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Professor Muhammad Waqar Azeem is an internationally recognized academician and health care leader with Sidra Medicine and Weill Cornell Medical College. He has played an instrumental role in establishing child, adolescent and perinatal psychiatry services in Qatar from scratch. Under his leadership, Sidra Medicine developed the world's first and only ACGMEI Training Program in Child & Adolescent Psychiatry. He has contributed nationally to a number of important initiatives, including as chair of Qatar's National Autism Plan Working Group, co-chair of the World Innovation Summit for Health (WISH) Autism Forum, and member of National Mental Health Task Force. Internationally, Professor Azeem is chair of the WPA Presidential Working Group on Medical Students and a member of the WPA Presidential Working Group on Autism as well as on Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. He is a member of the WHO Rehabilitation Program, which develops rehabilitation interventions for individuals with autism. Professor Azeem's primary clinical and research interests include autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and developmental disabilities, global mental health, child and adolescent psychiatry training, and undergraduate medical education.