



### **PRE-SYMPOSIUM WORKSHOP ON MANAGEMENT OF HAEMOPHILIA & RARE BLEEDING DISORDERS AS PART OF ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM OF PAKISTAN PAEDIATRIC ASSOCIATION, PUNJAB**

A 1-day workshop on “Management of Haemophilia and Rare Bleeding Disorder” was organized by the department of Paediatric Haematology, Bone Marrow Transplant and Transfusion Medicine Division, The Children’s Hospital and Institute of Child Health, Lahore on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2016. It was a Pre-Symposium Workshop as part of the Annual Symposium of PPA, Punjab. It was a CME accredited activity and was attended by a large number of participants including junior residents in Paediatrics and Haematology and the faculty of Paediatrics of the Children’s Hospital, Lahore.

The proceedings began with recitation from the Holy Quran. It was followed by a welcome address by Prof. Dr. Masood Sadiq, Dean, The Children’s Hospital and Institute of Child Health, Lahore. The audience was also addressed by Dr. Asif Kaleem Sheikh, President, Pakistan Paediatric Association, Punjab.

The first lecture by Dr. Saima Farhan, was a good introduction on how to approach a bleeding patient. The participants then enjoyed tea. The workshop continued with insightful lectures by senior Haematologists Brig. Dr. Nadir Ali from CMH, Rawalpindi and Brig. Dr. Chaudhry Altaf Hussain from AFIP, Rawalpindi. They shed light on updates in the management of haemophilia and vWD respectively which are the commonest bleeding disorders seen in clinical practice.

Prof. Dr. Nisar Ahmed, Chief Organizer of the event and Head of Paediatric Haematology, Bone Marrow Transplant and Transfusion Medicine Division at The Children’s Hospital and Institute Child Health, Lahore, then shared his valuable experience and presented data on rare bleeding disorders at his department. Prof. Dr. Mona Aziz involved all the participants in actively discussing scenarios related to bleeding disorders. At the end Dr. Muneeza Junaid, Associate Professor at Allama Iqbal Medical College, Lahore, concisely gave a talk on platelet function disorders and how to diagnose, interpret and manage this common group of patients. This concluded the workshop, with the hope that all the attendees gained useful knowledge on different aspects of diagnosing and managing bleeding disease patients.