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A John F. Anderson Memorial Lecture

ON "DOING" BIOETHICS:
THE DIFFERENCE CULTURE AND CIRCUMSTANCE MAKE

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Human disease in its biological manifestations and treatment modalities is universal in nature. But what constitutes the "right" or ethical thing to do in the practice of medicine is particular, inevitably shaped by existing values and beliefs, socioeconomic realities, and available healthcare circumstances. In this Medical Center Hour, surgeon and ethicist Dr. Farhat Moazam illustrates the challenges of "doing" bioethics in clinical practice by sharing her experiences as a physician in Pakistan.

Suggested resources:

1. Moazam F. Doing bioethics in Pakistan. The Hastings Center, Bioethics Forum Essay, May 2012: <https://www.thehastingscenter.org/doing-bioethics-in-pakistan/>
2. Moazam F, Zaman RM. At the interface of cultures. *Journal of Clinical Ethics*, 2003; 14(4):246-258
3. Jafarey AM, Moazam F. Indigenizing bioethics: the first center for bioethics in Pakistan. *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics*, 2010; 19(3) (July 2010):353-362
4. Moazam F. Sharia law and organ transplantation: through the lens of Muslim jurists. *Asian Bioethics Review*, 2011; 3(4) (Dec 2011):316-332
5. Bergstresser SM, Ghias K et al. What does it mean for a case to be 'local': the importance of local relevance and resonance for bioethics education in the Asia-Pacific region. *Asian Bioethics Review*, 2020; 12 (May 2020):173-194

Farhat Moazam MD FACS PhD is a U.S.-trained and board-certified pediatric surgeon with an MA in bioethics and a PhD in religious studies from UVA. Her dissertation was published as *Bioethics and Organ Transplantation in a Muslim Society: A Study in Culture, Ethnography, and Religion* (Indiana University Press, 2006). Her current focus is research and education pertaining to medical ethics with an interest in cross-cultural bioethics. Dr. Moazam is professor and founding chairperson of the Centre of Biomedical Ethics and Culture (CBEC), Sindh Institute of Urology and Transplantation in Karachi, Pakistan. CBEC was inaugurated in October 2004, and was recently designated a WHO Collaborative Centre for Bioethics for the Eastern Mediterranean Region. In the past, Dr. Moazam was professor and founding chairperson of the Department of Surgery (1985-1995) and the first associate dean of postgraduate medical education (1995-2000) at the Aga Khan University (AKU) in Karachi. Dr. Moazam is a fellow of UVA's Institute for

Practical Ethics and Public Life, a faculty affiliate of UVA's Center for Health Humanities and Ethics, and an international fellow of The Hastings Center, Garrison NY. She received an honorary doctorate from the University of Zurich, Switzerland, in 2012 in recognition of her "fundamental contributions towards ethics and organ transplantation in Pakistan." In 2014, she was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Fifth National Bioethics Conference in Bangalore, India, for her efforts in bioethics education and the support of ethical organ transplantation programs. She has served on the board of directors of the International Association of Bioethics (2009-2014), and has collaborated with WHO on several projects, including updating international guidelines for ethical organ/tissue transplantation, and as a member of WHO's Ebola Ethics Working Group that formulated ethical guidelines for health professionals managing global epidemics. She serves now on WHO's Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Task Force (DTTF). She is a member of the National Bioethics Committee of Pakistan and chairs its section on healthcare ethics. Dr. Moazam is author of articles on pediatric surgery, medical education, and bioethics in leading international journals, including *The Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics*, *Journal of Clinical Ethics*, *Hastings Center Report*, *Asian Bioethics Review*, *Journal of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies*, *Bioethics*, and *The Journal of Medical Health and Philosophy*. She has been an invited speaker at national and international forums such as the Pakistan Medical Association, International Association of Bioethics, Islamic Organization of Medical Sciences, Asian Bioethics Association, Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilizations, AKU, London, University of Pennsylvania (Fifth Annual Renée C. Fox Lecture), and the National University of Singapore.

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Learning objectives for this program:

1. Examine a clinical case that illustrates how culture and context inflected physicians' and a family's efforts to reach the "right" ethical decisions for a patient/family member.
2. Reflect on the challenges of "doing" clinical bioethics when culture and circumstance—of patients and families, health professionals, and healthcare systems—have real impact.

