



Clinical Trials Summit of Pakistan

17-18, February 2025



Main Conference Agenda

Day 1- 17 th February 2025		
08:00 AM – 09:00 AM	Registration	
Opening Ceremony		
Time	Title	Speaker
09:00 AM – 09:15 AM	Welcome Address & Overview of Summit Objectives	Dr. Saeed Hamid, Director, Clinical Trials Unit, AKU
09:15 AM – 09:45 AM	High level messages: Shaping the Future of Clinical Trials in Pakistan	Dr. Farhat Abbas, CEO, Aga Khan University Hospital Dr. Wasim Alamgir, V.C, National University of Medical Sciences Dr Arash Rashidian, Director of Science Information and Dissemination, WHO EMRO

Session 1- Pakistan Clinical Trials Landscape		
Time	Title	Speaker
09:45 AM – 10:00 AM	Pakistan Clinical Trials Landscape report	Dr. Babar Saeed Khan Director, CTU NUMS
10:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Disease Patterns in Pakistan and their impact on clinical trials	Dr. Zainab Samad Chair, Department of Medicine, AKU
10:15 AM - 10:55 AM	Data on Focus Therapeutic Areas	
	Pak Sehat: Mini Framingham of Pakistan, a longitudinal cohort for cardiovascular disease	Dr. Bashir Hanif Consultant Cardiologist, Principal Investigator PAK-SEHAT, Executive Director, Tabba Heart Institute, Karachi
	First Longitudinal Study of Cardiovascular Risk Assessment Among Adolescents and Young Adults in Pakistan (LIFE CARD)	Dr. Adeel Khoja Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, AKU
	Lessons learnt from the Diabetes Registry of Pakistan	Dr. Abdul Basit Professor and Head, Diabetes and Endocrine Centre, Indus Hospital and Health Network. Principal Investigator, Diabetes Registry of Pakistan (DROP) Vice Chairman, Health Research Advisory Board (HealthRAB)



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	Cancer Registration in Pakistan: Current Status	Dr. Shahid Pervez Professor & Consultant Histopathologist, Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, AKU
10:55 AM - 11:15 AM	Q/A session	
11:15 AM - 11:35 AM	Coffee & Tea	

Session 2: WHO Plenary Session: Best Practices to Strengthen Clinical Trials

Time	Title	Speaker
11:35 AM - 11:55 AM	WHO strategies for enhancing the conduct and use of research for health in the EMRO region	Dr. Arash Rashidian Director of Science Information and Dissemination, WHO EMRO
11:55 AM - 12:15 PM	WHO Normative guidance for best practices in Clinical Trials	Dr. Vasee Moorthy Senior Advisor, R&D Science Division, WHO HQ
12:15 PM - 12:30 PM	Preliminary results of EMRO wide landscape analysis of national clinical trials ecosystems	Dr. Arshad Altaf Science, Information and Dissemination (SID) WHO EMRO
12:30 PM - 12:45 PM	Iran's experience of RCT conduct and governance	Dr. Akbar Fotouhi Professor of Epidemiology, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, School of Public Health, Tehran University of Medical Sciences
12:45 PM - 01:00 PM	Q/A session	
01:00 PM - 02:00 PM	Lunch & Networking	

Session 3- Regulatory Framework Analysis- Global Best Practices

Time	Title	Speaker
02:00 PM - 03:35 PM	DRAP's Role in Advancing Clinical Trials in Pakistan	Dr. Obaidullah Director Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan
	From Bench to Bedside to Globalization	Prof. Dr. Shahrukh Hashmi Division Director Medical Research & Development, Department of Health, Abu Dhabi
	MHRA Regulatory Perspective on First in Human Clinical Trials	Dr. Essam Kerwash Leading Senior Clinical Pharmacology Assessor, MHRA
	Current issues in Clinical Trials: Experiences from the European Medicines Agency	Dr. Iftekhar Khan Former Expert Statistical Assessor EMA and MHRA



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	Regulatory Frameworks for Clinical Trial Excellence: Insights from Malaysia's Success Story	Dr. Azuana Ramli Director, National Pharmaceutical Regulatory Agency (NPRA), Malaysia
	New Drug Application-Regulatory and Scientific Aspect	Dr. Iftekhar Mahmood Independent Consultant Ex- Clinical Pharmacologist at FDA
03:35 PM – 03:45 PM	Q/A session	
03:45 PM- 04:00 PM	Coffee & Tea	

Session 4- Ethical Considerations in Clinical Trials		
Session Chair: Prof. Dr. Saima Pervaiz Iqbal , Chairperson NBC-R		

Time	Title	Speaker
04:00 PM- 04:15 PM	Role of National Bioethics Committee- Advancing ethical efficiency	Dr. Faiza Bashir Focal Person National Bioethics Committee for Research. Health Research Institute, NIH.
04:15 PM- 04:30 PM	Introducing Iran's Medical Research Ethics System	Dr. Akbar Fotouhi Professor of Epidemiology, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, School of Public Health, Tehran University of Medical Sciences
04:30 PM- 04:45 PM	The work of AKU Ethics Review Committees in enhancing clinical trials activity	Dr. Asad Ali Chair, Community Health Sciences, AKU
04:45 PM - 05:00 PM	Balancing Risk and Benefit in Trial Design	Dr. Aamir Jafarey Professor at Centre of Biomedical Ethics and Culture, Sindh Institute of Urology and Transplantation
05:00 PM- 05:15 PM	Q/A session	

Session 5- Advancing Oncology Clinical Trials in Pakistan- Building Consortia for Better Access		
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Time	Title	Speaker
05:15 PM- 05:35 PM	Improving Inclusion and Access for Oncology Clinical Trials: Lessons Learned in the USA and Global Implications	Dr. Khalid Matin Professor of Medicine Division of Hematology, Oncology & Palliative Care, Associate Director, Global Oncology VCU Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center, USA
05:35 PM- 05:55 PM	Building a Strong Oncology Research Ecosystem: US Insights for Pakistan	Dr. Shaalan Beg Adjunct Associate Professor University of Texas, Southwestern Medical School, Dallas, USA



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05:55 PM- 06:15 PM	Transforming Malaysia into a Preferred Destination for Clinical Trials: Insights from Clinical Research Malaysia	Audrey Ooi Head of Business Development Clinical Research Malaysia
06:15 PM - 06:35 PM	Lessons from the U.S.: Successful Models and Case Studies in Clinical Trials	Dr. Mazhar Jaffry President/ CEO Revival Research Institute, USA
06:35 PM- 06:50 PM	Q & A session	
06:50 PM- 07:00 PM	Summary of Discussion and Closing remarks for Day 1	

Conference Agenda

Day 2- 18th February 2025

08:30 AM – 09:00 AM	Coffee & Tea
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Session 1: Collaborative Pathways: Aligning Stakeholders in Clinical Research

Time	Title	Speaker
09:00 AM - 09:10 AM	Welcome Back: Highlights from Yesterday, Opportunities for Today	
09:10 AM - 10:10 AM	Collaboration Among Clinical Trial Units: Strengthening Pakistan's Research Ecosystem <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aga Khan University, Karachi NUMS, Rawalpindi Al-Shifa Trust Eye Hospital, Rawalpindi Shifa International, Islamabad Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital Research Centre (SKMCH&RC), Lahore Dow University & Health Sciences (DUHS), Karachi Ziauddin University, Karachi Rehman Medical Institute (RMI), Peshawar 	Dr. Saeed Hamid Director CTU AKU Dr. Babar Saeed Khan Director, CTU NUMS Dr. Ume Sughra Director Research, Al-Shifa Research Centre Dr. Maimona Siddiqui Director Shifa Clinical Research Center at Shifa International Hospital. Dr. Farah Asif Director CTU, SKMCH & RC Dr. Izhar M. Hussain Executive Director DUHS Dr. Zulfiqar Umrani Director CTU, Ziauddin University Dr. Naseer Ahmed Head CTU RMI
10:10 AM - 10:25 AM	Panel Discussion	
10:25 AM – 10:40 AM	Coffee & Tea	
10: 40 AM - 11:10 AM	Sponsors' Experience with Clinical Trials in Pakistan	Dr. Camilla Forssten Principal Clinical Manager, EU



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11:10 AM - 11:25 AM	Panel Discussion	
11:25 AM - 11:55 AM	<p>Evolving Roles of CROs and Essential Support Services in Pakistan Clinical Trials Landscape</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metrics Research • IQVIA • DRK Pharma Solutions • Trials 360 • ORCI Trials • Dimensions Research • World Courier Services 	
11:55 PM - 12:10 PM	Panel Discussion	
12:10 PM - 01:00 PM	Lunch	
Session 2- Engaging Patients and Communities		
Time	Title	Speaker
01:00 PM – 01:15 PM	Bridging Communities and Research: Facilitating Community-Based Clinical Trials	Dr. Fyezah Jehan Chairperson of Department of Pediatrics and Child Health, AKU
01:15 PM – 01:30 PM	Public and Patient Engagement	Dr. Timo Tolppa Global Health Researcher
01:30 PM – 01:45 PM	Upscaling Human Capacity in Clinical Trials	Shelly (Shilan) Sedighi President- ACRP Canada Chapter Founder- Qcare Health Research Corporation



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01:45 PM – 01:55 PM

Q & A session

Session 3- Shaping the Future of Clinical Trials: Innovations and Advancements

01:55 PM – 02:10 PM

WHO- CTU Maturity Framework

Dr. Vasee Moorthy
Senior Advisor, R&D Science Division, WHO HQ

02:10 PM- 02:25 PM

Applications of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) in Clinical Trials of Drugs and Devices: Regulatory and Practical Considerations

Dr. Iftexhar Khan
Former Expert Statistical Assessor European Medicines Agency and MHRA

02:25 PM - 02:40 PM

Decentralized Clinical Trials in Resource-Limited Settings

Dr. Shaalan Beg
Adjunct Associate Professor University of Texas, Southwestern Medical School, Dallas, USA

02:40 PM - 03:00 PM

Plenary Talk: Use Of Controlled Human Infection Models (CHIMs) In Vaccine Development: The Role of CHIM In Typhoid Vaccine Policy

Prof Andrew Pollard
Director of the Oxford Vaccine Group and Ashall Professor of Infection and Immunity, University of Oxford, UK

03:00 PM - 03:20 PM

Q & A session

Session 4- Addressing Rare Diseases in Pakistan: Insights and Initiatives

03:20 PM - 03:35 PM

Spectrum of Rare Diseases in Pakistan

Dr. Salman Kirmani
Chair & Director, Division of Women & Child Health, AKU

03:35 PM – 03:50 PM

Launch of the Pakistan Rare Diseases Society

Dr. Javed Akram
President, Pakistan Society of Internal Medicine

03:50 PM – 04:00 PM

Q & A session

04:00 PM – 04:10 PM

Summary of the Summit and Closing remarks

Tea & Coffee