

Obituary

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Dr. SB. Naqvi, a well known figure, not only in the PMA House and the medical circle, but all over Karachi, left for his heavenly abode on 29 March, 1994 after a brief illness. Dr. Naqvi was associated with the JPMA as Managing Secretary from 1972 to 1983 and was always readily available as a solid rock to sort out the administrative problems. He was encouraging and helpful and was very generous in giving the due credit. The Journal made excellent progress and it was in his tenure that it was indexed with the Index Medicine. It is now the only indexed journal in the country. Dr. Naqvi's achievements in the field of family medicine will always be remembered. The entire credit for the status, this sector of medicine enjoys, goes to him. His unending efforts brought about the formation of the College of Family Medicine. He further procured the recognition of this institution with WONCA. The Diploma (DFM) first and later the membership (MCPS) examination in family medicine was started by the College of Physicians and Surgeons as a result of his perseverance. Now the fellowship (FCPS) has also been included in the series. Dr. Hasan Naqvi was an active member of the PMA and its central council. He was always ready to fight for the rights of the medical community and was a regular contributor to the leading newspapers not only to highlight the problems of the doctors but also to create awareness about health and disease in the masses. He strongly believed that to eradicate disease, it was necessary to educate the lay public. He always found time from his busy schedule to write for this cause. Dr. S.H. Naqvi was born on 8 January, 1920 in Khujwa, India. He did his M.B.B.S. in 1946 from the Patna University and later in 1948 migrated to Pakistan where he worked for the Malaria Institute. He later went into general practice and had been treating innumerable families for three generations. He was a good friend to many and a compassionate guide and source of strength to his juniors. His patients found solace with him, though at times he was strict when necessary. They are finding his loss irreparable. Dr. Naqvi leaves behind a very able wife and five children. The two sons and three daughters have all achieved honours in their fields of education and careers. He will be missed not only by his family but by many many friends from the PMA and JPMA. May His Soul rest in Peace.