

2018 Master Recipient Wasim Jafri, MD, MACG



Wasim Jafri, MD, MACG, is a graduate of the Dow Medical College in Karachi, Pakistan. He was trained in internal medicine and gastroenterology in the United Kingdom, and received his hepatology training from Professor Eugene Schiff at the University of Miami. He is a Member of the Royal College of Surgeons (London) and the Royal College of Physician (UK). He is a Fellow of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of London, Edinburgh, and Glasgow, the American College of Physicians, the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases, the New York Academy of Sciences and the Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research of the ECFMG. He has received the Outstanding Teaching Award at the Aga Khan University where

he has worked for the last 3 decades and has been instrumental in fostering GI training in Pakistan. As head of the gastroenterology section and a supervisor of the Fellowship Program at the Aga Khan University (AKU), he has trained scores of fellows who are now working in leading positions across different regions of Pakistan and are themselves professors and supervisors. He remained Chair, Department of Medicine at the Aga Khan University for about a decade and played a pivotal role in planning the development of the department and provided strong academic and administrative leadership to the university. He is also a senior faculty of gastroenterology for the specialized examination of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Pakistan. Currently, he is Associate Dean and head of the Department of Continuing Professional Education at AKU. The CME activities approved by his centre are accredited by the AKU, Pakistan Medical and Dental Council, and the American Association of Continuing Medical Education (AACME) USA.

Professor Jafri was the Secretary General of the Pakistan Society of Gastroenterology (PSG) and is the Founder and Past President of the Pakistan Society for the Study of Liver Diseases (PSSLD), and founding executive member of the South Asian Association for the Study of the Liver (SAASL). He had been a faculty member of the Asian Pacific Association for the Study of the Liver (APASL) annual meetings for the last several years, and has served as an executive council member and now as an advisory committee member of the APASL.

Professor Jafri is the past ACG Governor for Pakistan and is the Director of the World Gastroenterology Organization (WGO) Training Centre in Karachi. He was a member of the Guidelines Committee of WHO on Hepatitis C, and has also contributed to different practice guidelines developed by the APASL and PSSLD. He is actively engaged in research and has received several awards for his scholarship. He has over 300 publications to his credit in indexed journals. He has recently received the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award from the Prime Minister of Pakistan. He also received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the PSG in 2017, and a similar award from the SAASL in 2018 presented by the Prime Minister of Nepal in Khatmandu for his dedicated services towards promoting hepatology services in the South Asian region.