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Pims to upgrade HIV/Aids treatment and care centre

ISLAMABAD, April 26: The Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (Pims) will upgrade its HIV/Aids treatment and care centre into a full-fledged department. Sources told this agency here on Monday that the National Aids Control Programme (NACP) regularly provided opportunities for advanced training, at national and international level, to the medical and technical staff of the centre. They said services being provided at the centre included free-of-cost voluntary HIV counselling and testing, medical consultation, laboratory and radiological diagnostics, anti-Aids medicines, anti-

otics and psychosocial support.

They said the research data generated from the centre was regularly published in journals and presented at the international level.

The sources said the NACP had developed a strong linkage with The Clinton Foundation for collaboration in the field of treatment and care for the HIV/ Aids patients.

The foundation had provided state-of-the-art MIS system and hardware for the NACP treatment centres all over the country including the Pims centre. Dr Hassan Abbas Zaheer said the Pims HIV

centre had evolved as a model HIV treatment centre and it was providing quality outdoor and indoor treatment, care and support.

He said the centre catered to HIV/Aids patients from Islamabad, Azad Kashmir, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, Fata and Punjab. Some patients from Middle East and Afghanistan are also registered with the centre.

He said the centre had referral linkages with the Prevention of Parent to Child Transmission Centre in the MCH Centre in the Pims for pregnant HIV positive women.—APP

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