Paediatric Critical Care Medicine

Introduction

Paediatric Critical Care Medicine (PCCM) is a relatively new subspecialty of paediatrics in developing countries like Pakistan. It is well established in the developed countries for the last three decades. Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) is a separate physical facility or unit specifically designated for care of critically ill or injured paediatric patients and the physician who receives training there in PCCM is called a paediatric intensivist. The number of PICU beds in the hospital has increased in last few years. There is a great need to train more paediatricians in the PCCM to improve the outcome of critically ill or injured children of this country.

Training Structure & Organization

The PCCM fellowship programme at Aga Khan University Hospital was started in 2010. It is designed to educate individuals interested in pursuing an academic career in PCCM. This PICU is a eight-bed multidisciplinary unit including cardiothoracic services with approximately 600 admissions per year, serving infants and children with critical medical and surgical illness. Clinical activities outside of the PICU include providing rapid response team services and paediatric procedural sedation and analgesia. A comprehensive curriculum of paediatric critical care training is delivered in an academic environment over two years and encompasses 18 months of clinical service (85 per cent of training-time) and 15 per cent of time for clinical research training.

Goals & Objectives

The objective of this fellowship training program is designed to prepare young paediatricians for a career in PCCM as excellent clinicians, competent teachers and avid researchers.

Eligibility

Four-year training in Paediatrics (Post-FCPS training in Paediatrics)

Duration of Training

Training period is two years.

Positions available

Two Fellows will be recruited.

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