

**PRESIDENT PM&DC CONSTITUTES INQUIRY COMMITTEE AGAINST
NEGLIGENT DOCTORS**

Islamabad 22nd June 2017: Pakistan Medical and Dental Council President Prof.Dr.Shabir Lehri took serious notice on the death of a sanitary worker in Civil Hospital Umerkot who was looked down and denied treatment by the doctors due to his dirty appearance.

President PM&DC after receiving a complaint immediately constituted an Inquiry committee to investigate the case. He told media that this type of discrimination and disgraceful behavior is not acceptable at all.

He said it is indeed a very unfortunate behavior as being a medical practitioner one should be dedicated to provide competent medical services with full technical and moral independence with compassion and respect for human dignity. Doctors should always strictly ensure emergency care as humanitarian duty.

He also emphasized that all the medical and dental practitioners should bear in mind the obligations of preserving life and shall not discriminate on the basis of age, gender, class, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, disability, health conditions, marital discord, domestic or parental status, criminal record or any other applicable bias as prescribed by law.

He said that we will thoroughly investigate the case and if any doctor in this case or any other negligence case is found to be involved PM&DC will take strict action against him/her.

Back ground: The above mentioned sanitary worker got suffocated to death on Thursday in Umerkot. The deceased, 30-year-old Irfan Masih, fell unconscious along with three other sanitary staff while cleaning a manhole in Umerkot. He died hours later in the government hospital in front of doctors who were allegedly reluctant to treat him because Irfan was drenched in sewage sludge. The doctors refused to treat him because they were fasting and said my son was unclean. Claimed by the mother of the deceased.

Shabir Lehri