



KEMCAANA

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Assalam-u-Alaikum

Since I joined KEMCAANA back in 2017, I've always asked myself this question. What does KEMCAANA stand for? What is it about? And I believe it finally clicked last year that in its very foundation, KEMCAANA is a network. A network of highly achieved and highly potential people who were self selected because of their aligned interests, goals and ambitions by being admitted to King Edward Medical University. I believe networks are highly important and highly underrated. We become each other's strength. Networks are how highly achieved people have created what becomes larger than life. We are all individually very unique and very impactful. But when we become part of a network and really belong to it and support and nurture it and take advantage of it, then each of us are able to punch much higher than their weight.

With this in mind, let me quickly summarize what KEMCAANA does, what is the scope of its work and what else can be achieved? And then in



the end I invite you to reach out to me with your thoughts, ideas and suggestions because in the end the only resource that KEMCAANA has is its members and its alumni. I see KEMCAANA's efforts in three broad scopes:

1. Giving Back

We have been making significant impact in helping improve the educational environment and infrastructure in Pakistan at King Edward Medical University over the years you have heard of many such projects including Maqbool Ahmed Block, our Keystone Project, and scholarships that we have been awarding as well as the Pediatric Burn Unit and so on and so forth.

Many such projects are still ongoing and will continue to happen and make our contributions to the growth of King Edward Medical University into many millions. I see KEMCAANA's role in empowering and providing a platform to all its members to be able to give back and make an impact in King Edward for its program and its associated teaching hospital that is Mayo Hospital. If you have any ideas, suggestions, if you would like to contribute in any way, do what has been done before or do something new, please feel free to reach out to us and we will make sure that we enable you to achieve what you would like to give back to our alma mater.

2. Educational Empowerment

We try to make a bridge with King Edward Medical University in North America to share good ideas, resources for education and improve the scholarship within King Edward Medical University. A lot of effort is actually done on the ground by the KEMU, but we try to help nudge or provide essential resources or just exchange ideas. This has been a growing area lately both for King Edward Medical University and KEMCAANA and we would like to continue to increase it. Years ago it started as an annual winter meeting which has really blossomed into a very large effort primarily now led by KEMU itself as well as significant contribution from KEMCA UK. But I think there are many other educational initiatives that have been done and continue to be evolved and grown. We helped establish the KEMU Journal for publications.

We also helped establish and then recently renovated the KEMU Computer lab and we look forward to working with KEMU on their additional initiatives such as their Artificial Intelligence Lab, Innovation Lab, and other educational endeavors. There are many other ideas being floated around and discussed such as an online learning management system and learning platform similar to APPNA Academy, developing an online KEMCAANA Academy for educational resources. If you have additional ideas or suggestions or would like to contribute to this academic endeavors by providing education, recorded lectures, curriculum syllabus, access to other resources or any such ideas, then please reach out to us.

3. Networking

Networking within the KEMCAANA alumni within North America for enhancements of our career and improving our standing in North America. This is the area that I think has been least developed within KEMCAANA and I believe that this should be our growing focus. We can be more effective for King Edward Medical University if we are a bigger and larger and more robust organization here in North America. In the end, our strength comes from being present in North America and that's why our name is KEMCAANA. We need to enhance our presence here. A lot of our members, alumni, and elders were very high achievers and did remarkable work. But somehow that never got translated into a network effect and enlargement of KEMCAANA alumni impact as a whole.

I have some ideas here. A big effort has been already initiated under the leadership of our past president Dr. Shahzad Khan by amendments into bylaw to create KEMCAANA Chapters. The whole idea of KEMCAANA Chapter is to initiate the engagement and networking of KEMCAANA alumni KE alumni locally and the goal is to share ideas and resources with each other, provide help where needed and guidance and leadership to improve the alumni members standing within their communities in North America, both in leadership as well as academically and possibly also economically. All of this will eventually lead to a more robust and stronger community of KE alumni that can then have a larger impact for KEMU back at home and also for Pakistan in general. I have some ideas around this. There is definitely a need for leadership programs, need for mentorship programs for our new members, young members, as well as better access and improved access to our Alumni Directory.

This will be the work that I will be focusing on for this year in 2025 and I invite your help. I request your help and invite anyone who has ideas or suggestions or would like to do some project within KEMCAANA on these lines to reach out to me and I'll be happy to discuss and support.

Within the same line. I think one area of neglect has been for us to strengthen our organizations economically. Although we have a lot of donated endowments that in themselves are pretty big, but the general funds or general endowments that are designed to help KEMCAANA survive and run itself has been very weak and not self-sustaining, making us more reliant on some kind of fees to other endowments. This will be another area of focus for me for this year that I will prioritize and focus on a single point of just raising funds for KEMCAANA Journal Endowment to strengthen the organization and we will pause all other unrelated fundraisings or donations for at least this year so that we can grow our general endowment to a point where it can sustain the organization's foreseeable future.

I request your kind donations towards the General Endowment with details below and we will be trying to do some fundraisers within the local chapters and in our annual meetings to try to raise funds to reach a target of \$1 million in our general Endowment for running of KEMCAANA Organization.

Again, I invite you to reach out to me with any thoughts, ideas or suggestions. You can see my email address below as well. If you prefer to contact me through cell phone then just send us an email and I will send you back my cell phone number to connect. I wish you all a very healthy and successful 2025.

Regards,

Danish Bhatti, MD, FAAN

President KEMCAANA 2025

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End-of-Year Report by Dr. Shahzad Khan President KEMCAANA 2024

Dear KEMCAANA Family,

As we conclude remarkable year, I am proud to share the incredible strides we have made together. Our collective efforts have strengthened the KEMCAANA community while making a lasting impact both in the United States and back home in Pakistan.

Tuition-Free 2nd Year MBBS: We are delighted to report that, for the second consecutive year, tuition fees have been fully covered for deserving King Edward Medical University (KEMU) students. This milestone was made possible through the generous support of our alumni network and the tireless efforts of the Thanks Scholarship Committee. Their dedication and collaboration enabled us to remove financial barriers and affirm our commitment to empowering the next generation of medical professionals.



Membership Expansion and Engagement Milestone: Recognizing that KEMCAANA is truly driven by its members, we devoted special focus throughout 2024 to expanding our community and fostering engagement. Thanks to targeted outreach and member-led initiatives, our membership grew by more than 18%, reinforcing the strength of our network and ensuring a broader base of support for all KEMCAANA activities.

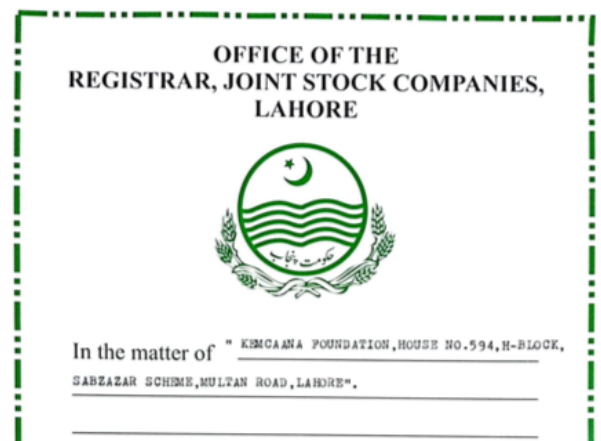
Postgraduate Scholarships and Interest-Free Loans: In 2024, KEMCAANA dedicated significant resources to support postgraduate medical education through merit-based scholarships and interest-free loans, providing essential financial relief to aspiring specialists. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our alumni network for their generous support and to the Thanks Scholarship Committee, led by Dr. Tipu Sultan, for their unwavering commitment to

administering these awards and empowering future leaders in medicine.



Record Resident Match Success: In 2024-25, KEMCAANA celebrated a milestone achievement as approximately 125 King Edward Medical University graduates successfully matched into residency programs—the highest number to date. This record reflects the strength of our Student Observership and Transfer of Skills initiatives, as well as the invaluable mentorship provided by our alumni network. Their guidance and the hard work of our program committees have been instrumental in preparing our students for competitive residency placements.

KEMCAANA Foundation: The KEMCAANA Foundation continues to expand its reach, supporting numerous projects that uplift communities through healthcare, education, and social welfare. This year, we have seen increased participation and contributions, further solidifying our foundation's impact.



Strengthening Alumni Collaboration: Fostering stronger ties among King Edward alumni remains a priority. This year, we organized an annual dinner, bringing together alumni from across the globe to reconnect, celebrate achievements, and discuss future collaborations. These gatherings not only strengthen professional bonds but also renew our shared commitment to serving humanity.



Scholarships and Infrastructure Development: We have expanded the scholarship program, offering more students the opportunity to pursue their dreams without financial strain. Additionally, we are excited to announce the completion of the auditorium renovation and the installation of an elevator in the historic Patiala Block—projects that enhance accessibility and the overall student experience at KEMU.



Streamlined Observership Program: Our observer ship program has become more structured and efficient, providing young medical graduates with invaluable exposure to the U.S. healthcare system. These experiences are instrumental in shaping future healthcare leaders.



Visiting Faculty Program and Webinars: In 2024 several KEMCAANA members visited King Edward Medical University and delivered lectures to students and faculty members. Online webinars also organized to share the knowledge and skills.



Endoscopy Unit: Started ERCP project at North Medical Ward, training local physicians; Drs. Sultan Mehmood, Wasseem Aziz, and Abdul Rehman instrumental. Class of 2005 raised funds; Drs. Hameed Khan and Abdul Rehman recognized. Dr. Sultan Mehmood developing fellowship pathway for GI trainees from Pakistan to USA.



KEMU Handicap Accessible: Significant improvement in the infrastructure at King Edward Medical University, Lahore with the generous donation from Dr. Arif Humayun Agha, a KE Graduate of the Class of 1984, recently installed an elevator (Lift) in the Patiala Block of the university. In addition to the elevator, two new ramps have been constructed to facilitate the ease of students with physical challenges, ensuring accessibility to all blocks of the university. This development marks a major step forward in making our campus more inclusive and accessible for everyone.



KEMCAANA Newsletter: Stared KEMCAANA Newsletter to keep our community informed about our projects, events, and achievements, and celebrate the contributions of our alumni in the USA, Canada, and beyond. It will serve as a platform for sharing news and fostering unity among members.



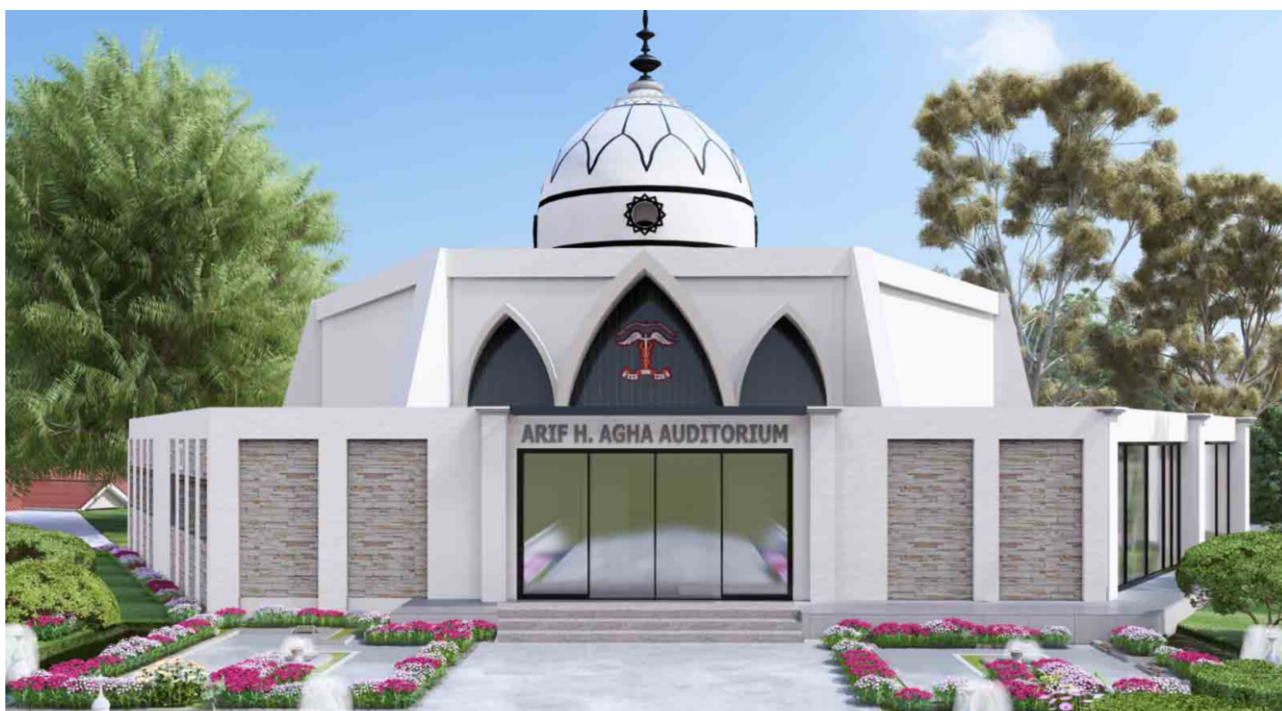
KEMCAANA Pakistan Chapter: Created this chapter and formed a special committee to help in better understanding of the Local Community needs, follow up on current and future KEMCAANA projects and help bridge the gap between diaspora and motherland. Also it will create more networking opportunities, research collaboration and guidance to students and young graduates of King Edward Medical University.



Continue Support for KEMCAANA Burn Center: Raised the funds to continue support for KEMCAANA Burn Center and provide the treatment of burn patients at Mayo Hospital.



Arif H. Agha Auditorium KEMU: The restoration of Old Auditorium, King Edward Medical University, Lahore with the generous donation (50 million rupees) by Dr. Arif Humayun Agha, KE graduate 1984. With this up gradation and provision of latest equipment now this state of the art facility is available for undergraduate/ postgraduate's students, faculty and trainees.



Chest Surgery - Mayo Hospital: KEMCAANA is proud to support the revitalization of the Thoracic Surgery Department at King Edward Medical University by mobilizing resources and fostering a community-driven effort. Together, we aim to upgrade the infrastructure and provide essential surgical equipment to improve patient care and medical training.



Dialysis Project: The Mayo Hospital Dialysis Project is progressing well; established infrastructure for peritoneal dialysis in Pakistan under Dr Irfan Munir's leadership. Providing free treatment to 10 patients; quality metrics comparable to USA standards. Appreciate donations and support from partner



Ramadan Food Packs: In the blessed month of Ramadan, with your donations, we were able to provide Ramadan and Eid Food Packs to the less privileged families in Lahore, Lower Chitral and Bahawalpur. Rukhsana Foundation and Customs Health Care Society Pakistan help us in the distribution of food packs in 2024.

Bashir Cardiac Center at Mayo Hospital: Initiated the Bashir Cardiac Center at Mayo Hospital/ King Edward Medical University, Lahore with generous donation of Dr Bashir Chowdhary from Las Vegas, KE Class of 1968. Cardiovascular diseases are a leading cause of morbidity and mortality globally, and Pakistan is no exception. The rising incidence of heart diseases in the region underscores the urgent need for specialized facilities dedicated to the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of cardiac conditions. The establishment of a Cardiac Center at Mayo Hospital, Lahore, will not only enhance the quality of care but also reduce the burden on existing healthcare infrastructure.



Online Document Verification System: As a service to its members, KEMCAANA has put in place a document verification process for graduated Kemcolians working in the USA and Canada.



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Online Document Verification

Only members are eligible to apply online for this process.

If you are already a kemcaana member, please login here to start the application

If you are not a kemcaana member, please register here to start the application

LOGIN

BECOME A MEMBER

Application Fee:

If you are a life time member of kemcaana, then there is no fee for this application.

If you are an annual member, then fee for this application is \$50.

KEMCAANA Meetings: In 2024 we continued our tradition of hosting KEMCAANA Retreat in Dallas, Texas. Organized KEMCAANA Summer & General Body Meeting at Maryland, United States with APPNA and Winter Meeting with KEMU at King Edward Medical University, Lahore providing platforms for networking, professional development, and community-building. These gatherings reflect the vibrant spirit of KEMCAANA and our commitment to staying connected year-round.



Looking Ahead: As we move forward, KEMCAANA remains dedicated to advancing medical education, patient care, and alumni engagement. None of these accomplishments would have been possible without your continued support, dedication, and generosity. Together, we will continue to build on this momentum and achieve even greater heights.

Thank you for being an integral part of this journey. Wishing you and your families a prosperous, healthy, and fulfilling new year.

Warm regards,

Shahzad Khan, MD
President, KEMCAANA 2024

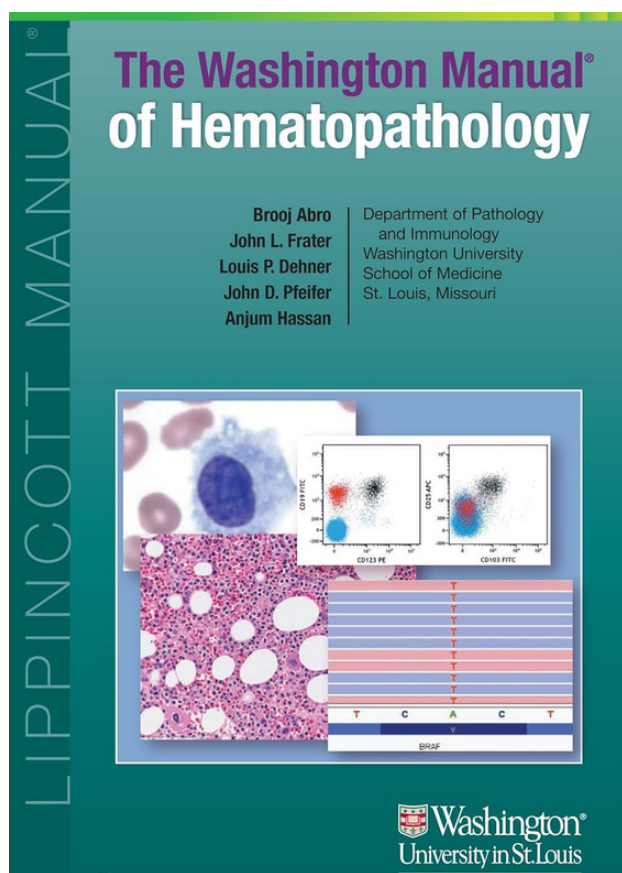


KEMCAANA Member's Achievements

I am a graduate of King Edward Medical University, batch of 2007. Following the footsteps of my father, Dr Ihtesham ud din Qureshi, KE graduate of 1980, I pursued a career in pathology. I completed my pathology residency at the University of Tennessee, Memphis and went on to pursue a fellowship in hematopathology at Indiana University. I am currently an Adjunct Assistant Professor at St. Louis University and a staff physician at the VA St. Louis. My clinical and research interests are focused on B and T-cell leukemia/lymphoma, myelodysplastic syndrome, and plasma cell myeloma.

The Washington manual book series is highly respected worldwide across various medical specialties. During medical school, I studied the "Washington Manual of Surgery" and later during my residency, I relied on the "Washington Manual of Surgical Pathology". I have the privilege to write a chapter "Overview and Classification of Lymphoid Neoplasms" in the new Washington Manual of Hematopathology, authored by Dr. Anjum Hassan, a distinguished Professor of pathology at the Washington University in St. Louis. She trusted me with this opportunity, and it truly felt like a dream coming true. Recently, I had the honor of completing another chapter with her and Dr. Aliya Husain, another renowned and prominent Pathologist in the US, who also is a graduate of King Edward Medical University, for a textbook in the field of pediatric pathology which is considered as a cornerstone reference in this specialty.

I am the first in my family to come to United States on my own. As a single female at the time, it was incredibly challenging experience, marked by significant social pressures and being separated from family and friends, who had always been my source of comfort and support. Adjusting to a new culture, handling the pressure of being away from family and navigating a completely unfamiliar environment was overwhelming at times but my parents supported me in every step, believed in me and encouraged me to chase my dreams. I firmly believe that with relentless hard work, the support of the family, and inner strength, anyone can achieve their goals and overcome any obstacles in life. I want to thank my parents, my husband Farrukh and my kids Rumessa, Ibrahim and Rahmiya without whom this was not possible.



Amna Qureshi, MD

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EMPOWERING KEMCOLIANS WORLDWIDE

WHY JOIN KEMCAANA?

Global Network: Connect with a vast community of King Edward Medical College alumni across North America and beyond.

Professional Growth: Access mentorship programs, career development resources, and collaborative opportunities.

Community Impact: Participate in philanthropic initiatives supporting healthcare and education in Pakistan.

Events & Reunions: Attend annual retreats, seminars, and social gatherings to strengthen alumni bonds.

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MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES & FEES:

Annual Membership
Free (for 2025)

Life Membership
\$250

HOW TO JOIN:

Complete the form below:
<https://bit.ly/kemcaana-membership>



Together, we uphold the spirit of King Edward Medical College.

KEMCAANA CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF LEGACY & LEADERSHIP!



We are thrilled to announce that KEMCAANA will celebrate its **50th Anniversary** during the **APPNA Annual Convention 2025!** This golden milestone marks five decades of unity, service, and excellence among King Edward Medical College alumni in North America.

Join us at the **KEMCAANA Summer Meeting 2025** as we honor our rich history, recognize our pioneers and volunteers, and look ahead to a future of even greater impact. The celebration will feature special tributes, alumni spotlights, and exciting updates about KEMCAANA's vision moving forward.

Stay tuned for more details—and be part of this historic moment in the life of our alumni community!

