

OBITUARY

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Prof. Dr. Zafar Ali Chaudhry, 1950–2020
(A Renowned Physiologist of Pakistan)

Professor Dr. Zafar Ali Chaudhry was born on 27th March 1950 at Faisalabad. He graduated his MBBS in 1975 from Nishtar Medical College (NMC), Multan and acquired M.Phil (Physiology) from Postgraduate Medical Institute (PGMI), University of the Punjab, Lahore in 1987. He was conferred Membership of National Academy of Medical Sciences (NAMS) in 1997 and Fellowship of American College of Physicians (FACP), USA in 1999. He did his doctorate (PhD) in Physiology from Colombo in 2000 and was awarded with Fellowship of NAMS in 2002. He was an approved PhD Supervisor by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan.

Professor Chaudhry was my classmate during MBBS studies at NMC, Multan and used to reside in Sina Hall. He was a vocal, candid, abrupt and a naughty class fellow. He was physically strong, tall and well-dressed. After graduation, he was a transformed personality and became humble, caring, helping and a sympathetic figure for anyone who may come across.

Dr. Chaudhry started his career as a Medical Officer in Punjab Employees Social Security Institution (PESSI) Lahore (1975–1978) and then decided to make Medical Teaching as his career. He joined King Edward Medical College (KEMC), Lahore as a Demonstrator in Physiology Department (1978–1985). After acquiring his M.Phil qualification, he served as an Assistant Professor/Associate Professor in Physiology at KEMC Lahore from 1987 to 2000. He was then promoted as Professor and Head of Physiology Department at Rawalpindi Medical College, Rawalpindi and served there from 2001 to 2003 and in the same portfolio was transferred to PGMI, Lahore (2003–2005). He also served in the same capacity at Allama Iqbal Medical College, Lahore from 2005 to 2010. After his retirement from Government Service, he remained Principal, Pakistan Red Crescent Medical & Dental



College from 2010 to 2012 and finally he worked as Principal, Amna Inayat Medical & Dental College, Sheikhpura from 2012 till his demise.

Professor Chaudhry was an excellent teacher and a logical examiner. He had over 50 publications in medical and biomedical journals of high standing. He conducted numerous workshops, seminars, symposia, training courses and conferences in Physiological Sciences and Medical Education. He was equally active in co-curricular activities and motivated students and faculty to go for speech competitions, sports, literary activities and joyful events of life. He was joyful, cheerful, full of life, and a warm personality.

Professor Chaudhry got admitted with gastrointestinal bleed and COVID-19 positive at AVH, Mayo Hospital, Lahore. His COVID got negative but developed uncontrolled hematemesis and breathed his last on 17th December 2020. He has left behind in his legacy, his loving wife, doctor children, gloomy friends, colleagues, and hundreds of his students.

May Almighty Allah bless his soul with eternal peace and grant courage and strength to the saddened family to bear this irreparable loss. Aameen!.

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