

Company Profile:

Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital and Research Centre (SKMCH & RC) is a state-of-the-art cancer centre located in the outskirts of Lahore, Pakistan. It is a project of the Shaukat Khanum Trust, which is charitable organisation established under the Societies Registration Act 1860 of Pakistan.

The Hospital was built by Imran Khan - legendary cricketer of Pakistan in the memory of his mother Begum Shaukat Khanum (late) who died of cancer. It was inaugurated on December 24, 1994 upon the completion of the first of its three phases at the cost of US \$ 22 million of which 67% was in the form of worldwide donations and the remaining from credit. For the year 2017, the Hospital has an operating budget of about Rs. 10 Billion (US \$ 92 million) which is met through the Hospital services and donations and enjoys affiliation with some renowned institutions of the world.

The mission of Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital & Research Centre is: *‘To act as a model institution to alleviate the suffering of patients with cancer through the application of modern methods of curative and palliative therapy irrespective of their ability to pay, the education of health care professionals and the public and perform research into the causes and treatment of cancer.’* The 5 level hospital in Lahore is spread over an area of 20 acres of land donated by the Government of Pakistan. Dr. Nausherwan Khan Burki (Professor in the University of Connecticut, USA) overlooked the execution of the designing and architectural services, which were provided by Arrasmith, Judd & Rapp, Architects in Health Planning of Louisville, Kentucky. Messrs Nayyar Ali Dada & Associates of Lahore worked out the architectural details. Local engineering of the project was performed by Messrs Progressive Consultants.

Finally after the completion of the first phase, Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital & Research Centre opened its doors to patients after its inauguration by a 10 year old cancer patient on December 24, 1994. Withstanding the test of time, SKMCH & RC thereafter, staffed with some of the most competent professionals, has come from strength to strength by treating thousands of patients, and today proudly ranks as one of the best cancer centres of the world, which has been built by sheer will power and more importantly run for over a decade now almost free from any official funding. However, SKMCH & RC is a 195 bed hospital today. With its limited facilities and resources it cannot possibly absorb all cancer patients into its system, for once diagnosed, patients are on active treatment for years. After the Punjab, patients from the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) province form the largest group of patients seen at the Hospital, with nearly 40,000 patients from the NWFP / KPK having been registered at SKMCH&RC, Lahore, since 1994. In an effort to bring care closer to the patient, it was decided to open a second Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital and Research Centre, in Peshawar. Fakhir Afridi, a seven year old cancer patient, along with Chairman, Board of Governors of Shaukat Khanum Memorial Trust, Mr. Imran Khan, inaugurated the 2nd SKMCH&RC in Peshawar on Tuesday, December 29, 2015.

The inauguration of the Shaukat Khanum Diagnostic Centre and Clinic in Karachi, in 2010, was the first step towards bringing cancer care facilities closer to the people of Karachi and other adjoining areas including interior Sindh and the Baluchistan province. The treatment of cancer is often a long process, and many patients from Southern Pakistan (Sindh and Baluchistan) cannot afford to make repeated physically, emotionally, and financially demanding trips to seek treatment at our existing facilities in Lahore and Peshawar. Therefore, in line with our mission, Pakistan’s third Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital and Research Centre will be built in Karachi, groundbreaking ceremony of which was held on December 29, 2016 at the project site in Karachi.

The hospital prudently manages its resources so as to provide treatment to those most likely to benefit from it. As to date the hospital has spent Rs. 27.24 billion (US \$ 319 Million) on financially supported treatment of indigent cancer patients. A visit to the SKMCH & RC stands testimony to the fact that approximately 75% of the patients are being provided treatment free of cost. Every day hundreds of people work dedicatedly, hundreds more have and are providing volunteer work to ensure the smooth functioning at Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital & Research Centre.

Given the fact that patient volumes have grown significantly, the Hospital faces a persistent financial challenge to continue with its philanthropic mission alongside of its expansion plans which include construction of the Hospital in Karachi and construction of New Clinical Tower at SKMCH&RC, Lahore.

Our Leadership

Our leadership brings together years of experience and expertise with the mission of fighting cancer and unprecedented commitment to patient care, education, and research.

Area of Interest/Sector:

Healthcare (Oncology)

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