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| **Punjab Bioethics group Inaugural meeting**Shalamar Medical & Dental College, LahoreFriday, Oct 9th 2020 |

# Call to order

The first meeting of **Punjab Bioethics Group** was held at **Shalamar Medical & Dental College, Lahore** on Friday,Oct 9th 2020. The meeting was virtually attended by professionals from various institutes of Punjab.

**Attendees included:**

Virtual members:

Dr. Nazli Hameed

Dr. Shabbir Bhatti

Dr. Ayesha Saeed

Dr. Naeem Zafar

Dr. Muhammad Fayyaz

Dr. Natasha Anwar

Dr. Saqib Mahmood

Dr. Muhammad Ali

Dr. Zahid Bashir

Dr. Kiran Arif

Dr. Afifa Ehsan

Dr. Ali Raza

Dr. Usman Rashid

Dr. Waqas

Dr. Ali

Dr. Rukhsana

Fazal Rafi

Dr. Shafique Farooq

Dr. Ainul Momina

Dr. Aamna Hassan

Dr. Muneer Akhtar

Ms. Mehtab Sikandar

In-person members:

Dr. Saadia Shahzad

Ms. Madiha Mumtaz

Dr. Farkhanda Ghafoor

Dr. Kashif Butt

Dr. Muhammad Maqsood

Dr. Sarosh Saleem

Ms. Naseem Rafique

Sana Tariq

Regrets:

Dr. Adil Akhtar

Dr. Rubeena Badar Khan

# Agenda of meeting

* Formal Introduction of members
* Aims of Punjab Bioethics Group
* Discussion on the way forward

# Meeting minutes

Meeting started at 9.30am with formal introductions. Dr. Sarosh shared the aims of the Punjab Bioethics Group.

Punjab Bioethics Group aims to:

* Bring professionals of Punjab with interest and curiosity in ethical issues on one forum
* Develop cooperation and collaboration in various domains of Bioethics, i.e Research Ethics, Clinical Ethics and Bioethics Education, etc
* Strengthen discourse on ethical issues faced in practice

All meeting participants introduced themselves and shared their area of interest in Bioethics. The diversity of members and aims of creating this group were appreciated.

**Presentation:**

Dr. Natasha Anwar gave a short presentation on Bioethics Interest Groups and overview of Karachi and Lahore bioethics groups. The Lahore Bioethics Group (LBG) has been active in holding meetings at various institutes of Lahore.

**Suggestions:**

All members appreciated the aims of PBG.

The mode, frequency and timings of PBG meetings were discussed. Dr. Ali suggested that the hybrid (virtual + physical) mode of meetings seemed most efficient and it should continue like this in future. Prof. Saleemi and majority agreed to virtual meetings.

Dr. Aamna Hassan suggested that PG’s should not be attending the sessions unless the proper framework of the group is made. The opinion was seconded by Dr. Farkhanda.

Dr. Nazli suggested that the group should be focusing on bioethical issues specifically. Topics of discussion for each meeting may be identified.

The valuable suggestions of all PBG members were noted and appreciated.

 **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned by the moderator Dr. Sarosh with thanks to all attendees for support and encouragement. The date and timing of the next meeting were decided as 6th November 2020 at 9:00am.

Minutes recorded by :

Ms. Sana Tariq