



## Population Health & Well-being Series

Precision for the few or access for all?  
Navigating minimally invasive upper gastrointestinal (GI) cancer surgery in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs)



**Live Webinar**  
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### Speaker

**Dr. Sajida Qureshi, FCPS, FRCS(I),  
FRCS(Ed)**

*Meritorious Professor & Chair Surgery  
Pro Vice Chancellor  
Dow University of Health Sciences*

Prof. Sajida Qureshi is a pioneering Pakistani surgeon and academic leader who has broken barriers throughout her distinguished career. She holds FCPS, FRCS (Edinburgh), FRCS (Dublin) and a fellowship in upper GI and bariatric surgery, and currently serves as pro vice chancellor of Dow University of Health Sciences (DUHS), Karachi, where she is also meritorious professor and chairperson of the Department of Surgery.

A trailblazer in every sense, Prof. Qureshi is Pakistan's first female robotic, upper GI and bariatric, oncoplastic, and advanced endoscopy surgeon - a constellation of firsts that has redefined the boundaries of women in Pakistani surgery. In 2026, she made history again as the first female elected president of the South Asian Surgical Care Society (previously SAARC Surgical Society).

A committed researcher, she has secured multiple venture capital seeding fund grants, including competitive awards for investigating genetic variants in esophageal carcinoma through next-generation sequencing and exploring PGC expression in gastric adenocarcinoma - both funded at Rs 1.5 million each - alongside a WHO Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office Special Grant for breast cancer screening research in resource-constrained populations of Sindh.

Internationally recognized, she received the SAARC Icon of Surgery Award (2024) - the first Pakistani to be so honored - and serves as an examiner for the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. She is clinical lead for robotic training programs at Civil Hospital and DUHS, managing editor of the *Pakistan Journal of Surgery*, and an active researcher with publications in leading international journals.

Prof. Qureshi exemplifies surgical excellence, equity, and the power of breaking glass ceilings.