

## **Pakistan Society of Nephrology: To Infinity and Beyond!**

### **Message:**

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"I have a dream" was the famous saying by Dr. Martin Luther King, so we dreamt about the different projects during our tenure of leading the prestigious Pakistan Society of Nephrology (PSN).

First target was the development of website for the PSN and we are proud to have accomplished it. The website will be improved further with the suggestions and ideas of our worthy members. It has given a face to our society in the international arena.

Second project was the development of a registry for dialysis patients. Documentation of ESRD patients is of immense importance as shown by the benefit seen from data analysis from USRDS USA. It took a lot of effort and support from our colleagues to launch the Pakistan Renal Data System (PKRDS) site. It has gathered a lot of data and still needs a lot of support from the government to officially acknowledge and own the site and make it mandatory for dialysis units to register all their patients. In fact, the success of the USRDS registry of USA is dependent upon the reimbursement linked to the mandatory documentation of such patients in the USRDS registry. The government has to come up with some plan to enforce, if we are serious about the care of our kidney disease patients.

Third project was the publication of official journal of the PSN. With the efforts of the editorial team lead by Professor Dr. Aizaz Mand Ahmad Pakistan Journal of Kidney Diseases (PJKD) has been publishing important original articles from all across Pakistan. Still it is in its infancy and the journal has been submitted for the recognition by the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council. Initially we were hopeful to attract articles for a monthly subscription, however due to infrequent submissions we have converted into a quarterly journal. I am sure this effort will go a long way to provide continuous medical education for our colleagues and inspire them to get involve in research. It will also be a data base of information from different centers across Pakistan to be used in future analysis.

Lastly our target was to make an effort to have an international collaboration in our upcoming biennial conference of PSN. We had planned in March but due to unforeseen events it was cancelled to the current date. I am pleased with the level of cooperation that has been extended to the PSN by the International Society of Nephrology, Asia Pacific society of Nephrology and International Society of Peritoneal Dialysis. I am sure the program that has been carefully drafted will help us understand our shortcomings and ways to overcome the difficulties we are facing in a low resource society. Dr. Ahad Qayyum, the conference secretary has been a tremendous force along with others: Dr. Rizwan ul Haq dogar, Dr. Ibad ur Rahman, Dr. Mateen Ikram, Dr. Azhar, Dr. Haroon, Dr. Tariq Chaudry and Dr. Nauman Tarif. We have also committed ourselves to create a fund with a significant amount for supporting meaningful research from different centers of Pakistan. The fund will be announced at the inaugural session and a committee will be setup to overlook the whole process.

I hope that our sincere efforts with the help of the other members of the executive council PSN will continue to evolve to the international standards and ultimately the care of our nephrology patients will further improve.