



## Message of the Patron JSOGP

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Dear SOGP fellows, members and colleagues, Assalam-o-Alaikum,

It is my great privilege to address the Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Pakistan through the forum of Journal of the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Pakistan (JSOGP). This time SOGP is blessed with a team of very enthusiastic, dedicated and energetic newly elected council and executive members. I very warmly welcome them and congratulate them for winning the election. I hope they will eagerly join me in the process of making SOGP a worthy and successful scientific society and raise it to the sky heights.

SOGP in past few years has made tremendous progress. The JSOGP has come up as a valuable literary publication, under its hard working Editorial Team. Moreover, National guidelines are also under preparation. Furthermore various National and International Conferences are held regularly addressing the pressing problems with unfulfilled success. Still we are far away to meet the MDG 4&5. Maternal mortality is rising especially in Balochistan. This high MMR is not only due to illiteracy, poverty, lack of road network, and deficient transport at the time of need, poor arrangements at health facilities, and inadequately trained staff. Other contributing factors involved are absence of Lady Doctors, Obstetricians and Gynecologists and Anesthetists. In addition to which non functional Operation Theaters, unavailability of blood, poor surgical skills and lack of training about the basic, secondary and tertiary EmOC services (Especially in the far-flung areas of Balochistan and Sindh), are major deterrents.

Maternal mortality cannot be improved by just improving the skills of birth attendants, LHV's and LHW's. Each and every member of the community has to play its role such as Parents, In-laws, Politicians, Scholars, Religious leaders, as well as the Media, Government and Non Government Organizations.

At this stage SOGP has to intervene to improve the Women's health status. SOGP will provide necessary assistance to all Obstetricians and Gynecologists to improve their surgical skills and capacity building through workshops and by providing them protocols for five major Obstetrical problems such as APH, Obstructed labour, Eclampsia, PPH and Puerperal Sepsis. SOGP will also endorse the FIGO guideline

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for the use of Misoprostol in prevention and treatment of post-partum hemorrhage and post abortion complications, until National guidelines on its usage are ready, through multicentre trials and Reviews.

Furthermore quite a large number of women are dying of gynecological and breast cancer thus there is urgent need to start cancer screening program throughout the country. For that SOGP is planning to start cervical cancer screening by VIA and Breast cancer screening by manual examination.

It is therefore the responsibility of each and every member of the society to create awareness among the public and government about very high maternal and perinatal mortality as well as cancer deaths so that some active plans can be made to overcome these problems.

I will do my level best to uphold all that the Society stands for. At the same time I am keenly looking forward to receive your valuable suggestions and recommendations to improve the working of the Society.

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