

# Message from the President, BBMT-Pakistan

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It is a great privilege to extend my heartfelt welcome to the distinguished participants, speakers, and guests at the 5th Annual Conference of Bring Brilliant Minds of Transfusion (BBMT)-Pakistan. This event marks an important milestone in our collective efforts to advance the field of transfusion medicine in Pakistan. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Prof. Tariq Iqbal, Vice Chancellor of Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Medical University, for his leadership in supporting this special supplement of Annals of Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (APIMS). His vision for promoting research and academic excellence in healthcare has greatly enriched our mission at BBMT-Pakistan.

As a public health specialist and Secretary of the Sindh Blood Transfusion Authority, I have acknowledged the critical role that safe and efficient blood transfusion systems play in saving lives, improving health outcomes and reducing mortality and morbidity, thus leading us to achieve the set SDGs.

The importance of this field cannot be overstated, particularly in a country like Pakistan, where we are still struggling to glue the gaps like shortages of voluntary blood donor, safe and free of cost blood provision, Thalassemia prevention and implementation of other regulatory systems. However, through collaborative initiatives like this conference, we are steadily overcoming such obstacles and moving towards a stronger and more resilient blood system.

We are honored to receive guidance and encouragement from the higher-level policymakers like the Sindh Health

Minister, whose support for this initiative underscores the significance of transfusion medicine in public health. Her message, included in this supplement, serves as a reminder of the importance of strong governmental backing for promoting health system reforms and innovations.

I would also like to acknowledge and extend my gratitude to Dr. Usman Waheed, Secretary General of BBMT-Pakistan, for his tireless efforts in organizing this remarkable event. His dedication and vision have been instrumental in bringing together experts and stakeholders from across Pakistan and beyond, which helps in creating a platform for knowledge sharing and meaningful dialogue.

I am deeply grateful to all the distinguished speakers and participants, whose insights would enrich the discussions at this conference. From governance frameworks to cutting-edge research, the topics covered will definitely reflect the breadth and depth of knowledge in the field. I am confident that such fruitful contributions will help shape the future of blood transfusion practices in Pakistan.

In conclusion, I must say that this special edition of Annals of PIMS is a reflection of our shared commitment towards the roadmap for advancing transfusion medicine. I look forward to continued collaboration as we strive to enhance the safety, quality, and accessibility of blood services across the country.

Together, we can achieve our vision of a healthier Pakistan.

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