Dr. NAJ SOOMRO

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Residency: Pakistani Citizen

Career Profile

I am a Medical Doctor with an interest in medical research and **PhD** in Sports Medicine from The University of Sydney. I have 8 years of experience in clinical medicine, research, teaching, evidence based learning, and rural health.



Education

2013 – 2018	PhD (Injury Epidemiology)
	Thesis: Development of injury prevention program in Cricket
	The University of Sydney
2011 – 2012	Masters of International Public Health (MIPH)
	Major: Health Promotion, Epidemiology and Biostatistics
	The University of Sydney
2003 – 2009	Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS)
	Major Clinical Rotations: Emergency Medicine, Surgery, Cardiology
	Dow University of Health Sciences, Pakistan

Research Publications

- 1. **Soomro N.,** Asif N., Sanders R., et al. Could a new method of exposure quantification be the standard for cricket injury epidemiology? *New Zealand Journal of Sports Medicine* 2019; Vol 46-1
- 2. **Soomro N.,** Starisotto L., Lyle D., et al. Cricket Injury Epidemiology in the 21st century: What is the burden? *Sports Medicine* 2018; pg1179-2035 https://doi.org/10.1007/s40279-018-0960-y Impact Factor: 7.1
- 3. **Soomro N.,** Blanch P., Kountouris A., et al. How do Australian coaches train fast bowlers? A Survey on Physical Conditioning and Workload Management Practices for Training Fast Bowlers. *International Journal of Sports Science & Coaching.* 2018 https://doi.org/10.1177/1747954118790128 Impact Factor: 1.3
- Soomro N., Redrup D., Evans C., et al. Injury rate and patterns of Sydney Grade Cricket: A prospective study of injuries in 408 cricketers. BMJ Postgraduate Medical Journal. 2018 https://doi.org/10.1136/postgradmedj-2018-135861 Impact Factor: 1.87
- Soomro N., Chayya M., Lyle D., et al. From problem to solution: A guide on architecture, design and evaluation
 of an injury surveillance and workload monitoring app for cricket. Journal of Medical Internet Research (JMIR)
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- 6. **Soomro N.,** Fitzgerald., Negin J., et al. Comparison of Antiretroviral Therapy Adherence Among HIV- Infected Older Adults with Younger Adults in Africa: Systematic Review and Meta-analysis. *HIV and Behavior 2018*. https://doi.org/10.1007/s10461-018-2196-0 Impact Factor: 3.2
- 7. Ali K., Adil S.O., **Soomro N.**, et al. Drug compliance and its associated factors among hypertensive patients in Pakistan; A Cross-Sectional Study. *Hospital Pharmacy*, 2018 https://doi.org/10.1177/0018578718758971
- 8. **Soomro N.**, Chua N., Freeston J., et al. Cluster randomised control trial for cricket injury prevention programme (CIPP): a protocol paper. *BMJ Injury Prevention* Published Online First: 28 September 2017. http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/injuryprev-2017-042518 Impact Factor: 1.48

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- 9. Al Attar W., **Soomro N.**, Sinclair P., Pappas E., Sanders R (2017). Adding a post-training FIFA 11+ exercise program to the pre-training FIFA11+ injury prevention program reduces injury rates among amateur soccer teams: A randomised trial. *Journal of Physiotherapy*. Volume 63, Issue 4, 2017, Pages 235-242, ISSN 1836-9553, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jphys.2017.08.004. **Impact Factor: 2.2**
- Al Attar, W., Soomro, N., Sinclair, et al. Effect of Injury Prevention Programs that Include the Nordic Hamstring Exercise on Hamstring Injury Rates in Soccer Players: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis Sports Medicine 2016 https://doi.org/10.1007/s40279-016-0638-2 Impact Factor: 7.1
- 11. **Soomro N.,** Sanders R., Freeston J., Cobley S., et al. The efficacy of injury prevention programs in adolescent sports: A Meta-Analysis. 2015;44(9):2415-24. *American Journal of Sports Medicine* 2015 https://doi.org/10.1177/0363546515618372 Impact Factor: 5.6
- 12. Al Attar W., **Soomro N.,** Sinclair P., Pappas E., Sanders R. How effective are F-MARC injury prevention programs for soccer players: a systematic review and meta-analysis. *Sports Medicine* 2015 http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s40279-015-0404-x Impact Factor: 7.1
- 13. Hackett D., Davies T., **Soomro N.**, Halaki M. Olympic weight-lifting improves vertical jump height in sportspeople: a systematic review with meta-analysis, British Journal of Sports Medicine 2016;50:865-872. http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/ bjsports-2015-094951 **Impact Factor: 5.02**
- 14. Al Attar WS, **Soomro N**, Pappas E, et al. Reply to Thorborg et al. High Risk of Bias and Low Transparency in "How Effective are F-MARC Injury Prevention Programs for Soccer Players? Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis" Sports Medicine 2016 Feb; 46(2):295-6 http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s40279-015-0464-y Impact Factor: 5.2
- 15. Guerrero Y, Soomro N, Wilson G, et al. Train High Eat Low for Osteoarthritis study (THE LO study): protocol for a randomized controlled trial. *Journal of Physiotherapy*. 2015 Oct;61(4):217. http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jphys.2015.05.020 Impact Factor: 2.2
- 16. Al Attar W., **Soomro N.**, Sinclair P., Pappas E., Muaidi Q., Sanders R. Implementation of an evidence-based injury prevention program in professional and semi-professional soccer. *International journal of Sports Science & Coaching*. 2017 https://doi.org/10.1177/1747954117707482 Impact Factor 1.3
- 17. **Soomro N.,** Soomro M., et al. Work, Health and Safety in Cotton Ginning Industry: A Survey of practices in Australia, *Mehran University Research Journal of Engineering & Technology*. 2015 Volume 34, No. 4, Oct, 2015 [ISSN 0254-7821]
- 18. Soomro M., Toukoda S., **Soomro N**. et al. Proposal for the methodology for evaluation of Team Kagawa Project, *Journal of Kagawa University* IO, Japan 2014; ISSN 1884-8745 Vol.5 Pages 37-58.

Experience

Jan 2020 – Present Resident Medical Officer Bunbury Hospital

Position Summary Provide a high quality of clinical service to all hospital patients under the supervision of clinical supervisors including Registrars, Consultants and other senior staff within a

multidisciplinary team.

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Feb 2019 – Dec 2020 Resident Medical Officer

NHW Wangaratta Hospital

Position Summary Management of acute medical emergencies and referral to appropriate medical

specialty. Work with emergency medical consultants to provide optimal care to

patients in the region. Perform clinical procedures and physical examinations. Involved in

development and delivery of the intern education program

Mar 2019 – To date Adjunct Lecturer in Medicine The University of Sydney

Position Summary Collaborate in joint research projects in Clinical Medicine and Public Health

Course content development for MD program.

Jun 2017 – Feb 2019 Lecturer in Medicine The University of Sydney

Position Summary As a Lecturer & Research Fellow in Rural Medicine, involved in expanding teaching

and research activities at the school. I developed an evaluation for stroke rehabilitation teaching. Also involved in environmental lead research project by using geospatial mapping

and review of the school nursing program.

May 2016 - April 2017 Clinical Medical Educator & Lecturer Monash University

Position Summary Lecturer of Clinical Medicine at Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences

for 3rd Year and Final Year MBBS and MD students. Running clinical simulation sessions for final year medical students on high fidelity mannequins. Teaching core clinical skills to

medical students i.e. suturing, cannulations and systemic examinations.

Feb 2012 – May 2016 Clinical Medicine Teaching Fellow, The University of Sydney

and Research Assistant

Position Summary Research assistant & lecturer for multiple subjects at Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences

including mentoring medical & exercise physiology students. Developed the online ECG module for interactive teaching. Worked with Concord & RPA Hospitals in Syd to develop

guidelines for ART in patients with HIV AIDS.

Other Clinical & Consultancy Experience

Jan 2019- Date Sports Medicine Consultant Pakistan Men's International Cricket Team

Position Summary I am the team doctor for Pakistan international cricket team for their tours to

Australia, officially appointed by Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB). Provide match day coverage to the team across Australia. Also a member of PCB Sports Science &

Medicine Committee.

Dec 2016 – Jan 2017 Medical Officer (Locum) SMBB Trauma Centre, Pakistan

Position Summary Worked as Locum Medical Officer at the largest Trauma Centre in Karachi. Involved in

performing clinical examinations, prescribing appropriate treatments, and liaising with

Trauma surgeons to optimize patient treatment in the Emergency Department

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June 2010 – Jan 2011 Emergency Medical Officer Aman Foundation, Pakistan

Position Summary Provide Orthopedics, Trauma and Emergency Medicine support to patients.

Key Achievements Lead a team of nurses and paramedics for a one-week excursion to remote

flood affected areas of South Pakistan during the devastating floods of 2010.

Performed on field advanced life support and defibrillations and assisted in

emergency surgeries at the field hospital with team from Medecins San Frontieres

May 2009 – Jun 2010 House Officer (Intern) Civil Hospital Karachi

Position Summary Completed 2025 clinical rotation hours at Civil Hospital Karachi (largest hospital in

Southern Pakistan). Major postings in **Orthopedic Surgery, Emergency Medicine, Internal Medicine and Cardiology.** Obtained proficiency in core medical skills.

Awards and Grants

- 2019 Erskine Fellowship \$7500

University of Canterbury (NZ)

Conduct research in Sports Medicine and delivery lectures on exercise science

- 2019 PMCV Travel Scholarship \$2000

Postgraduate Medical Committee Victoria travel scholarship to attend JMO education forum

- 2016 PhD tuition fee top-up Scholarship

\$29,235

PhD tuition fee top-up scholarship for international PhD candidates.

- 2015 Cricket Australia Grant for injury prevention. \$60,000

Sanders R., Soomro N.

Co-investigator and assisted in the development and writing of the grant application for injury prevention among adolescent cricketers.

- 2015 PRSS, The University of Sydney travel grant. \$4600

Competitive travel grant for presenting oral paper at 3rd International conference of Sport Sciences Research & Technology Support, Lisbon, Portugal 2015

- 2014 Incubate, The University of Sydney Innovation grant. \$5000

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Sole recipient of the entrepreneurship grant to commercialize research on sports technology.

- 2011 HEC Pakistan PhD Scholarship. \$200,000

First position in Pakistan in Graduate test to get a scholarship for doing PhD at any of the top 50 universities in the world.

- 2011 Summer Research Scholarship Australian National University \$4000

Worked as a research assistant on the role of Ca++ receptors in muscle physiology with Prof. Angela Dulhunty, John Curtin School of Medical Research, Australian National University.

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- 2010 TUBITAK, Research Fellowship, Turkey

\$40,000

Awarded one of 15 merit fellowships based on the academic track record. Worked with Prof. Sadi Kurdak at Cukurova University, Turkey on knee injury rehabilitation among football players.

- Valedictorian for Masters of International Public Health Cohort 2012, The University of Sydney

Interests

Learning new languages and fluent in 7 Languages including English, Turkish, Urdu, Punjabi, Hindhi, Sindhi and Gujrati, playing competitive cricket.

Strength & Conditioning coaching for junior athletes. Volunteer for Sunraysia Academy for Sports, Mildura and Mallee Murray <18 Cricket Team, VIC.

Referees

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