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FIRST CONVOCATION CEREMONY



On February 23, 2023, Northwest School of Medicine Peshawar held its first ever convocation ceremony awarding degrees to 94 male and female graduates of its pioneer MBBS batch of session 2016-2021.

The event was held at the school's auditorium. Prof. Abid Jameel, Advisor on Health to Chief Minister KP, was the Chief Guest and was also attended by the Prof. Zia Ul Haq Vice Chancellor of Khyber Medical University, Prof. Noor Ul Iman Principal Northwest School of Medicine, Prof. Tariq Khan, Chairman Alliance Healthcare and Prof. Muhammad Saleem Gandapur Registrar Khyber Medical University. Members of the Academic Council, faculty members, parents of students, as well as other distinguished guests also participated in this prestigious ceremony.

During the ceremony, six outstanding graduates were awarded gold medals, including Dr. Hira Zahid, who secured six gold medals for her exceptional performance throughout her academic career. Dr. Hira Zahid achieved 1st Position in 2nd Professional Examination 2016-17, 1st Position in 3rd Professional Examination 2018-19, 1st Position in 5th Professional Examination 2020-21, and was the best graduate in session 2016-21 at Northwest School of Medicine. She also secured the 5th Position in 3rd Professional Examination KMU and 2nd Position in 5th Professional Examination KMU at Khyber Medical University.

Other notable graduates included Dr. Omar Iqbal Khan, who achieved 1st position in the 1st professional examination of Northwest School of Medicine 2016-2017 and 8th position in the 1st professional examination of Khyber Medical University 2017, and Dr. Sundus Ali Khan, who secured 1st position in the 4th professional examination of NWSM and was awarded a gold medal.

Dr. Hoor Sajjad Kakakhel achieved 8th position in the 3rd professional examination of Khyber Medical University, while Dr. Farrukh Ansar was awarded a gold medal for 20 publications in high impact factor national and international journals, including 10 Pubmed indexed publications. Additionally, Dr. Asadullah Khan was awarded the gold medal for outstanding contribution towards extracurricular and informal academic activities.

The first convocation ceremony of Northwest School of Medicine was a great event, celebrating the achievements of its first batch of graduates and recognizing their hard work and excellent performance throughout their academic journey.

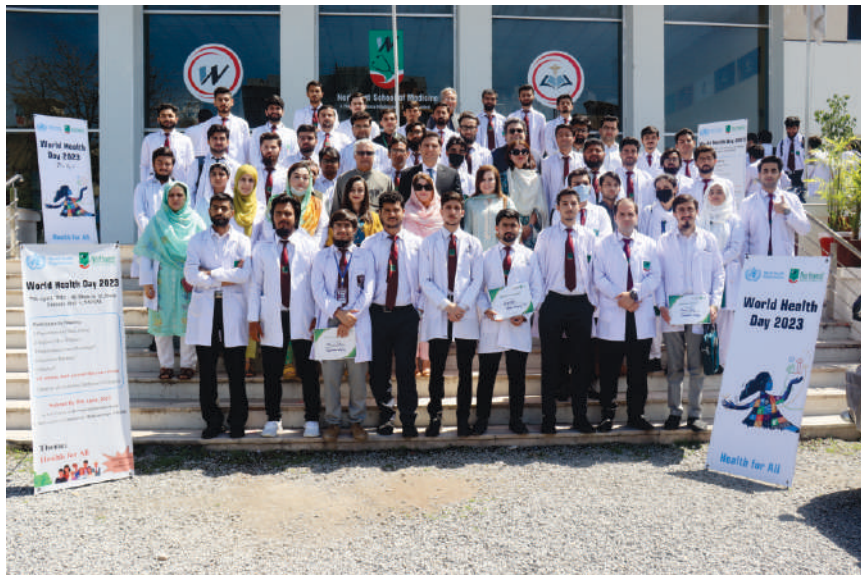


Embracing Professionalism The White Coat Ceremony 2023

The white coat ceremony 2023 was a special event that marked the beginning of the students journey in Northwest School of Medicine. This ceremony was held to honor and welcome the newly inducted first year MBBS students to the medical profession. The ceremony was attended by students, faculty, and family members.

The event began with the recitation of the Holy Quran. The new students were then welcomed to the institution and some words of wisdom were shared about the journey that lies ahead. After the introduction, the students were called up one by one to receive their white coats. Different prestigious faculty members assisted the students in putting on their coats. Once all the students had received their white coats, the guest speaker gave a keynote address, focusing on the importance of professionalism, ethics, and the responsibilities that come with being a healthcare professional.

The white coat ceremony concluded with a group photo of the newly inducted students, followed by a reception where the students could mingle with faculty and family members. The white coat ceremony was a significant milestone in the journey of these students, and it marked the beginning of a long and challenging journey towards becoming a healthcare professional. It will serve as a reminder to students of the high standards and expectations that come with the privilege of practicing medicine and encourages them to strive for excellence in all their endeavors.



World Health Day 2023

7th April is World Health Day. It is celebrated annually, and each year draws attention to a specific health topic of concern to people all over the world. This year the theme is "Health For All".

An event was organized by community medicine department in the college and students participated in large numbers. Students of various medical colleges participated as well in the competition organized for the event, which included presentations, videos, hand-made charts, paintings, standees, banners, and photographs.





TURKISH AMBASSADOR VISIT

Turkish Ambassador Dr. Mehmet Paçacı visits Northwest School of Medicine on 16 June 2023.

His Excellency Dr. Mehmet Paçacı addressed as Chief Guest to the audience, hosting the distribution ceremony of merit-based scholarships among the College students and also presented awards to the outstanding student of the College.

Earlier, delegates from Northwest School of Medicine handed over a cheque of 1 million to the Embassy of Turkiye for the Earthquake victims. During the course of the ceremony, an appreciation certificate was presented to the Northwest School of Medicine by the ambassador on account of their generous support of the Turkish people.

The Ambassador briefly shed light on the outstanding relationship between the two brother countries. He thanked for the generous support from Pakistani people during the recent Earthquake in Turkiye, adding huge donations received from Pakistani people to the victims of the Earthquake and Reaffirming the tested relations, especially in difficult times between the two Countries. " Our ties are deep-rooted and we will support each other in the future. He also paid attributions to the late Abdur Rehman Peshawari who fought during the independence war of Turkiye and rendered selfless services for the freedom of the Turkish People".

An award distribution ceremony was held where the Honorable Guest was awarded Traditional Turban and Shield by the Principal of NWSM Prof. Noor Ul Iman.



Faculty Development Program

One Day Workshop arranged under "Faculty Development Program" by Dr. Sylvia Ali Khan for the faculty of Northwest School of Medicine. The title of the informative workshop was "Complaint Handling".



"Excellence Recognized: Meet the Position Holders of Northwest School of Medicine in Khyber Medical University"

Securing a position in the top ranks of a medical university is a significant achievement and is a proud moment for a medical college. The students of Northwest school of medicine proudly secured positions in the Khyber Medical University that are worth the appreciation and these students are commended for their hard work and dedication to their studies.

POSITIONS IN KMU 2ND PROFESSIONAL ANNUAL EXAMINATION 2021-22



8th Position
Abu Bakar Siddique



9th Position
Kamran Mateen



1st Position
Muhammad Raees



6th Position
Farishta Hamayun



7th Position
Shahab Ahmad

POSITIONS IN KMU 3rd PROFESSIONAL ANNUAL EXAMINATION 2021-22



1st Position
Mohammad Asim



4th Position
Safi ullah



6th Position
Maoz Ali



7th Position
Tayyab Khan



8th Position
Shafiq Ahmad Khan

POSITIONS IN KMU FINAL PROFESSIONAL ANNUAL EXAMINATION 2021-22



1st Position
Sumayya Habib



4th Position
Mah Rukh Shinwari



9th Position
Kashmala Arshad

Workshop on World Federation for Medical Education

An Online workshop was arranged on 20th June at Principal Secretariat on WFME (World Federation for Medical Education) inspection preparation. The meeting was organized by PMDC. All Heads of the departments were present at the occasion.



ENGLISH DAY

On June 6, the English day of the Literary Week was held. The Chief Guest of the event was the professor of the University of Peshawar, Dr. Amjad Saleem.

After which the ceremony was continued. At the beginning of the ceremony, the secretary of the Literary Society Daniyal Ahmed welcomed the participants of the ceremony and officially started the ceremony. On this occasion, Muhammad Anas English section in-charge, Momina Ali sub in charge and other students performed the duties of stage secretary.

At the event, students presented poetry, poems, drama performance, and a talk show which the participants enjoyed a lot.

On this occasion, the Chief Guest Prof. Dr. Amjad Saleem and Principal of Northwest School of Medicine Dr. Noor Ul Iman addressed the participants and appreciated the organization of such literary events. In the end, Literary Society advisor Dr. Almas Fasih Khattak presented the Honorary Shield to Dr. Amjad Saleem, the Chief Guest of the ceremony.



URDU DAY

On June 5, the Urdu day of the Literary Week was held. The chief guest of the event was the renowned Poet, writer, and professor of Islamia College Peshawar, Dr. Izhar Ullah Izhar. who formally inaugurated the event.

The ceremony started with a National Anthem. After which the ceremony was continued. At the beginning of the ceremony, the advisor of the Literary Society Dr. Almas Fasih Khattak welcomed the participants of the ceremony and officially started the ceremony. On this occasion, literary society secretary Daniyal Ahmed and Urdu section in-charge Zulfiqar Khan, other students performed the duties of stage secretary.

At the event, students presented poetry, poems, drama, comic news, Qawwali, and a talk show which the participants enjoyed a lot.

On this occasion, the Chief Guest Prof. Dr. Izharullah Izhar, Principal of Northwest School of Medicine Dr. Noor Ul Iman, and Urdu Professor of Islamia College Dr. Shahoor Khattak addressed the participants and appreciated the organization of such literary events. In the end, Principal Dr. Noor Ul Iman presented the Honorary Shield to Dr. Izharullah, the Chief Guest of the ceremony.



PASHTO DAY

The Chief Guest of the event was the Ex-Chairman of the Pashto Department of Islamia College Peshawar, Renowned Poet, and Writer Prof. Dr. Abaseen Yousafzai.

After which the ceremony was continued. At the beginning of the ceremony, the secretary of the Literary Society Daniyal Ahmed welcomed the participants of the ceremony and officially started the ceremony. On this occasion, Huzaifa Younas Pashto section in-charge, Mansoor Storay Sub in-charge, and other students performed the duties of stage secretary.

On this occasion, the Chief Guest Prof. Dr. Abaseen Yousafzai, and the Principal of Northwest School of Medicine Dr. Noor Ul Iman addressed the participants and appreciated the organization of such literary events. Honorary Shield was presented to Literary Society advisor Dr. Almas Fasih Khattak, and Literary Secretary Daniyal Ahmed. In the end, the Principal and Staff Advisor presented the Honorary Shield to Dr. Abaseen Yousafzai, the Chief Guest of the ceremony, and a traditional Cap was gifted to Chief Guest by Pashto section in-charge Huzaifa Younas.





Declamation Day

Literary Week ended successfully at the Northwest School of Medicine. On June 8, All Pakistan Declamation contest was held. The event's Chief Guest was Mr. Mehmet Çerçikaya from Pak-Turk Maarif School & Colleges Peshawar.

After that, the ceremony continued. At the beginning of the ceremony, the secretary of the Literary Society Daniyal Ahmed welcomed the participants of the ceremony and officially started the ceremony. On this occasion, President NODS Haris Latif and Vice President Umair Hamza, performed the duties of stage secretary.

At the event, students presented speeches which are in English and Urdu (Serious and Humorous categories) which the participants enjoyed a lot.

On this occasion, the Chief Guest Mr. Mehmet Çerçikaya, the Principal of Northwest School of Medicine Dr. Noor Ul Iman, English contest Judge Dr. Samra Fakhar, and Urdu contest Judge Assist. Prof. Dr. Syed Zubair Shah addressed the participants and appreciated the organization of such literary events. The Chairman of Alliance Health Care Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tariq Khan was also attend the event.

In the contest English Speech (serious category) Ali Farzooq got first, Usama Khan from GKMC second and Furqan Sethi from KMC got Third Position. In Urdu Speech (serious category) Hassan Khan from NWSM got first, Saddam Gauhar from KMC got second while Maaz Mehmoti from UET Jalozai secured third position. In the Urdu Humorous Speech category, Farhan Hameed from KIMS got first, Sardar Shafi from KIMS second, and Aisha Javed from PIMC secured third position. All winners got certificates and cash prizes from the Chief Guest and Principal of Northwest School of Medicine.

Honorary Shield was presented to the Chief Guest of the event Mr. Mehmet Çerçikaya, Dr. Samra Fakhar, Assist. Prof. Dr. Syed Zubair Shah. While Chief Guest, Principal NWSM, and Literary Society advisor, presented the certificate to Literary Secretary Daniyal Ahmed. In the end, a group picture was taken with the Chief Guest of the event all participants of the contest.

SOS Children's Village Visit

Community Medicine Department, NWSM organized an awareness programme on World No Tobacco Day at SOS Children's Village (Largest Orphaned Child Charity in the World), Peshawar campus. The event aimed to educate students about the detrimental effects of tobacco and the importance of building a tobacco-free society. The programme was presided over by Prof. Dr. Waqar Ali, who highlighted the significance of the occasion. Addressing the students, he stressed the need to become ambassadors in their communities, spreading awareness about the dangers of tobacco and working towards its eradication. NWSM students also reinforced the messages in small group format. The event concluded with an atmosphere of determination, as students pledged to be torchbearers in the fight against tobacco addiction.



Iftar Drive

Social welfare society are always out to help and serve people in need. In the Holy Month of Ramzan students of Social welfare society arranged well organized iftar drives for the carers of patients and hospital staff in Northwest Teaching Hospital, serving more than 200 people in each drive.

The Social Welfare Society also did a Clothes drive and distributed Clothes to 180 orphans .



Welcome Party for First Year MBBS

Certainly! an excellent way to celebrate new beginnings. In essence, to initiate new adventures and create lasting memories. The Event was filled with laughter, music and friendly banter. Ice-breaking activities were arranged to encourage the newcomers to participate.



Funfair at NWSM

Daeim Social Welfare Society NWSM arranged an impressive Funfair for the first time ever. It was a splendid event that was held on the 19th and 20th of May, 2023. The event had multiple eye-catching stalls of different types of foods, E-gamings, carnival gaming stalls, music, face painting, mehndi application, an art exhibition, shopping stalls, and much more. It was a much-needed change for staff and students and they had a great time during all the activities. The Social Welfare Society is run by Shayan Shoukat as the General Secretary under the supervision of Dr. Almas Fasih Khattak as Staff Advisor.



Seeratun-Nabi Conference



Obedience to Allah is what the Prophet exemplified. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) character epitomizes teachings of the Quran through his faith and manner of living. Seerat un-Nabi Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) undoubtedly portrays the perfect picture of a true Islamic society.



A Seerat un Nabi Conference was held in northwest school of medicine on 18th of April 2023. The event was graced with the presence of principal NWSM Dr Noor ullman, professor Naeem Khattak and Mufti Ameen Ul Haqq from Jamiah Farooqi. Students from different colleges participated in the Na'at and Qira'at competitions. Certificates and cash prizes were distributed among the winners.



Training Workshop on E-LOGBOOK

Training Workshop on E-LOGBOOK was held at Principal Secretariat. The meeting was chaired by Malik Latif Chairman IT. The Facilitators of the workshop were Dr. Fatima, Mr. Zeeshan, Mr. Naeem Jan and Mr. Kifayat Ullah.

The following were the various components of the workshop:

1. General Overview of the E-Logbook
2. Step-wise Training
3. Hands on Training

Seminar on Virtual Learning Environment

Medical Education Department, NWSM organized a seminar on the "Importance of virtual learning environment" on 18th May 2023, at Principal Secretariat with the Basic and Clinical Sciences faculty.

Dr. Shazia Sadaf was the resource person for the seminar. She is a professor of Human Rights and Social Justice in the Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies at Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada. She addressed participants of the seminar that Brightspace VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) is a robust online learning management system developed by D2L, designed to facilitate and manage online courses and training programs.

In the seminar, Northwest shared its learning management system and features with the resource person which she appreciated and gave commendable remarks on such progress.



The Higher Education Regulatory Authority (HERA) Inspection

The Higher Education Regulatory Authority (HERA) of Pakistan is responsible for ensuring that all educational institutions in the country meet the necessary standards and guidelines set by the government, including the medical colleges, which are expected to provide high-quality education and training to future healthcare professionals. During a visit and inspection by HERA to Northwest School of Medicine, several aspects of the college were evaluated to determine its compliance with the standards and regulations set by the authority.



Children's Mental Health Week at NWSM

Children's Mental Health Week, which runs from 6 to 12 February, is a week dedicated to raising awareness and educating children and young people on mental health. It is so important to get young people talking about mental health, to break down any stigma around the subject and ensure that children feel comfortable talking about their mental state to their friends, teachers and parents. Everyone really enjoyed the event, and it was great to see so many students in the audience.



Workshop on "Self-Assessment Report Writing"

The workshop was organized by the Quality Enhancement Cell. The resource person for the workshop was Dr. Syeda Asia Bukhari, Director, Khyber Medical University QEC. The workshop was very useful and efficient, which was well appreciated by the participants. On the last day, Chairman Alliance Healthcare Professor Dr. Muhammad Tariq Khan attended the closing ceremony as a special guest and distributed certificates among the participants of the workshop. Principal Professor Dr. Noor Ul Iman also addressed the opening ceremony of the workshop. He appreciated the role of (QEC) Quality Enhancement Cell and assured the department of its full support in organizing such events and workshops. At the end of the workshop, Focal Person QEC Dr. Neelum Ali thanked the Chief Guest, Principal, Resource Person of the workshop, participants and management of the workshop.



Cooperative Learning

Students of First Year, Northwest School of Medicine participating in a display of posters in cooperative learning on 11th April, 2023.



Sports Day

A healthy mind makes a healthy body. Students of NWSM started the Sports week in a Fantabulous way in the opening ceremony. Students participated zealously in games such as Basketball, Football, Volley ball, Cricket, Chess and Chindru. The events were thoroughly enjoyed and well participated under supervision of Sports Secretary Muhammad Umair. Chairman Dr Tariq Hashim and faculty distributed medals in Winning teams and encouraged them to participate in the such events in future.



Certificate in Health Research

19 – 23 December 2022 & 27 - 31 March, 2023

Northwest School of Medicine and Khyber Medical University collaborated to conduct a Certificate Course in Health Research (CHR) at North West School of Medicine for all members of AHL faculty. A total of 28 participants were recruited in the course. The certificate course comprised of two contact sessions.

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ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System Workshop

A workshop was arranged in North School of Medicine on 15th March 2023 on ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management system. The workshop was hosted by Mr Abdul Qadir and Muhammad Akbar Khan for the NWSM team involved in Quality Management System. The facilitator informed the audience about the brief history of ISO, its establishment in 1947 at Switzerland and its current version ISO 9001:2015, the part of ISO family.

The facilitator gave a very comprehensive concept of standards of Quality management for organizations. The workshop emphasized on how to improve the quality of the services and consistently meet the stakeholders' expectations. The facilitator explained that Quality management is a system-based approach of the organization to manage its processes, make them well defined and meet the requirements of its customers, risk and stakeholders related to its work.

The workshop ended by note of thanks. In the end, the chairman "HERA" Fazle Qadir Sab distributed certificates amongst the participants and briefed the audience regarding the quality standards. He also appreciated NWSM for its commitment towards quality and maintaining standards.



World Immunization Week

Immunization is one of the most successful and cost-effective health interventions. From infants to senior citizens, immunization prevents debilitating illness, disability and death from vaccine-preventable diseases.

World Immunization Week, celebrated in the last week of April, aims to highlight the collective action needed to protect people from vaccine-preventable diseases. During this week, students of NWSM actively participated in an initiative to educate parents at NWSM and NWSH about the significance of vaccination and distributed EPI schedule leaflets.

In collaboration with UNICEF, an event was conducted at Northwest School of Medicine on 28th April 2023 to highlight the importance of vaccination. Professor Dr. Waqar Ali of Community Medicine presented WHO's theme for the year 2023 "the big catch-up"-a global push to overcome this backsliding caused by the pandemic and restore immunization services to surpass pre-pandemic levels. UNICEF's Immunization Officer Dr. Kamran Qureshi and Health Specialist Inamullah Khan attended and addressed the participants on the occasion. In the event, students of various medical colleges participated in the categories of presentations, videos and paintings. Winners of each category were awarded certificates for 1st-3rd positions and appreciation certificates were distributed among all participants.



World Thalassemia Day

Community Medicine Department, NWSM organized an awareness and discussion session about Thalassemia & Blood Donation on 8th May, 2023.

The event aimed to raise awareness about Thalassemia, its prevention, complications, treatment, and importance of premarital screening. It also raised awareness about the importance of blood donation and encouraged students to donate blood regularly.

70 students from NWSM & NWIHS registered for blood donation.



World No Tobacco Day

Community Medicine Department, NWSM launched an awareness campaign against tobacco in educational institutions to protect young generation from this menace. The first session was conducted in Pak Turk Maarif (International Schools & Colleges). Prof. Dr. Waqar Ali delivered a session on the negative consequences of Tobacco on Friday 26th May. Faculty members reinforced the message in small group format along with the distribution of pamphlets.

On 31st May, 2023 Northwest General Hospital hosted an event to mark World Tobacco Day in which informative pamphlets were distributed among the attendees. The event was attended by Ms. Syeda Zainab Naqvi, who informed the audience about the unrestrained supply of tobacco and tobacco-related products in the province and the measures taken by her team to curtail this unchecked supply, especially to minors. Dr. Muhammad Asim (Consultant Pulmonologist, NWGH), Dr. Imran Mohib (Consultant ENT, NWGH), Dr. Sylvia Ali Khan (Consultant Psychiatrist, NWGH) and Prof. Dr. Waqar Ali (HoD Community Medicine, NWSM) talked about the detrimental effects of tobacco use on the body, its role as a major risk factor in various malignancies, its addictive potential, preventing its use and importance of mass education, respectively. Students from various colleges also participated in categories of presentation, paintings, models and charts. The event concluded with certificate distribution amongst all participants and shields were presented to the faculty as a token of gratitude for their contribution.



Visit to Pak Turk Maarif

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Disaster Drill By Rescue 1122

A mock major disaster drill was arranged by the Department of Occupational Health, Safety and Environment (OHS&E) in collaboration with Rescue 1122 at the Northwest School of Medicine (NWSM) on 21 June 2023. A Large number of Students, Faculty and Non-Faculty staff, and Demonstrators participated in the session. Lab The Rescue 1122 representatives Mr. Inayat Ur Rehman, medical safety instructor and Mr. Khalil Ur Rehman, fire and safety instructor, trained the participants on first aid provision, emergency evacuation and fire safety. The mock drill also helped identify the limitations of the current emergency preparedness plan. Realistic emergency preparedness drills and exercises can help ensure a more effective response when disaster strikes. Studying lessons learned from other emergencies and practicing simulations is the best alternative to real-world experience because the ability to equivocally learn in a replicated environment strengthens readiness to respond during a disaster.



Poster Presentation by 1st year MBBS students

The poster Presentation was conducted on 12 June 2023 by the Anatomy Department at Northwest School of Medicine. The presentation theme was "Clinical Anatomy of Musculo-skeletal System" under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Maqbool Illahi HoD of the Anatomy Department.

The Honorable Principal Prof. Dr. Noor Ul Iman, Vice Principal Academics Prof. Dr. Abid Hussain, and Judges from NWSM and KGMC participated. The First Year MBBS students presented their posters to the judges and took great interest.





Seminar on USMLE

The Department of Medical Education organized a Professional Career Counseling seminar for students of the final year of Northwest School of Medicine on 6 June 2023 at Principal Secretariat's Conference room. In the seminar, Dr. Mahnoor Jadoon gave a comprehensive presentation to the students about the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) pathway.

She explained the processes and mechanism of completing all three steps of the USMLE. She further briefed the students regarding this rigorous examination process that ensures medical professionals meet the standards required for safe and competent patient care in the United States.



Self Assessment Report Meeting

QEC-NWSM arranged a visit of the Assessment Team to assess the Self-Assessment Report (SAR) on 22nd June 2023 at 10 am at the Principal Secretariat. The attendees of the meeting included Prof. Dr. Noor-ul-Iman Principal-NWSM, Dr. Neelum Ali Focal person QEC-NWSM, and Program Team members (Basic and Clinical Sciences Faculty).

On completion of the SAR, an Assessment Team was constituted on June 21, 2023, comprising two external and seven internal members. Prof. Dr. Shafiq Ur Rehman, Advisor Quality Assurance, Higher Education Department, Govt. of KPK and Dr. Niaz Muhammad, Professor, Department of Anatomy, Kabir Medical College, Peshawar participated in the meeting as External Evaluators. During the meeting, the SAR was thoroughly evaluated by the Assessment Team.

Both external members highly appreciated the thoroughness of the Report and the preparation of members to respond to different queries. With the completion of the meeting, the SAR is now considered finalized and ready to be submitted to KMU/HEC. The SAR submission will provide a comprehensive overview of the program's achievements, challenges, and plans for improvement, ensuring transparency in the college's academic endeavors.

