

## **Workshop Title:**

### **Beyond the Manuscript: Transforming Peer Review into a Quality-Driven Process**

## **Scope:**

This workshop on the peer review process and quality assurance in medical journals will focus on enhancing participants' understanding of the peer review system, its role in maintaining the integrity and quality of scientific publications, and strategies for improving the review process. It will cover key aspects such as the roles and responsibilities of reviewers and editors, criteria for high-quality reviews, ethical considerations, and tools for ensuring transparency and consistency in peer review. Participants will also explore challenges in peer review, such as reviewer bias, and learn about best practices for fostering a rigorous and fair quality assurance system in medical publishing.

## **Objectives:**

The objectives for the workshop on the peer review process and quality assurance in medical journals include:

1. **Understand the Peer Review Process:** Explain the different types of peer review (single-blind, double-blind, and open) and their importance in maintaining scientific integrity.
2. **Enhance Reviewers' Skills:** Through hands-on practice, equip participants with the knowledge and skills to conduct constructive, unbiased, and timely reviews. Train participants to give and receive constructive feedback to improve manuscript quality and review accuracy.
3. **Promote Ethical Standards in Peer Review:** Discuss ethical considerations, including conflicts of interest, confidentiality, and plagiarism detection.
4. **Implement Quality Assurance Practices:** Introduce strategies and tools for ensuring the transparency, consistency, and reliability of peer reviews across various national and international medical journals. Discuss international benchmarks for peer review quality and their relevance to local journals striving for international accreditation.
5. **Address Common Challenges in Peer Review:** Explore common issues such as reviewer bias, review delays, and overburdened reviewers while proposing solutions to streamline the process.
6. **Foster Continuous Improvement:** Provide participants with actionable insights on continuously improving their reviewing practices and the overall quality assurance system in peer review.

## **Details of the Workshop:**

- **Date and Time:** October 5, 2024, at 09:00 AM to 12.00 PM
- **Venue:** Conference Room, Library Floor, Avicenna Medical & Dental College, Lahore.
- **Facilitator:**
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  - Prof Faisal Nazeer Hussain, HOD Orthopedics Department, Avicenna Medical College, Lahore