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## New MBBS, BDS curricula launched after province-wide academic overhaul

**"It's a work not of moments, but of generations", says Health Minister**

Dec 31: The University of Health Sciences (UHS) formally launched the final version of its MBBS Modular Integrated Curriculum 2K23 and the second revision of the BDS Integrated Curriculum 2K25, marking the culmination of a rare, large-scale academic exercise that brought together hundreds of medical and dental educators from across Punjab.

The launch ceremony, held at UHS Lahore, was attended by Punjab Minister for Specialised Healthcare and Medical Education Khawaja Salman Rafique as chief guest, alongside senior academicians, university heads, former health minister, principals of medical and dental colleges, and members of statutory bodies. The minister inaugurated both curricula by pressing

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# UHS pushes shift towards interactive pharmacology teaching

Dec 23: The University of Health Sciences (UHS) brought pharmacology teaching under fresh scrutiny as educators from across Punjab gathered to rethink how the subject is taught to medical students in an era of changing learning needs. The province-wide forum, held at the UHS Jinnah Campus, KSK, was part of the Discipline Specific Faculty Council Phase III activities and focused on contemporary instructional strategies in pharmacology. Faculty members from affiliated medical colleges discussed moving beyond routine lectures towards more engaging, student-focused approaches that improve understanding and clinical relevance.

Organised by the UHS Department of Pharmacology under the supervision of Prof Muhammad Shahzad, the session featured expert talks by Prof Dr Munazza Zahir of Amer-ud-Din Medical College, who reviewed modern teaching methods and the challenges of their adoption, and Dr Asia Firdous of Lahore Medical and Dental College, who highlighted the value of case-based learning.

An open discussion followed, allowing participants to share experiences. Prof Dr Saeed Anwar of Rai Medical College concluded the forum by stressing continued collaboration and faculty development across institutions.



# Seminar calls for smarter, MCQ-led anatomy assessments

Dec 22: The University of Health Sciences opened a focused discussion on updating anatomy assessments, with medical educators urging a move towards more objective and concept-based evaluation methods for undergraduate students. Held under the Discipline Specific Faculty Council, the seminar titled “AIM – Advancing Integrated Assessment through MCQ-Based Evaluation” was organised by the UHS Department of Anatomy. Faculty members from UHS and affiliated colleges examined the limits of traditional assessment tools and explored how well-designed MCQs can support fair testing, consistent standards and deeper learning.



The session was moderated by Prof Dr Urur Zehra, head of the Anatomy Department at UHS. Prof Dr Qurrat-ul-Ain of Rahbar Medical and Dental College discussed the strengths and drawbacks of SEQs and MCQs, while Dr Tayyaba Muzaffar of Sheikh Zayed Medical College shared practical approaches for introducing MCQ-focused assessment models.

Addressing the forum, Vice Chancellor Prof Ahsan Waheed Rathore stressed collective responsibility for assessment reform and closer coordination among institutions.



## **Dermatology forum examines rare skin diseases and new treatment frontiers**

Dec 18: Complex skin disorders and emerging therapies came under discussion at a Discipline Specific Faculty Council meeting of Dermatology held at the University of Health Sciences, bringing together senior faculty from affiliated medical colleges.

Hosted by Allama Iqbal Medical College, the forum focused on clinical learning, postgraduate training and closer academic coordination. Prof Asif Naveed, Director Postgraduate Studies, said the council provides a structured space for shared learning and consistent teaching and assessment practices.

Prof Lamees Mahmood Malik, head of Dermatology at Jinnah Hospital Lahore, led discussions on challenging cases and recent advances, including biologic therapies. Participants reviewed complex presentations such as generalized pustular psoriasis in pregnancy and systemic sclerosis with drug-induced anaphylaxis, presented by Dr Amna. Prof Nadia Ali Azfar highlighted diagnostic challenges in leprosy, stressing multidisciplinary care, while Dr Ghazala Butt discussed future therapies beyond biologics, with a focus on stem cell research.

UHS VC underscored uniform academic standards, stronger faculty-student engagement and continued support for research and international collaboration.

## **UHS reviews MD Oncology research proposals**

Dec 17: The University of Health Sciences held a synopsis review meeting for the MD Oncology programme, chaired by Prof Abbas Khokhar.

Members of the Speciality Advisory Committee, including Prof Kausar Bano, Dr Fareeha Shaikh, Dr Amjad Zafar, Dr Zeeshan Ahmed Khan Niazi, Dr Zeeshan Ahmed Ansar, Dr Sobia Yaqub, Prof



Mohammad Asif Naveed, biostatistician Waqas Latif and Dr Minahil Adil, reviewed three synopses from Allama Iqbal Medical College. The committee offered detailed guidance to improve research design and support postgraduate students in conducting quality oncology research.



## Physiology faculty reviews assessment reforms

Dec 11: Teachers of Physiology from medical colleges across Punjab gathered at the University of Health Sciences to review how assessment practices should adapt to the needs of modern undergraduate medical education.

The third meeting of the Discipline Specific Faculty Council of Physiology, held at the Prof Tania Shakoori Conference Room, was organised by the UHS Department of Physiology and drew wide participation from affiliated institutions. Prof Mudassir Ali and Prof Saman of Rashid Latif Medical College opened the session by sharing their experience of implementing Curriculum 2023 and preparing faculty for modular-level assessments, stressing the value of collaboration for capacity building.

Dr Faraz Bokhari of Sheikh Zayed Medical College discussed emerging assessment challenges in the age of artificial intelligence and highlighted how AI tools can help develop better quality assessment items. Dr Wardah Anwar of Al-Aleem Medical College spoke on the use of OSCE, OSPE and OSVE in the integrated curriculum and called for uniform practical textbooks.

Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Ahsan Waheed Rathore chaired the concluding discussion and urged adoption of evidence-based assessment practices and stronger internal assessment systems.

## Nursing faculty trained on COMPASS curriculum

Dec 12: The University of Health Sciences (UHS) held a workshop to support nursing teachers in implementing the COMPASS curriculum in BS Nursing programmes across affiliated colleges.

Titled Navigating the Future of Nursing Education, the session drew 73 participants, with faculty joining both in person and online. The workshop introduced the philosophy and structure of the COMPASS curriculum and its alignment with BSN standards. Participants were guided on curriculum mapping, assessment design and developing learning activities based on competency-based education, with emphasis on simulation and community-focused training.

The sessions were led by Dr Lamia Yosuf, Director Medical Education at UHS, along with Mrs Asma Khalid and Mrs Samina Farooqi, while Prof Dr Samina Kausar opened the programme.



At the closing session, Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Ahsan Waheed Rathore said strong nursing education is key to better healthcare delivery and noted that the COMPASS curriculum will help produce practice-ready graduates responsive to community needs.

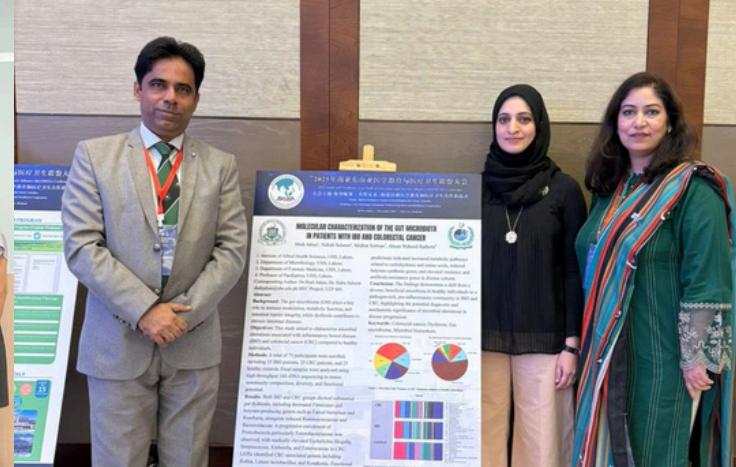


## UHS delegation forges global links at Bangkok conference

A delegation from the University of Health Sciences Lahore made a strong academic showing at the South and Southeast Asia Medical Education and Service Alliance Conference 2025, held in Bangkok from November 30 to December 2, while also opening new doors for international collaboration. UHS was represented by Prof Sidrah Saleem, Director Research and Head of Microbiology, Dr Shah Jahan, Associate Professor of Molecular Biology, and Dr Midhat Suleman, Director International Linkages. The conference brought together medical educationists and scientists from across South and Southeast Asia to discuss shared challenges in medical education and healthcare training.

At the SSAMESA working meeting on December 1, Prof Sidrah Saleem spoke on behalf of Vice Chancellor Prof Ahsan Waheed Rathore, thanked the hosts and highlighted UHS's ongoing curriculum reforms across medical, dental, nursing and allied health sciences. She also delivered a talk on gut microbiota metagenomics, antimicrobial resistance and the growing role of artificial intelligence in disease diagnosis and prevention, linking science with public health and the One Health approach. Prof Sidrah Saleem and Dr Shah Jahan also presented their research through a poster session that drew positive feedback.

On the sidelines, the delegation held meetings with universities in Thailand, China and Bangladesh, including a visit to Chulalongkorn University, to explore joint research projects, grants, and student and faculty exchange programmes, with a focus on nursing and public health.





## UHS Pro VC presides over 8th convocation of LMDC

Dec 20: The 8th Convocation of Lahore Medical and Dental College (LMDC) was held with UHS Pro Vice Chancellor, Prof. Nadia Naseem, presiding on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, UHS.

Degrees were conferred upon graduates of MBBS, BDS, Pharm-D, DPT, and Nutrition programs from the 2023 and 2024 sessions. A total of 286 graduates were awarded degrees and medals during the ceremony in recognition of their academic achievement.

The convocation was attended by faculty members, graduates, and their families.

Addressing the graduates, Prof. Nadia Naseem congratulated them and reminded them of the responsibility attached to the medical profession. She encouraged them to uphold professional ethics, serve patients with compassion, and continue learning throughout their careers.



## Leadership development session for medical educationists

Dec 19: The University of Health Sciences organised a hybrid leadership development session aimed at strengthening academic leadership among medical educationists from affiliated institutions.

Held by the Department of Medical Education, the activity titled "Leadership: An Action, Not an Option for Medical Educationists" brought together faculty from medical and dental colleges to discuss the role of proactive leadership in education and institutional growth. Senior



medical educationists Prof Zahid Kamal, Principal Rehbar Medical and Dental College, Dr Rafia Minhas, Director Medical Education at Rehbar, and Dr Sakina Joiya, Director Medical Education at Central Park Medical College, led interactive discussions and shared practical insights. Dr Farah Rahman, Associate Professor of Medical Education, welcomed participants, while Dr Sumera Ehsan, head of the department, highlighted UHS's role in promoting academic leadership across institutions.

Addressing the session, Vice Chancellor Prof Ahsan Waheed Rathore outlined the university's vision for leadership in medical education, stressing that it must be ethical, action-driven and responsive to national healthcare needs.



## Pulmonologists urge evidence-based care, stronger diagnostics

Dec 19: Senior pulmonologists reviewed clinical practices, diagnostic gaps and postgraduate training needs at a Discipline Specific Faculty Council session.

The forum focused on improving diagnostic accuracy and aligning training with clinical realities. Prof Mirza Ayub Baig of Jinnah Hospital highlighted delays caused by weak diagnostic protocols and limited laboratory support, calling for closer collaboration with UHS. Case presentations by Dr Zanobia and Dr Rao Abdul Rehman sparked discussion on structured diagnostic approaches, including scoring systems for pulmonary embolism. Faculty also backed a proposal for at least six months of ICU training for pulmonology residents. Vice Chancellor Prof Ahsan Waheed Rathore assured full institutional support, stressing evidence-based care, responsible prescribing and region-specific guidelines for common lung diseases.

## Microbiology forum tackles antifungal resistance, diagnostics

Dec 17: Experts from UHS-affiliated medical colleges discussed rising antifungal resistance and the need for stronger diagnostics at the third Discipline Specific Faculty Council meeting for Microbiology. Head of the UHS Microbiology Department Prof Dr Sidrah Saleem welcomed participants. Dr Namra Yunus of FMH College spoke on dermatophyte

infections, covering species identification and laboratory diagnosis, while UHS alumna Dr Zill-e-Huma discussed multidrug-resistant *Candida*, resistance mechanisms and emerging antifungal therapies.

An interactive discussion highlighted the growing burden of fungal infections, especially among immunocompromised patients, and the need for updated laboratory practices and molecular tools.



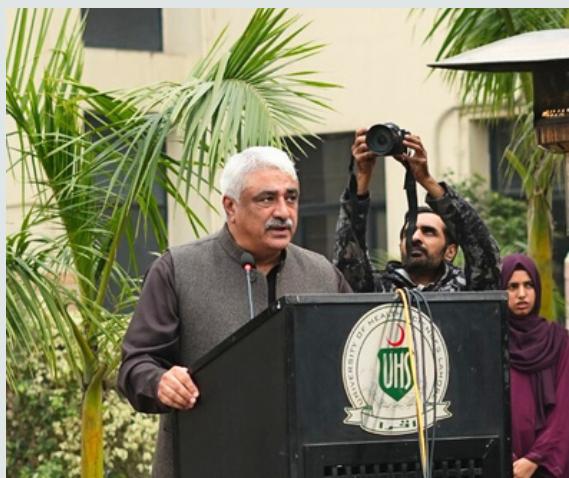
## Faculty represents Pakistan at global forum on elderly care

Ms Nayab Fatima, Lecturer and Nutritionist at the University of Health Sciences, represented Pakistan at the Regional Forum on Integrated Care for Older People held in Doha from December 8 to 10. Organised with WHO partners, the forum brought together experts from Egypt, Jordan and Pakistan.

Ms Nayab presented Pakistan's profile, highlighting ageing trends and gaps in geriatric care, and took part in technical sessions and hospital visits.



## Launching of MBBS Curriculum 2K23 (Final Version) & BDS Curriculum 2K26 (Version 2.0)



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## Pioneer DPT graduates thank UHS leadership for structured house job

Dec 02: The first batch of Doctor of Physical Therapy graduates met UHS Vice Chancellor and Pro-Vice Chancellor to thank the university for introducing a structured house job programme, which they said strengthened their transition from students to professionals. During the meeting, the graduates presented cakes and flowers and shared their experience of the programme, describing it as a much-needed step that improved clinical exposure, supervision and practical skills. They said the structured training helped build confidence and prepared them to handle patient care more responsibly as they enter professional life. Vice Chancellor Prof Ahsan Waheed Rathore appreciated the gesture and congratulated the graduates on reaching an important milestone. He said structured clinical training lies at the core of quality healthcare and plays a vital role in improving patient outcomes. Prof Rathore added that UHS is committed to raising standards in physical therapy education and ensuring graduates enter the field with competence, professionalism and integrity. He wished the students success in their careers and encouraged them to continue striving for excellence wherever they serve.



## Anaesthesia educators push AI and ultrasound-led training

Dec 9: Marking a new step in specialty-based academic coordination, the University of Health Sciences convened the first Discipline Specific Faculty Council meeting for Anaesthesia, focusing on modern training tools and patient-centred practice across Punjab.

Academically hosted by Allama Iqbal Medical College, the session brought together anaesthesia faculty from public and private institutions. Opening the meeting, Prof Muhammad Asif Naveed, Director Postgraduate Studies, said the council would serve as a platform to improve both undergraduate and postgraduate training standards.

Key discussions centred on emerging trends in the specialty. Prof Ashraf Zia and his team, including Dr M Umer Iqbal Butt and Dr Shaheer Nayyar, presented case-based sessions on the use of artificial intelligence in mechanical ventilation and the growing role of ultrasound in anaesthesia. They stressed the need for ultrasound-guided facilities in all operation theatres to enhance safety and clinical outcomes.

In his closing remarks, Vice Chancellor Prof Ahsan Waheed Rathore called for stronger teaching networks, targeted capacity building and greater emphasis on hands-on skills for anaesthesia trainees across the province.



## Oncologists focus on cutting-edge cancer care

Dec 10: Leading oncologists from across Punjab gathered at UHS to examine the latest advances in cancer treatment, as UHS held the first Discipline Specific Faculty Council session for Oncology aimed at strengthening clinical practice, training and research.

Academically hosted by Allama Iqbal Medical College under the guidance of Prof Kausar Bano, Head of Oncology at Jinnah Hospital, the forum brought together clinicians and researchers to discuss evolving therapies and academic coordination. Director Postgraduate Studies Prof Mohammad Asif Naveed said the council would help build faculty capacity and promote uniform academic standards.

Prof Kausar Bano reviewed updated international oncology guidelines, highlighting the expanding role of immunotherapy in aggressive cancers. Asst Prof Fareeha Sheikh spoke on managing immunotherapy-related toxicities, while Dr Amna presented 2025 updates in breast cancer care. Dr Zeeshan Murshid discussed adult vaccination guidelines for cancer patients.

Vice Chancellor Prof Ahsan Waheed Rathore, in his closing remarks, called for stronger laboratory-clinic linkages, long-term research investment and announced plans for new diagnostic services and a central oncology dashboard to support clinicians and researchers across the province.



## Synopsis review meeting for MD Gastroenterology

Dec 11: The Directorate of Postgraduate Studies at UHS held a synopsis review meeting for the MD Gastroenterology program bringing together faculty members and trainees from across Punjab. The session took place under the supervision of Convener Prof Shahbaz Ahmed Qureshi. He was joined by Dr Johar Amin, Dr Kashif Malik, Dr Asif Gul, Dr Akif Dilshaad, PhD faculty member Dr Aisha, and biostatistician Dr Quratulain.

The committee went through all submitted synopses and offered feedback aimed at helping candidates strengthen their research work. Postgraduate students from Lahore, Faisalabad, and several other institutions in the province attended the meeting.

Each synopsis was reviewed with care, and the panel suggested corrections and improvements to guide students in refining their proposals and ensuring clarity and quality in their thesis development.





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a button on a laptop, making them live on the university's website.

Addressing the ceremony, Punjab Minister Khawaja Salman Rafique congratulated the UHS vice chancellor and his team, calling the curriculum reforms "work not of moments, but of generations." He stressed that emergencies remain Punjab's biggest healthcare challenge and said strong hands-on training for medical students was vital. Referring to the vision of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, he highlighted key health initiatives including children's heart surgery, transplant services, dialysis facilities, Clinics on Wheels, field hospitals and new cancer, cardiology and children's hospitals, along with large-scale recruitment of healthcare staff.

The newly approved MBBS and BDS curricula will be implemented across all public and private colleges in Punjab following approval by a joint meeting of the UHS Syndicate and Boards of Studies. Vice Chancellor Prof Ahsan Waheed Rathore said the reforms, backed by the Punjab government, marked the culmination of decades of debate, introducing a clerkship-based, integrated model to improve training quality. Pro Vice Chancellor Prof Nadia Naseem noted that nearly 1,000 academics participated in the unprecedented, three-year review process, with emphasis on practical skills, professionalism and emergency life-saving training.

## **Renal stone management and transplant challenges reviewed**

Dec 24: Urology faculty from across Punjab gathered at the University of Health Sciences to discuss key clinical challenges in renal stone disease and kidney transplantation at a Discipline Specific Faculty Council session.

Organised by the Directorate of Postgraduate Studies and hosted by the Department of Urology and Kidney Transplant at Allama Iqbal Medical College, the meeting focused on strengthening postgraduate education through structured academic exchange. Director Postgraduate Studies Prof Dr Muhammad Asif Naveed outlined the role of DSFCs in faculty development and academic quality.

Prof Dr Naveed Iqbal delivered a detailed presentation on practical challenges in managing renal stones, followed by case presentations on complex issues in kidney transplantation by Prof Naveed Iqbal and Dr Salman Arshad. Interactive discussions allowed participants to share clinical experiences.

In closing remarks, Prof Dr Sidra Saleem, Director Research and Development, speaking on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, stressed continuous faculty development and a stronger research-oriented approach to clinical practice.



## Call for stronger focus on geriatrics in community health

Dec 24: Organised by the UHS Department of Public Health, the session focused on challenges facing Pakistan's ageing population, including gaps in education, limited resources and social and financial barriers to care. Prof Noureen Omer of RLKU Medical College and Dr Shamaila Husnain of FMH College Lahore led the discussion, stressing the need to formally integrate geriatrics into medical education and community health planning. Participants shared practical, locally relevant solutions to support prevention, early care and community-based services for older adults. Dr Farah Rahman welcomed the participants, while Dr Sumera Ehsan spoke on UHS's role in identifying public health priorities and supporting workable solutions.

## UHS celebrates Christmas, promotes interfaith harmony

Dec 23: UHS marked Christmas with a ceremony highlighting interfaith harmony, mutual respect and shared human values. Vice Chancellor Prof Ahsan Waheed Rathore joined Christian staff members in cutting a Christmas cake and extended greetings to the Christian community. Faculty members, officers and employees attended the event.



## Orthopaedics forum reviews spine training, global exposure plans

Dec 23: Senior orthopaedics faculty from across Punjab met to review postgraduate training, curriculum standards and emerging trends in orthopedic practice.

Organised by the Directorate of Postgraduate Studies and hosted by Ameer ud Din Medical College, the DSFC session featured case-based discussions on advanced spine care, including cervical disorders, D1-D2 pathology and spinal arthroplasty, led by Prof Hanif Mian and his team.



The MS Orthopaedics curriculum was also reviewed and termed aligned with international standards. Addressing the forum, Vice Chancellor Prof Ahsan Waheed Rathore reaffirmed UHS's support for faculty development and announced plans for international faculty rotations to Turkey, China and the UK, alongside visits by foreign experts to Pakistan. He said the initiatives aim to strengthen skills, research and global best practices in orthopaedic training.



## Medical editors urge policy reforms

Dec 10: Editors, medical journalists and academics from across Pakistan on Wednesday called for greater involvement of journal editors in national policymaking to improve the quality and international standing of Pakistani medical journals, at the first-ever Discipline Specific Faculty Council meeting on Medical Journalism held at the University of Health Sciences.

The forum, attended by more than 100 participants in person and online, brought together leading editors, researchers and representatives of regulatory bodies. Former health minister and ex-UHS vice chancellor Prof Javed Akram said medical publishing requires specialised oversight, proposing a joint PMDC-HEC committee and a stronger role for medical societies in shaping journal policies. He noted that while Pakistan has 32 impact-factor journals, editors often lack a formal voice in policy decisions.



Senior editors highlighted the need for trained medical journalists rather than ceremonial editorial boards and urged the introduction of structured medical writing courses at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. UHS Vice Chancellor Prof Ahsan Waheed Rathore said the university has launched nearly 70 Discipline Specific Faculty Councils to improve coordination and research culture, and plans to support the development of specialty journals, including in nursing and allied health sciences.



HEC's Syed Fauad Haider Naqvi briefed participants on the upcoming Journals Policy 2025 and assured that editors' input would be considered. The meeting was organised by UHS Pro Vice Chancellor Prof Nadia Naseem, who said the initiative aims to promote consistency, quality and global visibility in Pakistan's medical journals.



## Nephrology experts review training and new therapies

Dec 12: Senior nephrologists and educators from across Punjab gathered at the University of Health Sciences for the first Discipline Specific Faculty Council meeting for Nephrology, focusing on advances in kidney care, training and research. Chaired by Prof Dr Shafiq Cheema and hosted by Allama Iqbal Medical College, the session opened with remarks by Prof Dr Mohammad Asif Naveed, Director Postgraduate Studies, who said the council aims to strengthen faculty development and postgraduate training. Prof Cheema presented findings from a study on the use of semaglutide in chronic kidney disease patients with type 2 diabetes, highlighting its potential implications for future research. Prof Dr Fazle-Mateen and Asst Prof Dr Faiza Muzahir discussed a complex case of acute kidney allograft dysfunction, explaining the clinical sequence leading to graft failure.

Prof Naveed also briefed participants on progress in MD examination question banks and clinical rotation policies. Concluding the session, Vice Chancellor Prof Ahsan Waheed Rathore urged faculty to invest in professional growth, make use of exchange programmes and continue raising standards of nephrology training and patient care.

## Spotlight on early oral cancer detection and AI in dentistry

Dec 26: Early diagnosis of oral cancer, the growing role of artificial intelligence and the need to strengthen research skills took centre stage at a one-day dentistry seminar held at the University of Health Sciences.

Titled “From Oral Potentially Malignant Disorders to Artificial Intelligence”, the seminar brought together dental faculty from UHS-affiliated colleges and was chaired by Vice Chancellor Prof Ahsan Waheed Rathore. Experts discussed how early detection tools, digital technologies and a stronger research culture can improve patient outcomes and dental education.

Prof Momin Ayub of Avicenna Dental College highlighted staining techniques and fluorescence-based methods for early identification of potentially malignant oral disorders.



Dr Asifa of Rashid Latif Dental College stressed awareness of biomarkers, while Dr Sunnaeyah Waris of de'Montmorency College spoke on the expanding use of artificial intelligence in diagnostic pathology. Participants supported the idea of developing short AI courses and oral cancer data registries.

# MBBS ADMISSION



## UHS releases selection lists for public and private medical colleges

The University of Health Sciences has set the MBBS admission process in motion across Punjab by issuing the first selection lists for public and private sector medical colleges, offering a detailed snapshot of merit trends, institutional preferences and timelines for candidates. In the public sector, the closing merit in the first selection list stood at 93.6273 percent, slightly lower than last year's 94.3621 percent. King Edward Medical College, Lahore, once again topped the open merit list with 94.9167 percent, followed by Allama Iqbal Medical College at 94.4955 percent, the Services Institute of Medical Sciences at 94.2727 percent and Nishtar Medical College, Multan, at 94.1955 percent. Ameer-ud-Din Medical College closed at 94.0788 percent, Rawalpindi Medical College at 93.997 percent and Fatima Jinnah Medical College, Lahore, at 93.8697 percent. Narowal Medical College was last on the list with a closing merit of 93.6273 percent. Punjab's 17 public medical colleges are offering a total of 3,121 MBBS seats on open merit.

Selected candidates have been directed to download their fee challans from the UHS admission portal, deposit the annual fee of around Rs18,000 and submit written joining at their respective colleges by December 12. UHS Vice Chancellor Prof Ahsan Waheed Rathore has instructed all public medical colleges to establish facilitation desks to guide applicants.

The private sector list, released separately, reflects a much broader merit spectrum and a wider range of institutional choices. The highest closing merit in the first

list was recorded at Al Aleem Medical College, Lahore, at 92.7136 percent, underscoring continued preference for a handful of top private institutions. Sharif Medical and Dental College followed at 91.6586 percent, while Shalamar Medical and Dental College and FMH College of Medicine and Dentistry closed at 90.6364 percent and 90.1348 percent, respectively.

Several other Lahore-based and regional colleges also featured prominently in the upper and mid tiers. Lahore Medical and Dental College closed at 88.6924 percent, Akhtar Saeed Medical and Dental College, Rawalpindi, at 88.0869 percent, Rashid Latif Medical College at 86.2929 percent and Continental Medical College at 85.3313 percent. Towards the lower end of the list, a number of newer institutions recorded closing merits in the high 70s and low 80s, with Queens Medical College for Women, Kasur, closing the first list at 75.9465 percent.

A total of 4,350 MBBS seats are available in 33 private medical colleges across Punjab. Selected candidates are required to deposit an initial admission fee of Rs600,000 by December 30. UHS has also provided options for online joining, upgradation or stay through its admission portal.



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