

## Memoirs

The memoirs are being written with felicity for the joy and satisfaction, the ethereal lives of those remembered in these pages, provided to numerous women of this part of the world.

These scintillating stars of the Profession have left their light on the changing scenes of life, in

general and the Obstetrics and Gynaecology, in particular.

I however could lay hands on the photographs and particulars of only those mentioned below, while the others may follow in later issues of JSOGP.

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### Flashback: A Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons

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**Dr Mahmuda Ghulam Mohamed**, was a leading gynecologist in Karachi. She was Medical Superintendent of Lady Dufferin Hospital where this photo was taken, from the 1940s until her death in 1958, aged 47. Under her direction, the Institute of Nursing was added to the hospital, and it became Pakistan's pre-eminent maternity hospital.

After training at Lady Hardinge Medical College, Delhi, and King Edward Medical College, Lahore, she went to Edinburgh (Scotland) for her postgraduate exams and in July 1939, she became the first Muslim woman doctor from pre-partition India to be elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons (Edin).

**Contributors:** Photo and text by Yasmine Jamil and Nilofar Minhas.

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## Prof. Abdus Samad Chaudhuri

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The above photograph shows **Prof. Abdus Samad Chaudhuri**, sitting amidst his staff members (in the middle of the front row) in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Jinnah Postgraduate Medical College, Karachi, in 1957.

Prof. Abdus Samad Chaudhuri was the first adhoc President of the newly formed Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Pakistan, in 1957.

I had personally met Prof Chaudhuri at my visit to Karachi, with my father, Late Prof. Col. Mohammad Zia Ullah. I was impressed by gentle nature of Prof. Chaudhuri.

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## Professor Zubaida Aziz

MBBS, FRCS, FRFPS, FCPS, FRCOG

Fellowship, Gynae Endocrinology, Johns Hopkins University, USA.

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Born in Lahore, 1920, graduated (MBBS) from Lady Hardinge Medical College, Delhi, 1942, obtained FRCS and FRFPS, Royal College of Edinburgh, 1948. On return to Pakistan, she served at the border of Lahore and Amritsar, taking care of injured and mutilated migrating women after partition. She was appointed as M.S. of Lady Wellington Hospital, Lahore, in addition to being Incharge of Gynae department. Here she served until her marriage in April 1952 to Professor Muhammad Aziz Ahmed, when she moved to Karachi with her husband in 1953. She joined as Assistant Professor and then Professor, Head of Department at Dow Medical College for 26 years. The last 2 years prior to her retirement, she was appointed Principal of Dow Medical College. In 1958, she obtained the fellowship in Gynaecological Endocrinology by working as a fellow in the Johns Hopkins University, USA for two years.



She was the founder member of the SOGP and chairperson of the RCOG Overseas Committee for Pakistan. She was instrumental in the recognition of many Pakistani institutions for MRCOG training and the start of the RCOG sponsorship scheme. Part 1 MRCOG examination was organized by her and the RCOG in Pakistan but unfortunately it was not allowed by the Government of Pakistan and the CPSP at that point. She was an active member of the CPSP, recipient of the honorary FCPS and advisor for the Family Planning Association of Pakistan. She participated and organized the first Community Oriented Medical Education Program (COME) initiated in Egypt and Pakistan simultaneously.

She spent her entire life teaching and training undergraduate students, postgraduates, developing teaching programs throughout the country and serving the poor women of the society.

Her special interests were Infertility and medical education.

I had the good fortune of meeting Prof. Zubaida Aziz once, at her residence with Prof. Brig. Wajeha Fatimah Hassan. Even at that moment of time, a late afternoon, she was working at her writing desk, placed in the middle of a large room - such was her dedication and devotion.

*“May her soul rest in peace in the heavens.”*

*Photograph and the text: Contributed by her daughter Prof. Sadiah Aziz*

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## Professor Mehmuda Said

**MBBS, FCPS, FRCOG**

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Prof. Mehmuda Said, D/O Dr. Abdul Said General Surgeon, was born on 14<sup>th</sup> July, 1926 in Karachi. She went to St. Josephs Convent School Karachi and did her F.Sc from D.J Science College Karachi she started MBBS in Lady Hardinge Medical College Delhi and completed it from King Edward Medical College Lahore.

She did her house job in Lady Dufferin Hospital Karachi and trained in England to obtain MRCOG in 1961. She joined JPMC in November, 1961

as Assistant Professor and retired as Professor and Head of Department in 1986 after serving there for 26 years.

She had special interest in Urinary Fistula and oncology surgery. Prof.Said developed Macular degeneration in 1996 which led to progressive loss of vision. She was a founder member of SOGP and was its President from 1979-1983. My personal contact with her was during the days of split society, when I happened to be the General Secretary of North Pakistan Society and could take the initiative to personally handover the money of that broken part of the society to Prof. Mahmuda Said at my specific visit to Karachi, thus uniting the two bits of the society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists into one strong national body. Prof.Mehmuda Said passed away on 20th November, 2006.

*“May Allah rest her soul in Heaven, Ameen.”*

**Contributor:** *The photograph and the basic text is provided by Prof Razia Korajo.*



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