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General Elections 2018 in the country is over. People have voted for change. Pakistan Medical Association (PMA) has always remained concerned about the issue of ever deteriorating health care in the country. In the absence of a comprehensive health policy and proper planning, we cannot expect any change and the things will remain direction less as they are PMA as a big stake holder feels its responsibility to give guidelines to newly elected government to be incorporated in the future policy making.

1. A comprehensive Federal Health Policy to be followed and implemented by all the provinces.
2. Stress upon the basic issues rather than jumping for costly and Hi-fi Health Care like western countries.
3. When we say the basic issues, it means making Basic Health Units (BHUs) functional, Primary Health care, clean drinking water, vaccination and immunization for all, preventive health, awareness, population control, etc.
4. Pakistan Medical & Dental Council (PMDC) is a regulatory body of the doctors for registration and Medical Education. Today it is governed by a caretaker setup. The immediate elections be carried out and PMDC should become an autonomous, transparent body free from Political Interferences.
5. Reconstruction of Drug Regulatory Authority.
6. Total ban on Quackery.
7. Governance in all healthcare institutions and no political interference at any level.
8. A complete ban on treatment abroad for all dignitaries.

PMA believes these are the few basic needs to reshape the healthcare in country. PMA understands that choosing proper people for proper job is the prerogative of the elected government, but we suggest that Dr. Yasmeen Rashid, a senior respected member / leader of the party and Ex-President of PMA Centre has ample experience and knowledge of all the issues the country is plagued with. In case she wins the confidence of the leadership, it will be great hope for the poor and destitute masses of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan (IRP).

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