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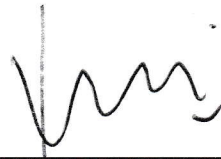
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**Subject:** Appointment of Dr Asad Latif as Chair, Department of Anaesthesiology & Service Line Chief, Anaesthesiology

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We are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Asad Latif as Chair, Department of Anaesthesiology and Service Line Chief, Anaesthesiology. Dr Latif will assume his new role in July 2019.

Dr Asad Latif is a proud graduate of the Aga Khan University Medical College, Class of 2001. Following his internship in general surgery from Hospital of Saint Raphael, New Haven, Connecticut, USA, Dr Latif completed a Residency in Anaesthesiology, starting at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, Massachusetts and completing from the State University of New York at Downstate, Brooklyn, New York in 2007. He continued his postgraduate training by completing a Fellowship in Adult Critical Care Medicine from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland. A Diplomate of the American Boards of Anaesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine, Dr Latif joined the faculty at the Department of Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine at the Johns Hopkins Hospital after finishing his clinical training, and subsequently obtained a Masters of Public Health from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in 2012, focusing on Health Systems and International Health. Since 2015, we have been fortunate to have Dr Latif serving AKU as Visiting Faculty, Anaesthesiology.

An active clinician, Dr Latif is currently Director, Division of Critical Care Medicine for the Department of Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, Baltimore, Maryland, and co-Director the their Surgical Intensive Care Unit and Burn Intensive Care Unit. He also serves as a faculty member in the Department of International Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and Core Faculty at the Armstrong Institute for Patient Safety and Quality.



Dr Latif's areas of clinical expertise include adult anesthesiology, with an emphasis on transplant, vascular surgery, and obstetrics as well as the care of critically ill patients. Renowned as a collaborator, he is the lead anesthesiologist in the multidisciplinary composite tissue programs at Johns Hopkins, including upper extremity, penile, and facial transplantation.

Aside from his active clinical responsibilities, Dr Latif's research interests lie in patient safety and quality improvement in perioperative and critical care settings, with an emphasis on preventing hospital-acquired infections, improving patient outcomes and communication, and health system strengthening, particularly in developing countries. He has led projects in Pakistan, the United Arab Emirates, Ethiopia and Saudi Arabia, implementing a comprehensive patient-safety oriented approach to evaluate and address infections in their intensive care units. He has authored more than 40 peer reviewed publications and book chapters and has been a PI or Co-I on more than eight major grant funded projects. Currently he is PI on three major grants including a multi-million dollar study aimed at adapting communication tools and techniques to improve the care of obstetric emergencies in the United States.

A strong advocate for high quality care of the surgical patient, Asad is also part of the Global Alliance for Surgical, Obstetric, Trauma and Anaesthesia Care, focusing on promoting surgical care as part of the global development agenda, and leading their efforts on developing a global perioperative data platform. He is additionally exploring the utility and integration of mobile technologies to improve patient safety in developing country settings. Dr Latif is also Associate Director of the Johns Hopkins International Injury Research Unit on the evaluation and development of trauma care systems in developing countries, and has led their efforts in developing a multi-national burn registry across collaborating institutions in the South Asia region, focusing on the accurate assessment of local epidemiology, assessment of existing infrastructure, and exploring potential cross-cutting issues. Dr Latif has received multiple international awards for his work and has supervised nearly 20 Pre-doctoral and post-doctoral research trainees.

It is our distinct privilege to be able to welcome Dr Latif back to the Aga Khan University Medical College, where along with leading Anaesthesiology, he will be a pioneer in health services research and a major force towards increasing patient safety and improving health care quality in the region. Please join us in welcoming him, his wife Mahwish and their three young children back to Karachi.

We would also like to take this opportunity to express our profound appreciation and gratitude to Dr Fauzia Nasim Minai for her invaluable contributions as Interim Chair and Service Line Chief, Department of Anaesthesiology since 2017. We look forward to her continued assistance. Dr Minai will remain Interim Chair / SLC till Dr Latif arrives in July.