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BURNS CENTRE

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Healing with Care !

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Message by: Mr. S. M. Muneer,
Patron In-Chief,



Today I am pleased to see the publication of the 2nd issue of the Friends of Burns Centre newsletter. I feel really honored to be a Patron-In-Chief of the Friends of Burns Centre, because they are not only treating people but also giving them new hope, life and reason to live by counseling and rehabilitation. I would also like to appreciate the entire team of the Friends of

Burns Centre for performing their duties to severely burnt victims from all over Pakistan. As serving humanity is my aim, I request you all to do visit the Burns Centre whenever you feel comfortable. Your visit will surely let you empathize with the burn victims and let you know how difficult their life is. I am thankful to the philanthropists and well-wishers who have always supported the Friends of Burns Centre to achieve its mission. I take this opportunity to invite all philanthropists living in Pakistan or abroad to join hands with us in this noble cause.

May Allah bless you all ! (Ref: June 2016, Volume 1, Issue 2)

Goodwill Ambassador:

We are really thankful to Mr. Anwar Maqsood for becoming a Goodwill Ambassador of Friends of Burns Centre.



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It gives me immense pleasure to write these lines for the quarterly newsletter of Burn Centre affiliated with Dow University of Health Science. It is an architectural icon located in the Jubilee Block of Civil Hospital, Karachi. This is a state-of-the-art Centre catering to the needs of patients who have sustained critical burn injuries from all over the Province. This Centre has played a pivotal role in major catastrophes/fire incidents in the city. The nature and the gravity of the major burn injuries is such that patients stay longer in hospital and subsequently develop physical deformities in the form of contractures as well as mental trauma.

This physiological trauma is further aggravated by social stigmas attached to the occurrence of the event. It is imperative to assess and rehabilitate such patients by providing counseling facilities.

I appreciate and acknowledge the role of the NGO, the Friends of Burns Centre (FOBC), for its contribution in helping run the affairs of the Burn Centre smoothly and provision of services to humanity. I wish all the best and pray that Almighty Allah helps all the persons involved in this noble cause.

(Ref: Sep, 2017 Volume 2, Issue 2)


 Prof. Dr. Mohammed Saeed Quraishy
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Message by Ms. Arjumand Qazi (Treasurer & Co Founder Vice-President, F.O.B.C)



It gives me immense pleasure to share my thoughts regarding the journey that the Burns Centre project has been for me.

In 2001, answering the call of the then Governor Sindh, the trade & industry came forward and adopted the project that is now the Burns Centre -Civil Hospital Karachi.

I am eternally grateful to Almighty Allah that He gave me an opportunity to serve Him and humanity by making me a part of the founding members of the Burns Centre – a place of unfathomable agony and despair. The accident of burning and then the cost of patient care – both are the most harrowing experiences that any individual, any family can bear. .

A human being within minutes is reduced to the condition of an invalid – there are no warnings or predictions. The Burns Centre is the only unit that treats burns patients from all over the country- free of cost.

It is the first Burns Centre in Pakistan which was established as a public-private partnership in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, Government of Sindh, to operate according to international standards, as a state-of-the-art specialized institution. It promotes the only thing that can be done to avoid the incidence of burns that is - create awareness for 'Prevention from Burns'.

Previously the Burns Ward of the Civil Hospital Karachi used to provide treatment to patients from Sindh, Baluchistan, Punjab, NWFP and neighboring countries. The department managed approximately 20,000 patients per year, with an average of around 500-600 in-patients with severe burns, annually. Unfortunately, with the alarming rise in cases of burns, the Burns Ward had become insufficient to fulfill all the requirements and there was an urgent need to upgrade it into a full-fledged Burns Care Centre and Centre of Excellence. A patient welfare society by the name of Friends of Burns Centre (FOBC) was established to cater to this task in an institutional manner. It understood the situation and collaborated with several individuals, institutions, Trusts & Foundations and thanks to all these friends & colleagues that joined hands with FOBC for a purposeful cause, the Centre came into being and is still supported by them through FOBC to run it successfully and serve the patients with international standards.

The Centre has the modern operation theatres, 66 bedded facility, emergency treatment facility, Intensive Care Unit and a 24-hour clinical laboratory. All these diagnostic and treatment facilities are provided completely free to all patients.

As a founder member, I am indebted to all the institutions, friends and colleagues that have supported us in this cause and extend my profound appreciation for the efforts of all the friends who have strengthened FOBC to create 'a ray of hope and a way forward'.

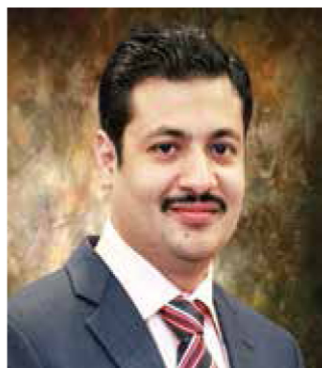
Together we can face the future with confidence and optimism. I request that whoever can extend whatever support to the Burns Centre may please do the same with the thought that Almighty Allah has chosen you to serve Him by serving humanity.



I am pleased to present you the first ever Newsletter published by the Friends of Burns Centre (FOBC) which will be continuously published quarterly. FOBC was the realization of the thought which was given and executed by the determined and devoted people living in Pakistan. I feel really honored to serve this organization as a president. So many people had been the victims of the incidents of scald, chemical, acid and fire burns, but there was no single hospital facilitating them with 100% free treatment. Analyzing the problem FOBC started facilitating burns patients/victims according to the international standards.

The future plans of FOBC are to open up a few satellite clinics of the Burns Centre all over Pakistan so that more people can be facilitated with our services because for burns injury first 6 hours after burns is crucial. Proper first aid must be provided to the burns patients/victims within 6 hours. We are also planning for launching the prevention awareness campaigns from burns injuries. People should know how to prevent themselves and their dear ones from burn injuries. It will surely help minimize the incidents. It cannot be possible without the support of organizations and individuals. I also would like to request you all to visit the Burns Centre and give us your precious suggestions and feedback. Our service would not have been possible without the blessing of Allah and liberal and generous support of individual donors and organizations/NGOs, who do not hesitate to help us. We are really thankful to them. (Ref: Jan, 2016, Volume 1, Issue 1)

Message by Mr. Farhan Hanif (Vice President, Friends of Burns Centre)



It has been a privilege to represent the Friends of Burns Centre as Vice President. I am pleased to present my thoughts and feelings about this organization. I feel really honored and blessed to be a part of this organization and as a human being it is our responsibility to help each other, especially those who face difficulty and are unable to afford basic necessities. It is a blessing to be a part of this noble cause that serves humanity. I take this platform as an opportunity to spread the message of humanity, love and kindness across Pakistan. Burns Centre is a place where every patient is treated equally. Any patient who cannot afford the treatment of burns and bruises are treated with special care by the faculty.

Donors, philanthropist and CSR corporates are welcome to visit the facility and witness the special treatment given to patients admitted at Burns Centre. It is a major project which has become successful due to the efforts of the whole management. I pray to Almighty Allah to bless people who are directly and indirectly involved in the betterment of Burns Centre and are dedicated and devoted to help people across Pakistan. I wish all the very best to the management especially Mr. Zahid Saeed, Madam Arjumand Qazi, Mr. Abdullah Feroz and Mr. Azmat Ataka and pray for this centre's consistency and success! (Ref: March 2017, Volume 2, Issue 1)

Message by: Professor. Dr. Tipu Sultan: (Chancellor Malir University of Sciences & Technology)



It is a pleasure and honor to write these few lines for the Newsletter. Burns Centre at Jubilee block Civil Hospital Karachi managed by Friends of Burns Centre (FOBC) is the only hope of burns patients of Sindh and Balochistan providing free state of art treatment by medical experts and a team of dedicated people. It is the largest specialized burn health care centre in south of Pakistan having all facilities. Unfortunately accidental burn injury is quite common here, mostly in poor and low income population. A very high bed occupancy and a busy O.P.D. is witnessed all the time. Managing morbidity and mortality are big challenges for the treating clinicians at the Burns Centre.

Immediate life saving managements and long term correction of deformities are the challenges along with ever increasing resource generation. I salute the dedicated group of GOD fearing civil society, colleagues and friends who are managing FOBC so successfully. I greatly appreciate this noblest of noble work for the ailing humanity. This centre needs support and help, (technical and financial) to serve life and remove misery from the lives of the patients. I am proud of the great services done at FOBC. (Ref: Feb 2018, Volume 2, Issue 3)



The burns Centre was established at Civil Hospital, Karachi in 2004 by NGO “ Friends of Burns Centre-Patient Welfare Society” in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, Government of Sindh as a model project of Public-Private Partnership to facilitate poor patients suffering from Burns and critical injuries. I am pleased and happy to see the Burns Centre is working with full strength and Friends of Burns Centre as managing the State of Art Burns Centre for poor and needy patients. Keeping in view the treatment cost. In Burn injuries it is impossible for poor patients to bear the cost.

This Centre is providing totally free treatment with dedication to all nearby patients from Sindh and Balochistan.

I will not hesitate to write about Mr. Abdullah Feroz and his team for continuous support for this Centre. I plea that more donors may put their share for this generous cause to improve Burns Centre in future.

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