



Salaar Ahmed

Postdoctoral Scholar, Neurosurgery

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Salaar Ahmed, MD, is a Postdoctoral Research Scholar in the Ramayya Lab within the Department of Neurological Surgery at Stanford University School of Medicine. His research focuses on the mechanisms and novel treatments of chronic and cancer-related pain, neuromodulation, disorders of consciousness, and global neurosurgery.

Dr. Ahmed earned his MD from Aga Khan University in January 2026, graduating summa cum laude, with a record 18 university awards and 15 honors. His early research focused on Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG), pediatric neuro-oncology, and global neurosurgical outcomes under the mentorship of Dr. Ather Enam and Dr. Naureen Mushtaq. He also collaborated on research projects with investigators from the University of Minnesota, the University of Wisconsin–Madison, and Mayo Clinic Rochester.

Beyond his academic work, Dr. Ahmed served as President of the student wing of Child Protection Services (CPS) at Aga Khan University Hospital. As a high school student, he founded Masoom Jaan, a community initiative that positively impacted the lives of more than 1,000 children in Rahim Yar Khan, his hometown in Pakistan. He later co-founded the Student Neurosurgery and Oncology Research Consortium (SNORC), an international mentorship and research initiative that has connected medical students with neurosurgical faculty mentors and expanded access to research opportunities across multiple countries. In addition, Salaar has worked extensively on HIV stigma and public health research, focusing on the MSM and transgender communities, and continues to collaborate with investigators at Aga Khan University.

Dr. Ahmed has presented his work at numerous international scientific meetings, including the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS), the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS), the Society for Neuro-Oncology (SNO), and the International AIDS Conference.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- B of Medicine and B of Surgery, Aga Khan Univ Of Medical Sciences (2026)
- M.D, Aga Khan University

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