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Dow University of Health Sciences organized a condolence meeting on Saturday April 13, 2019 to pay tributes to Prof. Mohammad Sharif Chaudhry, former Prof and Head of the Dept. of Cardiology who later retired as Principal of Dow Medical College. The meeting was well attended by present and former faculty members of DMC besides eminent cardiologists. Dr. Hasnat Sharif Consultant Cardiac Surgeon at AKU son of late Prof. Sharif Chaudhry and his three daughters were also present on this occasion. Apart from them, he leaves behind a large number of friends and well-wishers to mourn his death.

Prof. Abu Talib Acting Principal of Dow Medical College read the citation for late Prof. Sharif Chaudhry paying him rich tributes for his services to promote cardiac care for the patient at Civil Hospital Karachi in particular and improvement of DMC. Prof. Sharif Chaudhry was born on 25th March 1928 in the city of Jullundhar India. He passed away on April 7, 2019 at the age of ninety years. He graduated from King Edward Medical College in 1952, did his house job and later served as Medical Officer at Mayo Hospital from 1954-1956. He was then transferred as Demonstrator of Physiology to King Edward Medical College in 1957. He passed MRCP from Royal College of Physicians Glasgow in 1961, and also earned MRCP from Edinburgh in 1963. He was awarded Fellowship by the Royal Colleges of Glasgow and Edinburgh in 1976.

He joined Dow Medical College as Assistant Professor of Cardiology on 29th July 1963 and finally rose to the position of Professor of Cardiology on 1st October 1973. He also served

as Principal of Dow Medical College from 21st June 1984 till June 17th 1987. He was awarded Commonwealth Scholarship for cardiology training in UK in 1963. He received Specialist Training in Cardiology at Canada in 1965-1966. He was nominated for WHO fellowship at UK and USA in 1982 where he worked at famous hospitals which included Mayo Clinic, Washington DC General Hospital and Texas Heart Institute.

He was inspector of PM&DC, an examiner for the CPSP and also served as Technical Advisor to the Sindh Public Service Commission. He was the founder of Coronary Care Unit which he himself established at Civil Hospital Karachi in 1979. He had more than thirty publications to his credit. He was awarded Life Time Achievement Award by DUHS in 2014, by DOGANA in 2015 and by the Pakistan Cardiac Society at CARDIOCON 2018 held at Hyderabad. He had a successful professional life, played his innings well and contributed a great deal. He was an excellent teacher, trainer. His firm belief of returning back to Pakistan to the community from where he emerged, helped the poor and deserving which remained a passion with him throughout his life.

Prof. Saeed Qureshi VC DUHS speaking at the occasion recalled the inauguration of Coronary Care Unit by the then Governor Lt. Gen. S. M. Abbasi which was established by Prof. Sharif Chaudhry. Previously cardiology ward was located on the Third floor. At that time this was the only other CCU in a public sector hospital apart from the NICVD. He was a great man, a very human person and even after his retirement continued to help the Dept. of Cardiology at Civil Hospital Karachi.

Prof. Ilahi Bakhsh Soomro former Prof. of Medicine and Principal of DMC said that like late Prof. Sharif Chaudhry many KEMC graduates have contributed a lot to the development and progress of Dow Medical College. It was Dr. Piracha who started the Dept. of Cardiology where later Prof. Sharif Chaudhry served for many years and immensely improved and expanded the cardiac care facilities. In those days we had no surgeon to help us. Even Valvular lesions and close heart

vulvotomy were managed and performed by general surgeons like Prof. Rizvi. ECG machine was a rare commodity in those days. Prof. Sharif Chaudhry used to implant temporary pace makes under imaging in the Dept. of Radiology. We learnt a lot from him. He also helped develop library at Karachi Gymkhana.

Prof. Khalida Soomro former Prof. of Cardiology at DUHS in her speech said that late Prof. Sharif Chaudhry was a great source of inspiration for cardiologists in public sector hospitals. Even after his retirement he always helped me and our department whenever we requested him for his guidance.

Prof. Tipu Sultan another former Principal of DMC recalled how late Prof. Sharif Chaudhry used to help them in the Intensive Care Unit managing patients of LBB and RBB operated by the surgeons. He used to come with his ECG machine, implant temporary pace makers since monitors were not available in those days.

Prof. M. Aazhar Farooqui former Executive Director of NICVD recalled that Prof. Sharif Chaudhry was one of the founder members of Pakistan Cardiac Society which was established by late Prof. Col.M.H. Shah and Prof. Shaukat Ali Syed. We learnt a lot from those senior cardiologists and he will always be remembered.

Dr. Hasnat Sahrif his son stated that he was a very kind Father who had immense love for his children and the family life. When he joined DMC, there was a six bed cardiology wad in a Medical Unit but then he was able to establish a state of the art cardiology unit with CCU where later Cardiac Cath Lab. was also added. He had a vision. He did lot of charity work and made donations to numerous institutions like Shaukat Khanum Hospital, KIHD, LRBT and DUHS. The meeting was also addressed by his two daughters who said that he was very keen about education of women. We are three daughters and one son and all of them joined the medical profession and continue to practice medicine. He was a loving father. Our mother passed away six years ago.

Late Prof. Sharif Chaudhry was a very kind hearted, God fearing practical Muslim who belonged to a rare tribe of cardiologists who believe and practice ethical medicine. He was not at all infected with the materialistic virus. He was an important member of the KEMCOLIANS Group at Karachi who used to hold their annual dinner meetings regularly for many years. The core members of this KEMCOLIANS group included Prof. Razi Mahmood from JPMC, Dr. Maqbool H. Jafary Medical Advisor in Novartis, Prof. Khalid Durrani from DMC, Dr. M. Saeed Medical Advisor in Wyeth Laboratories and Dr. Khalid Nazeer Medical Advisor in Bohrengier Ingelhiem besides Prof. Sharif Chaudhry.. They used to meet at lunch at Karachi Gymkhana almost every month regularly. At these meetings they used to discuss how to help needy medical students and young doctors besides getting involved in social work as Prof. Sharif Chaudhry was also very active in Rotary Club of Pakistan. He even sold one of his residential plots to donate new X-Ray Plant at Ojha Institute at DUHS. They helped many young doctors to go abroad for short training courses sponsored by the pharmaceutical industry which was organized by Dr. Maqbool H. Jafary either through Novartis or through other pharmaceutical companies. May God Almighty rest the departed soul in Peace and give courage to the family members to bear this loss. *Ameen.*

“ When you see evil, try to reform or resist it by deed, and if that be not possible, expose it by word and if even that is beyond you, at least in your head and heart despise it. ”

“ Saying of the Holy Prophet (PBUH)”