Sessions on Ethics, 12th International Shaukat Khanum Cancer Symposium, Lahore

The Symposium held at Shaukat Khanum Hospital on November 29-30, featured a well attended, half day session devoted to bioethics. Organized through the efforts of Dr. Mariam Hassan, clinical research officer at Shaukat Khanum and CBEC alumnus and Mr. Aneel Sagar from Shaukat Khanum, invited speakers included Dr. Farhat Moazam, Dr. Aamir Jafarey, CBEC alumnus Dr. Natasha Anwar, UK based researcher Dr. Marisa de Andrades and Dr. Robyna Khan of Aga Khan University, Karachi.

The Renee C. Fox Lecture in Medicine, Culture and Society, 2013

The University of Pennsylvania organizes a daylong event each year to commemorate the many academic contributions of its Professor Emerita, renowned medical sociologist Dr. Renee C. Fox. The day is used to explore important issues that lie at the interface of society and medicine, and culminates with a lecture by an invited guest. The 5th lecture of this series was delivered by Dr. Farhat Moazam on October 15, 2013. The title of her well attended talk was “We are the children of our landscape: Practicing medicine in Pakistan.” In her presentation she used her clinical experience as a surgeon and her ethnographic research on kidney transplantation in Pakistan to highlight complex social and ethical issues that can surface within hierarchical, family centered and religious societies.

CBEC Workshops at Khyber Medical University (KMU), Peshawar

On December 18, 2013, Drs. Moazam and Jafarey conducted the first clinical ethics workshop at KMU for fifty participants including clinicians, nurses, physiotherapists and students from Peshawar, Bannu, Kohat and Mardan. Using CBEC videos and cases led to lively discussions. This was followed by a CBEC research ethics workshop for the second batch of Master in Health Research students of KMU on December 19 and 20.