

## **Seventy-Five Years of Academic Excellence: Commemorating the Legacy and Future Vision of the Pakistan Armed Forces Medical Journal (PAFMJ)**

To mark the 75th Anniversary Edition of the Pakistan Armed Forces Medical Journal (PAFMJ), a commemorative academic event was held reflecting the journal's enduring commitment to excellence in biomedical research and scholarly publishing. The Chief Editor, **Prof Khurram Haq Nawaz**, in his keynote address, highlighted PAFMJ's remarkable journey since its inception in 1950—from a modest in-house medical bulletin of the Armed Forces Medical Services to a peer-reviewed, internationally indexed journal, currently recognized in Scopus and the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ). He emphasized the journal's continuous evolution alongside advances in medical science and publishing, including the adoption of fully digital editorial systems, structured peer review, and strict adherence to COPE and ICMJE guidelines, while acknowledging the invaluable contributions of former editors, editorial board members, reviewers, authors, and administrative teams. The editorial leadership—Editor **Prof Khadija Qamar**, Associate Editor **Prof Palvasha Waheed**, Joint Editors **Prof Muhammad Alamgir Khan** and **Prof Syed Fawad Mashhaddi**, along with other members of the editorial board—reaffirmed their collective commitment to quality enhancement, ethical publishing, academic mentorship, and continuous improvement. Distinguished founding members and senior contributors, including **Prof Mahmud Ahmed Akhter** (Prof Emeritus Ex Surg Gen Pak Army), **Prof Muhammad Aslam** (Vice Chancellor City University Islamabad and IMDC Islamabad) **Mr Shaukat Ali Jawaaid** (Chief Editor Pakistan Journal of Medical Sciences Karachi), and **Prof Akhter Shireen** (Chief Editor KMUJ Peshawar) shared reflective insights on the journal's early vision, formative years, and sustained progress over seven and a half decades. The deliberations also highlighted key achievements of recent years, such as sustained international indexing, strengthened online submission and peer-review processes, improved manuscript quality, expanded global readership, and continued accreditation by national regulatory bodies, while candidly acknowledging challenges including increasing manuscript volume, reviewer shortages, and growing international competition. Collectively, the addresses reaffirmed that with continued institutional support, senior mentorship, and collaborative commitment, PAFMJ remains well positioned to further strengthen its national and international impact as a leading voice in medical research and education

