‘Outcomes of Primary Repair of Tetralogy of Fallot in Adolescents and Adults’

We are reporting the outcomes of primary repair of Tetralogy of Fallot in adolescents and adults treated at the Aga Khan University (AKU) Hospital, Karachi, Pakistan. These surgeries are challenging due to the development of comorbidities over time, and we aimed to see if they have acceptable outcomes in a developing country.

The authors are either students, graduates or faculty at AKU, which is the premiere medical school in the country, with the most research among all medical universities in Pakistan. I am a recent graduate of AKU and am currently working at my alma mater as a voluntary Research Associate. I want to train in pediatric cardiothoracic surgery and congenital heart diseases in the US and become an academic surgeon at the forefront of surgical innovation, teaching, and mentorship. Huma Fatima is also a recent graduate, while Fatima Safi is a medical student. Dr Muneer Amanullah is a pediatric cardiac surgeon at AKU and the National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases, Karachi and our mentor.

Pakistan is a developing nation, and most of the federal healthcare budget is spent on providing primary care to the expanding population. The cost of travel to the US is high, and although I am willing to bear the partial expenditure of attending the Congress, the offered financial support will really help cover the cost. I presented at the 2018 ASC in Florida and found it to be an excellent forum for connecting with established and future academic surgeons in the US. I really want to be able to attend the Congress again in 2019 and present my research. I would greatly appreciate any help that can be offered.

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