

## **PM&DC CONCLUDES NATIONAL CME / CPD CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP, REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Islamabad, 29 August 2026:** The Pakistan Medical & Dental Council (PM&DC) successfully concluded its three-day National CME/CPD Capacity-Building Workshop, “Designing High-Impact CME/CPD: From Concept to Completion,” held from 27 to 29 August 2026 in Islamabad. The workshop brought together institutional leaders, medical educationists, faculty members and representatives of medical and dental institutions from across Pakistan to develop a shared understanding of a credible, sustainable and quality-assured national CME / CPD system.

Ms. Farah Naz Akbar, Parliamentary Secretary for National Heritage & Culture, as Chief Guest, along with President PM&DC Prof. Dr. Rizwan Taj, Registrar PM&DC Brig. Dr. Rehan Naqvi, faculty members, participants and other senior officials, attended the closing ceremony.



In his closing remarks, **President PM&DC Prof. Dr. Rizwan Taj** emphasized the significance of CME / CPD in ensuring that healthcare professionals remain abreast of advances in medical science and clinical practice. He underscored PM&DC’s commitment to developing a CME / CPD system in line with best international practices and shared his vision of ensuring that **Pakistani doctors and dentists remain among the most up-to-date healthcare professionals in terms of knowledge, skills and professional practice.**

Prof. Dr. Rizwan Taj expressed his gratitude to **Dr. Natasha from Aga Khan University**, who served as the facilitator throughout the three-day activity, for her valuable contribution and expertise in guiding participants through the various dimensions of effective CME / CPD design, implementation and evaluation.

Chief Guest **Ms. Farah Naz Akbar, Parliamentary Secretary for National Heritage & Culture**, appreciated PM&DC’s initiative and commended the vision and leadership of Prof. Dr. Rizwan Taj in strengthening the regulatory framework for medical and dental education and professional development.

Registrar PM&DC **Brig. Dr. Rehan Naqvi**, in his closing remarks, acknowledged the vision and leadership of President PM&DC, Prof. Dr. Rizwan Taj, and highlighted the landmark milestones achieved by the Council during his tenure. He emphasized that the CME / CPD initiative is another significant step in advancing the President’s vision, strengthening professional standards, and promoting continuous learning and professional development among registered medical and dental practitioners.

The three-day workshop covered the complete CME / CPD cycle, including identification of professional practice gaps and educational needs, development of measurable learning objectives, educational design, integrity and independence, evaluation of outcomes, governance, documentation, monitoring and quality assurance.

Participants shared their reflections and provided highly positive feedback on the workshop, expressing keen interest in continued engagement with PM&DC and the organization of similar capacity-building activities. They particularly appreciated the practical orientation of the workshop and its focus on developing a sustainable and meaningful culture of continuous professional learning.

PM&DC reaffirmed that the initiative forms part of its broader commitment to establishing a **transparent, credible and internationally aligned CME / CPD framework** that supports lifelong learning, professional competence, improved patient care and the global recognition of Pakistani medical and dental professionals.