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Dr Sadaf Altaf was born and raised in Karachi, Pakistan. She is a graduate of Dow Medical College Karachi. She completed a Pediatric residency training followed a Pediatric Hematology Oncology training at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, USA. During her fellowship she also completed her Masters in Clinical Research.

After completion of her training she moved back to Pakistan and joined Aga Khan University Hospital. She has been working as a clinician in Pakistan taking care of children with cancers and also manages children with inherited hematological conditions. She is working on establishing Pediatric bone marrow transplant services at her institution. She has also mentored junior faculty who is going to establish Pediatric Palliative care services in Pakistan. Her areas of research interest include bone and soft tissue sarcomas.

Dr Altaf is the program director of the Pediatric Hematology Oncology fellowship at her institute. She is also the chair of Career counselling and electives office of the Medical school at her university. She is passionate about education and mentoring of trainees. Medical students under her guidance have provided support with child life activities in her hospital due to lack of an established Childlife service infrastructure in the developing world.

Dr Altaf was recently appointed to be the co-chair of Pediatric Oncology for Developing Countries (PODC) supportive care working group. Her vision is to engage physicians in low middle income countries (LMIC) to be connected with mentors in high income countries providing intellectual support to improve care of children suffering from cancers.

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