



# Let's Defeat Breast Cancer Together



Breast cancer is the fastest growing cancer in women worldwide. With early detection and treatment, breast cancer patients have a survival rate of more than 95%. Unfortunately, in Pakistan, which has one of the highest rates of breast cancer in Asia, most cases are diagnosed in later stages.

The Aga Khan University Hospital, Karachi (AKUH) is working to change this.

**At AKUH, patients receive comprehensive breast cancer care, from screening and diagnosis to treatment and beyond. AKUH is a tertiary care facility and has expertise with complex and critical cases.**

Patients are cared for by experienced physicians, surgeons and nurses using advanced equipment and facilities, all in one place.

*“Many people think that AKUH is inaccessible to the masses. This is simply not true. We have patients coming from the remotest of areas of Pakistan, many of whom do not have the ability to pay for their treatment. Our welfare department is robust, and we assist all those who have a financial need.”*

**Dr Abida K Sattar, Section Head, Breast Surgery, AKUH**

Additionally, AKUH raises awareness about breast cancer and the importance of early detection through its outreach efforts including talks with its experts, public service messages on the radio and social media videos targeting low-income communities in Karachi and Hyderabad.

We are also making strides to ensure that no patient goes untreated because of their inability to cover costs.

**The Patient Welfare Programme at AKUH provides financial support to all breast cancer patients, regardless of their financial situation.**

But cancer treatment is costly and cannot always be covered by Patient Welfare in its entirety.

With your support, AKUH can continue to provide world-class, compassionate care to the patients who need it most and help more and more women survive breast cancer.



## Breast Cancer Realities

Pakistan has one of the **HIGHEST RATES** in Asia

**40K**  
women die annually in Pakistan

**1/9**  
women diagnosed in Pakistan

**1M**  
women diagnosed globally



Breast Cancer Awareness Month, October 2020

# Giving Opportunities

<b>Diagnostics testing</b> Support the diagnostic needs of a patient in the form of a mammogram, ultrasound, MRI and/or biopsy	<b>PKR 100,000</b>
<b>Surgery</b> Support a patient's surgery to remove the tumour or breast tissue	<b>PKR 225,000</b>
<b>Radiotherapy</b> Support a patient's course of radiotherapy	<b>PKR 650,000</b>
<b>Chemotherapy</b> Support a patient's course of chemotherapy	<b>PKR 660,000</b>

## Zakat Giving

The Patients' Behbud Society (PBS) of the Aga Khan University Hospital is an independent charity, responsible for collecting and disbursing zakat for the Hospital. It is Shariah compliant and has been certified by the Pakistan Centre for Philanthropy.

Donating your zakat to AKUH ensures that mustehiq patients who are diagnosed with breast cancer receive world-class care from the best physicians and nurses.

All zakat donations go toward patient care, with no amount used for administrative or other expenses.



**Rifat is a breast cancer survivor**



*"The treatment for this disease is very expensive. However, all the breast cancer patients here are treated equally. The doctors are very cooperative and understanding: they work with the patient to provide her the best options and a way forward."*

**Sadaf Ahmed, Breast Cancer Survivor, AKUH**

## About AKU

Founded in 1983, Aga Khan University has campuses and programmes in Pakistan, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Afghanistan and the United Kingdom. As Pakistan's first private university, the AKU is a pioneering, not-for-profit institution that works to improve quality of life in the developing world and beyond. AKU empowers women and the disadvantaged, builds support for pluralism and collaborates with government, local partners and world-renowned organisations to achieve shared goals.

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