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**GAVI VACCINATION**

## Global Measles Vaccination Drive To Protect Up To 45 Million Children

*Vaccination Campaigns In Seven Countries To Tackle Rise In Measles Cases Worldwide*



Image: Bashir Ahmed Sujani/UNICEF

**Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance** will help vaccinate up to 45 million children in seven developing countries over the next six months in a series of major vaccination campaigns to help halt a recent surge in global measles cases.

The campaigns will be carried out by governments with funding from Gavi and support from Vaccine Alliance and Measles & Rubella Initiative (M&RI) partners, including World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF. They will target children under five years old, the age group most vulnerable to the disease, with Bangladesh also aiming to reach children under nine years old.

In addition Gavi, with support from Vaccine Alliance partners, will help Madagascar and Mauritania introduce a second dose of measles-containing vaccine into their routine immunisation programmes. Over a million

children every year in the two countries will receive this vital second dose, which increases the vaccine's effectiveness.

Reported measles cases worldwide fell from over 850,000 in 2000 to 132,000 in 2016, largely as a result of increases in vaccine coverage in the world's poorest countries. However, in recent years cases have surged dramatically. In 2018 there were nearly 360,000 cases recorded globally. Provisional data reported to WHO shows this climbed again in 2019, with almost 430,000 cases reported for the year to date.

**Measles Vaccine is Safe**

"The measles vaccine is safe, effective and low-cost - there is no reason children should still be dying of this disease," said Dr. Seth Berkley, CEO of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance on February 5, 2020. "While the headlines might focus on rising cases in Europe and the US, it is sadly still the

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## APPA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Distinguished fellow pediatricians,

A new year is a good start for something new. However, the start of this year is rather different. In the beginning of this year, the world must overcome a pandemic from a novel coronavirus now known as SARS-CoV-2. The virus has spread all

around the globe and infected nearly 150 regions across the world, including Asia Pacific region. The WHO as of March 11, 2020 has declared COVID-19 (a disease caused by SARS-CoV-2) as pandemic. This outbreak cannot be underestimated and if not handled properly can cause ever increasing casualties, including children. Nevertheless, there is no other more pressing time than now that we need to work together with all stakeholders to overcome this health crisis.

It is the responsibility of pediatricians to protect and ensure optimal growth and development of children, even in crisis. The existence of COVID-19 is a challenge for every society, especially APPA, to keep collaborating with each other in finding the best way to sustain children's health. Each APPA member country can share key strategies, especially in advocating local government to ensure the outbreak does not spread so that the number of infected children can be reduced to a minimum. The whole family can get sick if the children get infected,

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

so prevention of infection is still the best effort. Never forget to always wash your hands and maintain healthy life habits to protect everyone.

Earlier this year, it is with great shock and sadness that followed all of us after we learned the passing of Salvacion 'Sally' Gatchalian, MD, FPPS, FPIDSP, FPSMI. As the President of Philippine Pediatric Society (PPS) and one of the most prominent leaders in Asia Pacific, she had contributed so much to the PPS and APPA through her hard work in advocating immunization, child health and one of the pillars of infectious disease pediatricians. May she rest in peace, and the whole Philippine Pediatric Society family find comfort and strength in this difficult time.

All her friends in APPA also extend their deepest condolences to the family of the late Dr. Gatchalian, may the Almighty gives strength to the bereaved family members to bear this as well as to all the Executive Committee members, colleagues and staff of the Philippine Pediatric Society Inc.

Lastly, I wish all our Muslim friends to welcome the holy month of Ramadhan. Different from previous years, this year we celebrate Ramadhan amid the coronavirus pandemic. I hope we stay sharp and vigilant in our fight against COVID-19. Stay healthy and keep yourself safe first while providing healthcare with wearing PPE even if it's scarce. May God bless us all!

Best regards,  
**Aman B Pulungan, MD, PhD, FAAP, FRCPI (Hon.)**  
President of APPA



## DEATHS IN CHILDREN'S ILLNESS LINKED TO COVID-19

# NEW YORK WARNS OF CHILDREN'S ILLNESS LINKED TO COVID-19 AFTER THREE DEATHS

State Reports 73 Cases Of Children Falling Severely Ill With Toxic Shock-Like Reaction That Has Symptoms Similar To Kawasaki Disease

The deaths of three children in New York, United States of inflammatory complications possibly linked to Covid-19 has prompted Andrew Cuomo, the state's governor, to warn of "an entirely different chapter" of a disease that had been believed to cause only mild symptoms in children.

The governor reported the first death, of a five-year-old boy, on Friday (May 8, 2020). At his morning press conference on Saturday (May 9, 2020), Cuomo raised the number of fatalities to three, after the death of a seven-year-old and a teenager.

"The illness has taken the lives of three young New Yorkers," Cuomo said. "This is new. This is developing."

State health authorities said last week there have been 73 reported cases in New York of children falling severely ill with a toxic shock-like reaction that displays symptoms similar to Kawasaki disease.



A nurse adjusts intravenous drug dosages being given to a Covid-19 patient.  
Photograph: Robert Nickelsberg/Getty Images

Cuomo said many of the children did not display respiratory symptoms commonly associated with Covid-19 when they were brought to area hospitals, but all of them tested positive either for the virus or its antibodies.

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**CONDOLENCES**

# CONDOLENCES ON THE DEMISE OF DR. SALVACION R. GATCHALIAN, PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE PEDIATRIC SOCIETY INC

To The Philippine Pediatric Society Inc.,

It is with great shock and sadness that followed all of us after we learned the passing of Salvacion 'Sally' Gatchalian, MD, FPPS, FPIDSP, FPSMI.

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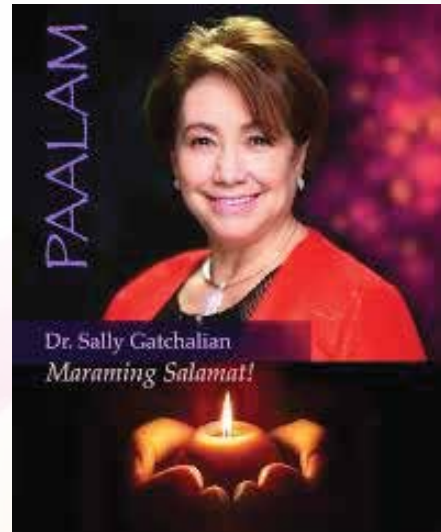
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Sincerely,  
On behalf of Executive and Standing Committee of APPA.

Dr. Aman B Pulungan  
President, APPA

Dr. Zulkifli Ismail  
Secretary-General, APPA



The late Dr. Salvacion R. Gatchalian

**From the Philippine Pediatric Society Inc:**

On behalf of the Officers, Board and members of the Philippine Pediatric Society, we thank you for your words of sympathy. We have lost a great leader and a true advocate of children's health and welfare. Her death will be our source of strength and inspiration to continue our fight against the COVID19 Infection.

Thank you very much.

**Dr. Melinda M. Atienza**  
APPA Standing Delegate  
Philippine Pediatric Society, Inc



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**New York reports 15 cases of rare illness in children possibly linked to Covid-19**

NBC News found at least 85 such cases in children across the US with a majority in New York state, which has also recorded the highest number of Covid-19 cases in the country.

"We thought children could be vehicles of transmission ... but we didn't think children would suffer from it," Cuomo said when he announced the first child fatality. He described the development as "really painful news".

Kawasaki disease, which mainly affects children under five, can cause the immune system to go into "overdrive", causing fever, severe diarrhea, rashes and conjunctivitis. In more severe cases it can inflame the walls of the arteries, affecting bloodflow to the heart and is potentially fatal.

New York City reported on Monday (May 11, 2020) that 15 patients aged between two and 15 had been hospitalized over the past three weeks with the Covid-related syndrome. The death of the five-year-old boy marks the first fatality from the new illness in the US. Seattle has reported a case along with a team at California's Stanford children's hospital.

**14-year-old boy in UK also died of the new illness**

A 14-year-old boy in the UK also died of the new illness; and several cases in Europe were detailed in a report published in the Lancet. Experts there reported that abdominal pain, gastrointestinal symptoms and cardiac inflammation were common to the cases.

In a press release through the American Heart Association, Dr. Jane Newburger, the director of the Kawasaki program at Boston children's hospital, confirmed that a small number of children developed serious inflammatory syndrome with Covid-19, often leading to hospitalization.

"We want to reassure parents - this appears to be uncommon. While Kawasaki disease can damage the heart or blood vessels, the heart problems usually go away in five or six weeks, and most children fully recover," Newburger said. "Rarely, but sometimes, the coronary artery damage persists. Because of this, Kawasaki disease is the most common cause of acquired heart disease in children in developed countries. Prompt treatment is critical to prevent significant heart problems."

- [theguardian.com](https://www.theguardian.com), May 9, 2020



# WHO Chief Finally Declares Global Coronavirus Outbreak A Pandemic



Tedros says spread of the deadly coronavirus that has killed more than 4,000 is 'alarming' (AP pic)

The World Health Organization (WHO) is characterising the outbreak of the new coronavirus as a pandemic, Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said on Wednesday (March 11, 2020).

"We are deeply concerned both by the alarming levels of spread and severity and by the alarming levels of inaction. We have therefore made the assessment that Covid-19 can be characterised as a pandemic," he told a news conference.

The coronavirus, which emerged in China in December, has spread around the world, halting industry, bringing flights to a standstill, closing schools and forcing the postponement of sporting events and concerts.

The WHO declared a public health emergency of international concern, its "highest level of alarm", on January 30, 2020 when there were fewer than 100 cases of Covid-19 outside China and eight cases of human-to-human transmission of the disease.

Now there are more than 118,000 cases in 114 countries and 4,291 people have died, Tedros said, with the numbers expected to climb.

The WHO no longer has a category for declaring a pandemic, except for influenza.

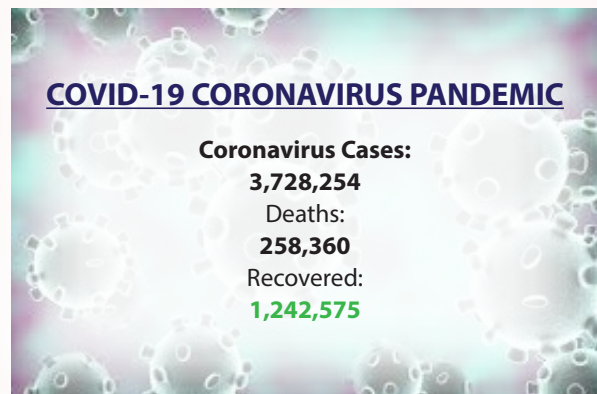
WHO officials have signalled for weeks that they may use the word "pandemic" as a descriptive term but stressed that it does not carry legal significance. The novel coronavirus is not the flu.

Under its previous system, the Geneva-based agency declared the 2009 H1N1 swine flu outbreak a pandemic. It turned out to be mild, leading to some criticism after pharmaceutical companies rushed development of vaccines and drugs.

- Reuters, Geneva, March 12, 2020

Note:

Last updated: May 06, 2020, 06:17 GMT



## WHO: Coronavirus Vaccine Available In 18 Months

World Health Organisation (WHO) director-general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said the first vaccines for covid-19 could be ready in 18 months, reported Xinhua news agency.

In the meantime, he tweeted, "there's a lot we can do to prevent transmission and prepare for any further spread".

At a press briefing on Tuesday (February 11, 2020), he told reporters that while the world needs investment in research and development, we also need investment in stopping the covid-19 outbreak now, adding that the development of

vaccine and therapeutics is an important part of the research agenda.

"We are not defenseless," he said. "There are many basic public health interventions that are available to us now, and which can prevent infections.

"We have to do everything today using the available weapons to fight this virus, while preparing for the long-term," the WHO chief said.

- Xinhua News Agency, February 11, 2020



TOP DOCTOR

# CHINA'S CGTN NAMES MALAYSIA'S DR. NOOR HISHAM ABDULLAH ONE OF WORLD'S TOP DOCTORS

Malaysian Health Director-General (DG) Dr. Noor Hisham Abdullah is among the "top doctors" in the world named by a Chinese TV station for his approach in handling the Covid-19 pandemic.

According to a report from China Global TV Network (CGTN), Dr. Hisham is one of the three leading doctors in the fight to stop the spread of the Covid-19 virus, along with the US' infectious disease expert Dr. Anthony Fauci and New Zealand's Director-General of Health Ashley Bloomfield.

"None of them are cabinet ministers but all three have emerged as the face of their country's response to Covid-19," said CGTN.

"Amid an unprecedented global pandemic and as governments worldwide have sometimes been slow to react, introducing confusing measures and sending contradictory messages,

Dr. Fauci, Dr. Bloomfield and Dr. Hisham have become voices of reason and sources of calm and reassurance," CGTN said.

Dr. Hisham, 57, who has been the Health Director-General since 2013, has been dubbed a "trusted face" by Malaysians, thanks to his consistent updates on the virus on his social media platforms, relying on facts and figures to make decisions and inform the public.

The DG is an endocrine surgeon.

- [thestar.com.my](http://thestar.com.my), April 15, 2020



Dr. Noor Hisham Abdullah

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case that the vast majority of measles deaths are happening in the world's poorest countries, where poor health systems mean children are often left to fight the disease without treatment or support. That's why these vaccination campaigns are so important, protecting the next generation so they can survive and thrive in later life. The use of tailored and targeted approaches in these campaigns is vital to ensure we leave no child behind."

"Measles is a devastating disease that is causing severe sickness and taking lives," said Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO). "No matter where they live, vaccination helps children survive, thrive, and lead a long and healthy life. WHO is proud to be working with Gavi and partners to ensure lifesaving measles vaccines reach where they are needed most."

"Measles cases rose alarmingly in 2019, affecting hundreds of thousands of children and claiming many young lives," said Henrietta Fore, UNICEF Executive Director. "We need to vaccinate every child. These measles outbreaks have taught us that we need to stay vigilant. We can't afford to wait and watch."

### Vaccination Campaigns

The vaccination campaigns will take place in the following countries:

**Bangladesh**, where Gavi will fund measles-Rubella vaccines for over 15.5 million children under five years old. The government of Bangladesh will also support the vaccination of a further 17 million children up to nine years old.

**Central African Republic**, where around 1 million children will receive the measles vaccine in the second phase of a campaign that began last year.

**Ethiopia**, where nearly 15 million children will receive the measles vaccine.

**Kenya**, where up to 7 million children will receive the measles-rubella vaccine.

**Nepal**, where nearly 3 million children will receive the measles-rubella vaccine.

**Somalia**, where around 1.4 million children will receive the measles vaccine in the continuation of a campaign that began last year.

**South Sudan**, where over 2.5 million children will receive the measles vaccine.

### Routine Immunization Programmes

As well as funding preventive measles and measles-rubella vaccination campaigns, Gavi supports the introduction of measles-containing vaccines into routine immunization programmes across the developing world. In order to encourage countries to strengthen routine immunization and reach unvaccinated children, Gavi also supports subnational measles campaigns and enhanced routine immunization activities targeted at reaching previously missed children.

The Vaccine Alliance also provides funding to the M&RI to support their work responding to measles outbreaks in developing countries. With Gavi's support, M&RI has vaccinated 54 million children during measles outbreaks alone between 2012 and 2018.

Between 2000-2018 the Vaccine Alliance's support for measles vaccinations has reached over 118 million children through routine immunisation and more than 524 million children through measles and measles-rubella vaccination campaigns.

- **UNICEF, London, February 5, 2020**



# CORONAVIRUS COULD BE TIED TO A RARE BUT SERIOUS ILLNESS IN CHILDREN, UK DOCTORS SAY



A woman adjusts her child's protective mask as they wait in line to be screened for COVID-19 at Gotham Health East New York, Thursday, April 23, 2020, in the Brooklyn borough of New York. (AP Photo/Frank Franklin II)

A small but rising number of children are becoming ill with a rare syndrome that could be linked to coronavirus, with reported cases showing symptoms of **abdominal pain, gastrointestinal symptoms** and **cardiac inflammation**, UK health care bosses and pediatrics specialists have warned.

On Sunday (April 26, 2020), the Paediatric Intensive Care Society UK (PICS) tweeted an "urgent alert" from the National Health Service England about a small rise in the number of cases of critically ill children presenting "overlapping features of toxic shock syndrome and atypical Kawasaki disease with blood parameters" - with some of the children testing positive for Covid-19.

The urgent alert, sent to UK general practitioners by National Health Service (NHS) England warned that over the last three weeks, "there has been an apparent rise in the number of children of all ages presenting with a multisystem inflammatory state requiring intensive care across London and also in other regions of the UK," the Health Service Journal (HSJ) first reported Monday (April 27, 2020).

The alert added: "There is a growing concern that a [Covid-19] related inflammatory syndrome is emerging in children in the UK, or that there may be another, as yet unidentified, infectious pathogen associated with these cases," HSJ added. In a statement sent over the weekend to medical professionals who look after critically ill children, PICS said "the cases have in common overlapping features of toxic shock syndrome and atypical Kawasaki disease with blood

parameters consistent with severe Covid-19 in children. Abdominal pain and gastrointestinal symptoms have been a common feature as has cardiac inflammation."

Kawasaki disease, also known as Kawasaki syndrome, is a rare childhood illness that causes the walls of the blood vessels in the body to become inflamed.

The group said that while there had been "very few cases" of critically unwell children with Covid-19 admitted to pediatric intensive care units in the UK and around the world, they were aware of a "small number of children nationally" who fit the clinical picture described in the NHS alert.

There are still a lot of unknowns when it comes to Covid-19, but in a report released in April, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said that children diagnosed with coronavirus in the United States typically have mild cases of the virus. The number of Covid-19 cases among children remains small and while some children and infants have been sick with Covid-19, adults make up most of the known cases to date, according to the CDC.

## Health Care Professionals Urge Calm

Health care professionals have reassured parents that the risk of children becoming severely ill with the virus remains low.

"Thankfully Kawasaki-like diseases are very rare, as currently are serious complications in children related to Covid-19, but it is important that clinicians are made aware of any potential emerging links so that they are able to give children and young people the right care fast," Professor Simon Kenny, NHS national clinical director for children and young people said in a statement sent to CNN.

In response to the reports, Professor Russell Viner, president of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health said that although a small number of children can become severely ill with Covid-19, it is "very rare," with evidence showing that children appear to be least affected by the virus.

"However our advice remains the same: parents should be reassured that children are unlikely to be seriously ill with Covid-19 but if they are concerned about their children's health for any reason, they should seek help from a health professional," Viner said.

- [cnn.com](https://www.cnn.com), April 27, 2020

*The APPA Secretariat  
would like to wish all its  
Muslim members*

*A Blessed, Safe and Peaceful Eid Al Fitri 2020 (1441H).*



# Ayati National Center of Excellence for Children with Disabilities in Sri Lanka



Sri Lanka opened its first multidisciplinary centre of excellence for children with disabilities in January 2020, the Ayati Centre at Ragama, North Colombo. The Centre provides day services for children with neuro developmental and other types of disabilities from the neonatal period till youth.

The Ayati Centre has state of the art facilities in assessment and intervention for all types of impairments and conditions. These include cerebral palsy, autism spectrum disorder, speech and language delay and other types of communication disorders, visual and hearing impairment, swallowing difficulties, gait abnormalities, sensory disorders, intellectual impairment, learning difficulties and dyslexia and behavioural disorders.

The Centre consists of several main facilities; developmental paediatrics and child psychiatry, speech and language therapy, child development and clinical psychology, physiotherapy, occupational therapy and audiology. The audiology laboratories have equipment with the latest technology for hearing and balance assessments, while the physiotherapy wing includes a low cost gait laboratory and the occupational therapy wing includes a multi-sensory Snoezelen room.

Each child who is registered for services will undergo scientific assessments according to their individual requirements identified by the multi-disciplinary clinicians. The specific assessments include Bayley infant and toddler assessments, Autism Diagnostic and Observation Schedule (ADOS), gross motor function assessments, general movement assessments, specific language and communication assessments using different tools and a battery of psychological assessments.

## Interventions Provided by the Center

Some niche areas of interventions provided by this center are early intervention for at risk infants, cortico-visual impairment management, stammering, parent mediated communication intervention packages for children with autism spectrum, goal directed motor learning in enriched environments for

cerebral palsy, auditory verbal therapy and total communication solutions for cochlear implanted children, a fully-fledged alternative augmentative communication laboratory and learning support for children with learning difficulties. All services are highly family-centred. The clinicians in the center collaborate with other service sectors such as social services and education to optimize the potential of activity and participation of these children and families.

This center also serves as training institution for undergraduate and post graduate doctors, speech and language therapists, audiologists, physio therapists, occupational therapists, and psychologists. It is involved in many international collaborative research projects in the field of child development and disabilities and is contributing towards developing national guidelines and data bases.

## More Than 5000 Registered Children

At present, more than 5000 children are registered for services at the Ayati Centre, and on each working day, about 100 children and their families receive services. The future vision of this center is to support the Sri Lankan government to establish similar centers with adequate expertise to provide evidence based assessments and interventions for all children with disabilities in Sri Lanka.

The Ayati Centre is the result of a public-private partnership that involves the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya (a state university), and private sector conglomerates: Hemas Group and MAS Holdings, Rotary International and private donors. The Ministry of Health will also support the Centre with seconded staff who will contribute for services in the future. Some well-known philanthropists such as Kumar Sangakkara and Roshan Mahanama are ambassadors of this project and the Sri Lanka Army built this beautiful building.

- **Dr. Samanmali Sumanasena, Professor in Paediatric Disabilities at the Department of Disability Studies in Faculty of Medicine Ragama, North Colombo, Sri Lanka**

<https://www.ayati.lk/>



# Report of the Activities of Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP)



**Dr. Bakul Jayant  
Parekh National  
President, IAP**



**Dr. G. V. Basavaraj  
Hon. Secretary  
General, IAP**

## **PEDICON 2020**

The 57<sup>th</sup> National Conference of Indian Academy of Pediatrics (PEDICON 2020) was held from January 9-12, 2020 at Brilliant Convention Centre, Indore, Madhya Pradesh, India. The theme of the conference was "Quality Child C.A.R.E.". The conference was attended by around 8000 Pediatrician from India and Abroad. The faculty comprised of distinguished and renowned speakers from India and abroad.

A large number of scientific sessions both concurrent and non-concurrent were held and the sessions were divided into 24 Symposia, 132 Guest Lectures, 19 PG CME Lectures, 38 Panel Discussion, 9 Quizzes, 12 Case Based Discussion, Free Paper Presentations, Award Papers, 8 Diagnostic Dilemmas, 8 Therapeutic Dilemmas, 8 Pot Pourri, Plenary Session-I on "Quality Child Care - Vision Statement" and Plenary Session-II on "Containment of Antimicrobial Resistance - A Burning Issue". The topic of the non-concurrent oration - Late Dr. Shantilal C. Sheth oration was "Adolescent Pediatrics - Ever Expanding".

## **NATIONAL TUBERCULOSIS ELIMINATION PROGRAM (NTEP)**

IAP has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of India for conducting (a) National Level Consultation meet (b) Five Regional Training of Trainers Workshops and (c) 300 City / District level workshops to train 18000 Pediatricians + 2000 Medical Officers under "National Tuberculosis Elimination Program" (NTEP).

## **Following NTEP ToTs & District Level workshops were conducted during January - February 2020**

- Five Zonal ToTs were organised at Mumbai, Hyderabad, Delhi, Chennai & Kolkata

- 12 District level workshops were organised at Hingoli, Amravati, Sangli, Akola, Satara, Karad, Parbhani, Kolhapur, Dhule, Valsad, Anand and Visakhapatnam
- 12 Training of Trainers Workshops were conducted on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 as a pre-conference activities, on the following topics:
  - ✓ Smart Clinic 2.0
  - ✓ NEP-U (Nutrition)
  - ✓ Under 5 Wheeze
  - ✓ 98.7 FM (Fever Management)
  - ✓ All About Autism with PSPP
  - ✓ RTI GEM 2.0 (Respiratory Tract Infection)
  - ✓ AWESOME AYA (Adolescents)
  - ✓ Clinical Clues
  - ✓ WAR (Write Antibiotics Responsibly)
  - ✓ M.Tb (Tuberculosis)
  - ✓ GEM (Golden Hour Emergency Medicine)
  - ✓ 24x7 for 20 Problems in 2020
- Two Live Webcast of Post Graduate Clinic was held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and 20<sup>th</sup> February from LTMMC, Mumbai under IAP Action Plan 2020 - dIAP.

## **ACADEMIC EVENTS COMING SOON...**

- VACCICON 2020 being organized on 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at Kolkata by IAP Coalfield Branch under IAP Action Plan 2020
  - 10 Workshops on AWESOME AYA are allotted to IAP Branches at East Zone: Gauhati, Patna / West Zone: Nagpur, Surat / North Zone: Shimla, Bikaner / South Zone: Vellore, Bijapur / Central Zone: Jabalpur, Agra
  - 98.7 FM Workshop is allotted to IAP Ahmedabad Branch
  - Clinical Clues Workshop is allotted to IAP Bangalore Branch
  - WAR (Write Antibiotics Responsibly) workshops allotted to IAP Mumbai Branch and M. P. State Branch for organizing it at Khajuraho
  - Smart Clinic 2.0 - suggested workshops at East Zone: Gauhati, Kolkata, Bhubaneswar / West Zone: Mumbai, Vadodara, Diu / North Zone: Ludhiana, Jaipur, Delhi / South Zone: Palakkad, Chennai, Bengaluru / Central Zone: Hyderabad, Lucknow, Ranchi
  - New Courses on Vitamin D Deficiency in India, Human Influenza Virus Infection, and Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever are now available on the IAP Courses platform ([www.iapcourses.org](http://www.iapcourses.org)).
- Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP), March 6, 2020**





# 4<sup>th</sup> International Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics Conference, Lahore, Pakistan, November 7-9, 2019

The 4<sup>th</sup> International Developmental-Behavioural Pediatric Conference was successfully concluded in Lahore, Pakistan from November 7-9, 2019.

About 500 delegates attended the conference and workshop organised by the Development-Behavioural Pediatric Expert Group of Pakistan Pediatric Association (PPA).

The theme of the conference is: **"Patience, Persistence and Progress."**

## Pre Conference Video Seminar: 29-10-19

Designing the Right Study Design for the Research Question by Prof. Nick Brown (Sweden)

Developmental Pediatrics and Beyond by Prof. Peter Rosenbaum (Canada)

## Pre Conference Hands on Workshops:

### All you need to know About ADHD (21-10-19) at The Children's Hospital & Institute Of Child Health, Lahore

Facilitated by Dr. Amir Daud (Canada) & Prof. Shazia Maqbool. Detailed discussion regarding diagnosis, management and parental training aspects of children with ADHD was carried out.

### When to use Botulinum toxin in Cerebral Palsy? (23-10-19) at The Children's Hospital & Institute Of Child Health, Lahore

This workshop was facilitated by Dr. Afzal Sawal (UK). Role of botulinum toxin along with other medical and surgical options

were explored. Hands on Injection Botulinum Toxin administration was carried out on CP patients.

### Role of Genetics in Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics Workshop (5-11-19) at The Children's Hospital, Faisalabad

This workshop was conducted by Prof Henry Houlden (UK) & Dr. Vincenzo Salpietro Damiano along Developmental-Behavioral team. Importance of genetic basis in various developmental disorders was discussed, followed by live skin biopsies of patients.

### Developmental Disorders and Genetics Course (6-11-19) at The Children's Hospital & Institute of Child Health, Lahore

Keynote Speakers Prof. Henry Houlden (UK) & Dr. Vincenzo Salpietro Damiano (Italy) along with Developmental-Behavioral team. Importance of genetic basis in various developmental disorders was discussed, followed by live skin biopsies of patients.

### All you need to know About ADHD (24-10-19) at The Children's Hospital & Institute of Child Health, Lahore

Facilitated by Dr. Afzal Sawal (UK) & Prof. Shazia Maqbool. Detailed discussion regarding diagnosis, management and parental training aspects of children with ADHD was carried out.

### Meet the Experts and Inaugural Ceremony:

#### Theme: Capacity Building in Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics

This session was chaired by Prof. Tariq Iqbal Bhutta and Prof. Masood Sadiq. Foreign delegates were introduced by Chairperson organizing committee Prof. Shazia Maqbool and were requested to grace the stage and give a brief introduction regarding the nature of their work.



Punjab Governor, Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar (standing 4<sup>th</sup> from left) was invited as Chief Guest of the conference. On his right is Prof. Dr. Tahir Masood and with some delegates.

## The Experts Comprised:

- Prof. Carol Weitzman from Yale University, USA
- Prof. Henry Houlden from University College London, UK and works in Neurogenetics
- Prof. Hans Forsberg from IAACD (International Alliance and Academy of Childhood Disabilities), Sweden expressed his enthusiasm regarding inaugurating PACD (Pakistan Academy of Childhood Disabilities) on 2<sup>nd</sup> day of conference.
- Dr. Adiaha Franklin from Texas Children's Hospital, Houston USA is mostly involved with school-aged children.
- Dr. Ayesha Cheema Hassan from UAE and has worked in Nigeria, Nepal and China in the field of DBP (Developmental-Behavioural Pediatrics).

- Dr. Vincenzo Salpietro Damiano is working in Italy and UK in genetics.
- Dr. Suleman Daud joined us from UK. He worked with UNICEF and is practicing Developmental Pediatric in Pakistan and UK.
- Prof. Tariq Iqbal Bhutta remarked that Prof. Shazia Maqbool is mother of DBP in Pakistan. He appreciated her work in this field and highlighted the importance of providing care for children with disabilities.
- Yvonne Frizell is a physiotherapist working in Peshawar. She along with her husband moved from Ireland to Pakistan in 1970's. She discussed about her unit in Peshawar and the potential Pakistan has in this field.



**Launch of PACD (Pakistan Academy of Childhood Disabilities), November 7, 2019**

**Session 5: Communication and Learning Disorders**

**Speakers:** Dr. Adiaha A. Franklin, Dr. Suleman Daud, Dr. Amina

Siddique Early identification and prompt referral is the cornerstone in the management of children with behavioral and communication disorders.

**Session 6: Strengthening Potentials**

**Speakers:** Dr. Shahnaz Ibrahim, Dr. Nazish Imran, Dr. Hina Fazi and Ms. Arzoo Malik

Discouraging exclusion and providing conducive inclusive atmosphere for children with special needs was emphasized.

Each scientific session was concluded with research papers and panel discussion.

**Concluding Ceremony: November 9, 2019, Saturday**

The conference was concluded with address by Vice Chancellor UHS, **Prof. Javed Akram** and Prof. Emeritus **Prof. Dr. Sajid Maqbool** as Guest of honours. They highly appreciated the wide variety of topics discussed and participation of a diverse group of DBP faculty from all over the world. Certificates of participation were distributed among the organizing committee.

**Post Conference Hands on Workshops: Developmental-Behavioral Disorders and Genetics Workshop (12-11-19) at The Children's Hospital, Multan**

This workshop was conducted by Prof. Henry Houlden (UK) & Dr. Vincenzo Salpietro Damiano along with Developmental-Behavioral team. Importance of genetic basis in various developmental disorders was discussed, followed by live skin biopsies of patients.

**Recommendations:**

1. Developmental-Behavioral satellite departments under qualified doctors at district level for early identification, prompt referral and timely intervention should be provided.
  2. Allocation of resources for Genetics is need of the hour.
  3. Community outreach services (e.g lady health visitors, vaccinators etc) with strong networking must be provided for continued care.
  4. Neonatal hearing and developmental screening program should be incorporated in National health policy.
  5. Legislation and their implementation regarding inclusive education at public and private sector levels should be made.
  6. Research funding for qualitative aspects of patient care.
- Pakistan Pediatric Association, March 28, 2020**

The session concluded with research papers presented by Prof. Ansa Rabia, Umara Naseer and Dr. Ammara Kaleem.

**Inaugural Ceremony November 7, 2019, Thursday**

The Governor of Punjab, **Chaudhary Mohammad Sarwar** was invited as chief guest along with guests of honour, Prof. Emeritus **Prof. Dr. Tahir Masood** and Vice Chancellor KEMU, **Prof. Khalid Masood Gondal**. President PPA Punjab, Dean CH&ICH Prof. Masood Sadiq, chief guest and guests of honor expressed their thoughts regarding importance of Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics as an emerging speciality.

**Prof. Dr. Mumtaz Lakhani**, Secretary General PPA Centre concluded the Inaugural ceremony with vote of thanks.

**Session 1: Early Childhood Development**

**Speakers:** Prof. Carol Weitzman, Prof. Dr. Shazia Maqbool, Prof. Tayyaba Khawar Butt, Yvonne Frizzell and Irum Bokharey.

Appropriate nurturing, adequate nutrition and preventing early childhood adversities along with developmental surveillance are crucial for optimal child development.

**Session 2: Genetics; A New Horizon**

**Speakers:** Prof. Nazir Malik, Prof. Henry Houlden, Prof. Mahmood Shaukat, Dr. Salman Kirmani, Dr. Vincenzo and Salpietro Damiano.

Genetic technologies have revolutionized the antenatal screening, diagnosis and management of developmental disorders.

**Session 3: Disability and Resilience**

**Speakers:** Prof. Hans Forssberg, Prof. Huma Arshad Cheema, Prof. Aisha Mehnaz and Prof. Dr. Najma Najam.

Safe guarding their rights of Children and adolescents with developmental disabilities and discouraging institutionalizing can enhance their productive role in the society.

**Session 4: Cerebral Palsy**

**Speakers:** Dr. Ayesha Hassan Cheema, Dr. Nabila Soomro, Prof. Tipu Sultan, Ms. Shabana Majeed and Ms. Neelum Zahra.

Family centered care and community based services are need of an hour in managing children with Cerebral Palsy.



Group photo of speakers and delegates of the conference.



## INTERNATIONAL PAEDIATRIC EVENTS



### ANNOUNCEMENT:

Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic and travel restrictions, conferences in many countries have either been re-scheduled, postponed to 2021, cancelled or will be held as scheduled.  
Please confirm with organisers.

# 2020

### JAPAN

**3<sup>rd</sup> World Congress on Fetal and Maternal Medicine**

**Dates:** June 23-24, 2020

**Venue:** Osaka, Japan

**E-mail:** fetalstudies2020@gmail.com

**(Congress to be conducted as a Webinar with the same dates)**



### ITALY

**2020 First Steps in Neonatal Brain Ultrasound:**

**An Amazing, Adventurous Journey!**

**Dates:** October 26, 2020

**Venue:** Palazzo Ricasoli Polihotels, Florence, Italy

**E-mail:** ultrasound2020@aimgroup.eu

**Website:** web.aimgroupinternational.com/2020/ultrasound

**2020 Neonatal Ultrasound Course:**

**Why, How and When an Ultrasound Image?**

**Dates:** October 27-30, 2020

**Venue:** Palazzo Ricasoli Polihotels, Florence, Italy

**E-mail:** ultrasound2020@aimgroup.eu

**Website:** web.aimgroupinternational.com/2020/ultrasound

**(Both events will be held as scheduled)**

### MALAYSIA

**The 1<sup>st</sup> National Conference of Children's Palliative Care Malaysia 2020**

**Dates:** June 25-27, 2020

**Venue:** Sunway Medical Convention Centre, Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia

**Website:** nccpcm2020.com

**(Postponed to March 24-26, 2021, Swiss Garden Hotel, Bukit Bintang, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)**



### THAILAND

**International Training Course on Tropical Diseases**

**Dates:** September 7-11, 2020

**Venue:** Tropical Medicine Cluster, Chulalongkorn University Bangkok, Thailand

**For more information please contact:** Ms Kamolnate Musicsawat

**E-mail:** TropMed.CV@gmail.com **Tel:** 662564575 Ext 24

**(Training course on as scheduled)**



### NEW ZEALAND

**72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Paediatric Society of New Zealand**

**Dates:** November 11-13, 2020

**Venue:** Rotarua, New Zealand

**Website:** www.paediatrics.org.nz

**(Postponed to 2021. Dates to be confirmed)**

### JAPAN

**13<sup>th</sup> World Pediatric Congress (WPC)**

**Theme:** Latest Research Awareness in the Field of Pediatrics

**Dates:** September 14-15, 2020

**Venue:** Tokyo, Japan

**E-mail:** pediatriccongress@globalconferences.net

**(13<sup>th</sup> WPC will be conducted as scheduled)**



### MALAYSIA

**11<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Paediatric Endocrine Society (APPES) Biennial Scientific Meeting in conjunction with the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Malaysian Paediatric Association (MPA)**

**Theme:** "Towards Best Practices in Paediatric Endocrine Disorders & Diabetes."

**Dates:** November 18-21, 2020

**Venue:** Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

**E-mail:** secretariat@appes2020.org

**Website:** jspe.umin.jp/kanren/files/APPES2020.pdf

**Tel:** 603- 7931 2131 **Fax:** 603- 79322132

**(Postponed to November 25-28, 2021, KLCC, Kuala Lumpur)**

### MYANMAR

**Myanmar Pediatric Conference**

**Dates:** September 19-20, 2020

**Venue:** Yangon, Myanmar

**E-mail:** Prof. Kyaw Linn - linnkyaw.neuro@gmail.com

**(Conference on as scheduled)**

### INDONESIA

**National Congress of Child Health of Indonesian Pediatric Society**

**Dates:** September 25-30, 2020

**Venue:** Medan, Indonesia

**E-mail:** idaisci@idai.or.id

**(Postponed until further notice)**



### JAPAN

**The 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Japan Pediatric Society (JPS)**

**Dates:** April 16-18, 2021

**Venue:** Kyoto International Conference Center

**Website:** https://www.ickyoto.or.jp/en/

**(124<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of JPS to be held as scheduled)**

### VIETNAM

**The 17<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Pediatric Federation Congress (APFC) 2020 &**

**The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Congress of Vietnam Pediatric Association (VPA)**

**Theme:** 'Assuring Equal Access To Quality Healthcare Services For All Children'

**Hosted by the:** Vietnam Pediatric Association (VPA)

**Dates:** October 14-17, 2020

**Venue:** Hanoi, Vietnam

**E-mail:** secretariats.apfc2020@gmail.com

**(Postponed till October 2021)**



### SCOTLAND

**The International Pediatric Association (IPA) 2021 Congress**

**Theme:** "Ensuring a brighter future for all children"

**Dates:** August 22-26, 2021

**Venue:** Glasgow, Scotland, United Kingdom

**Email:** info@ipa2021congress.com **Website:** ipa2021congress.com

**Tel:** +1604 6889655 Ext 2

**(IPA 2021 Congress on as scheduled)**

### PAKISTAN

**PPA 25<sup>th</sup> Biennial International Pediatric Conference (BIPC) 2020**

**Theme:** Moving Towards Better Child Health

**Dates:** October 23-25, 2020

**Venue:** Serena Hotel, Quetta, Pakistan

**Website:** www.ppa.org.pk

**(PPA 25<sup>th</sup> BIPC 2020 to be held as scheduled)**



### PAKISTAN

**The 17<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics (APCP) Organised and hosted by the Pakistan Pediatric Association (PPA)**

**Dates:** October 15-17, 2021

**Venue:** Lahore, Pakistan

**Website:** www.ppa.org.pk/apcp

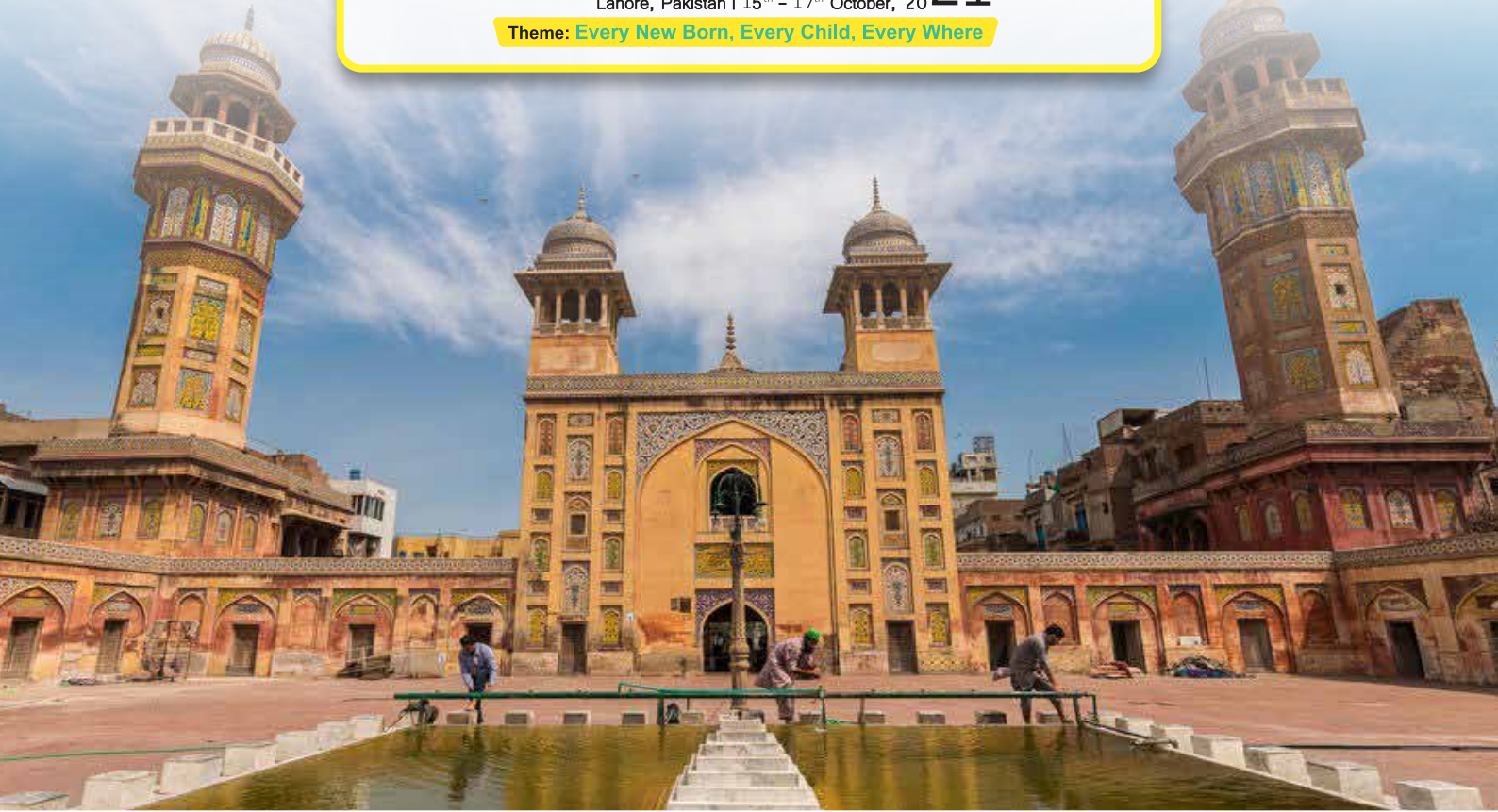
**(17<sup>th</sup> APCP Congress to be held as scheduled)**



# 17<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics 2021

Lahore, Pakistan | 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2021

Theme: **Every New Born, Every Child, Every Where**



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