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## Humza Thobani

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#### BIO

Humza is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the Division of Pediatric Surgery at Stanford University. He earned his medical degree from the Aga Khan University in Karachi, Pakistan in 2023. Prior to joining Stanford, he had completed a dedicated research fellowship in pediatric surgery, also at the Aga Khan University, where he was named Best Research Fellow in 2024.

Humza's research interests revolve around congenital surgical anomalies, pediatric solid tumors, and pediatric inflammatory bowel diseases, with a focus on leveraging big data and machine learning methods to study rare pediatric conditions.

#### HONORS AND AWARDS

- Best Oral Presentation, Aga Khan University Annual Surgical Conference (2024)
- Best Research Fellow, Dean's Clinical Research Fellowship, Aga Khan University (2024)
- National Valedictorian, Aga Khan University Medical College (2023)

#### PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- B of Medicine and B of Surgery, Aga Khan Univ Of Medical Sciences (2023)
- Research Fellow, Aga Khan University , Pediatric Surgery (2024)
- MBBS, Aga Khan University , Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (2023)

#### STANFORD ADVISORS

- James Dunn, Postdoctoral Faculty Sponsor

### Publications

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#### PUBLICATIONS

- **Association of Surgical Antibiotic Prophylaxis with Postoperative Outcomes Following Pediatric Gastrostomy Tube Placement: A Propensity Score Overlap Weighted Analysis.** *Journal of pediatric surgery*  
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- **Outcomes of Sutureless versus Sutured Closure for Gastroschisis: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis.** *Journal of pediatric surgery*  
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- **Association of Institutional Case Volume and Children's Surgery Verification with Morbidity/Mortality in Neonatal Duodenal Atresia Repair: A Multi-institutional Cohort Study.** *Journal of pediatric surgery*  
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