

## **APPNA SAMS COMBINED LAHORE MISSION MESSAGE**

As part of the APPNA Medical Corps and SAMS Global Response team, it is a pleasure to be participating in Children's Hospital Lahore 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Medical Symposium.

Associations of Physicians of Pakistani Descent of North America (APPNA) and Syrian American Medical Society (SAMS) have partnered to conduct this medical mission. The sole purpose of the mission is to give back to our land of birth and help the most deserving people of Pakistan. I want to take this opportunity to thank SAMS physicians who have taken time out of their busy practices and their families to accompany us on this mission. SAMS had approached APPNA to inform us that a lot of Pakistani Descent Physicians volunteer in medical missions for Syrian refugees in Jordan and other countries and that SAMS would also like to help the Pakistani people. We are thankful for this noble gesture and glad that they are accompanying us.

The physicians on this mission are volunteering at Children's Hospital Lahore and Shaikh Zayed Medical Complex. The team plans to treat deserving patients, conduct teaching rounds and workshops and give talks at the symposium. We want to sincerely thank Deans of both Medical Centers for making it possible. Dr. Masood Sadiq and his medical staff have been very supportive of the mission. Dr. Masood has especially been extremely accommodating, welcomed us warmly and personally facilitated many of the arrangements. We truly appreciate his hospitality and help.

Each time I have visited Children's Hospital, I have been very impressed by the dedication and commitment of all its staff and the well run hospital operations. In spite of a high patient load and great variety of illnesses, Children's Hospital provides one of the best cares in the country. We hope we will be able to contribute to the excellent care of patients.

We also hope this will be the first of many more such medical missions to Children's Hospital, Lahore. On behalf of all the physicians on this mission, I thank you profusely for providing us the opportunity to serve the great country of Pakistan.

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