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Surgical Care for all - much work to be done

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To perform these procedures safely and in a timely fashion.\textsuperscript{6}

The large majority of Pakistan's citizens do not have access to standard surgical care. It is estimated that there are 10 million surgical procedures required to address the surgical disease burden in our population. The two major challenges to the delivery of medical, as well as surgical-care, are access and affordability. Neglected infrastructure, flawed workforce development strategies, and absence of protection from impoverishing or catastrophic expenditure as a result of treatment, also add to the crisis.

Since The Lancet Commission on Global Surgery was published, there has been a concerted effort around the world to engage in research and policy development in order to improve the state of surgical care across LMICs. With the intention of increasing awareness about Global Surgery and its components, we present this special supplement of JPMA. We hope that this effort will help fulfill the purpose of the 4th AKU Annual Surgical Conference - to Enlighten, Educate, and Engage.

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