

The University of Health Sciences (UHS), Lahore, and Astana Medical University (AMU), Kazakhstan, have moved closer to a formal academic and research partnership following two high-level meetings held on January 23 and 28, 2026, ahead of the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) early next week.

The meetings focused on identifying priority areas for joint research and academic collaboration, reflecting shared interests in public health and medical sciences.

Discussions covered non-communicable diseases, maternal and child health, infectious diseases and antimicrobial resistance, environmental and occupational health, mental health, health systems research, and emerging fields such as precision public health and data science.

The UHS delegation was led by Prof Ahsan Waheed Rathore and included Prof Nadia Naseem, Prof Sidrah

Saleem, Dr Midhat Salman, and Prof Mohammad Asif Naveed. The AMU team was headed by Prof Zarina, along with Prof Ayan Myssayev and Saltanat Kassenova. Under the proposed MoU, both universities plan to establish a structured framework for faculty and student exchanges, joint research projects, collaborative supervision of postgraduate scholars, shared access to research facilities, and joint scientific publications. Capacity-building initiatives, including training workshops and short-term fellowships, are also expected to form part of the agreement.

UHS leadership emphasised that international academic partnerships are vital for improving research quality, strengthening institutional capacity, and addressing complex health challenges through shared expertise. They noted that collaboration with AMU would facilitate exposure to diverse research environments and promote innovation in medical education and public health practice.

Once finalised, the partnership is expected to expand UHS's global academic presence and create new opportunities for Pakistani researchers and students to participate in multinational research networks. The collaboration is also expected to contribute to evidence-based policymaking and improved healthcare outcomes in both Pakistan and Kazakhstan through sustained academic engagement.

