

TRIBUTE TO NA JAFAREY!

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Professor NA Jafarey was a legend in Pathology and Medical Education, and will remain so forever in Pakistan. His contributions to these two aspects of medicine are enormous. He entered on this platform in sixties and remained the most active contributor till few months before he left us in 2015. He produced hundreds of Pathology and Medical Teachers who are serving in many Medical colleges all over Pakistan and abroad.

His roles as Surgical Pathologist and as a teacher at BMSI Jinnah Hospital, co-founder of department of Medical Education at CPSP and as a founder VC of Ziauddin University Karachi are huge contribution. His role as a surgical pathologist at Sind Lab, founder president of Pakistan Association of Pathologist and sincere advices to Pakistan Medical Association, specially patronage to JPMA indicate his vision towards the future of Medical Education in Pakistan. Journal of Pakistan Medical Association started and matured with good citation under guidance and direction of Dr. Sarwar J Zubery and Professor Naeem A Jafarey.

I met him in 1982 on my return from England and since then I have been learning Pathology, Medical education, and little bit exposure of medical politics from him. Medical politics is a subject he always complained and avoided. He strongly believed that there was no role of politics in health and education. Merit-less health and education is unthinkable and will destroy the future of people, society and nation. He had special interest in Medical Genetics and taught this difficult but interesting subject to the part one FCPS students. In nineties, Pro NA Jafarey and Professor Fazal-e- Elahi decided to leave CPS on some matter of principle. He gave me this responsibility of teaching medical genetics there.

It is rather sad to remember sad demise of Professor NA Jafarey. However, it is also highly motivating to remember his deeds and achievements. He was gentle, fatherly and always available to help anyone any time with all his sincerity and truthfulness. He always talked truth, the whole truth and nothing but truth. He kept quit on some occasions when talking truth was neither 'right' nor safe. I saw him angry very rarely and happy frequently. He was a contended person and did a lot for all of us. May God rest his soul in peace. Amen.