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Colonel Mohammad Naeem, MD, FACR is the 20th Director of the Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute (AFRRI.) As such, he is responsible for preserving and protecting the health and performance of U.S. military personnel operating in potential radiological and nuclear contaminated battle space or urban environment; through research, education, and operational training that advance understanding of the effects of ionizing radiation and development of medical countermeasures, as well as providing rapidly deployable radiation medicine expertise in response to a radiological or nuclear event domestically or abroad.

An American of Pakistani heritage, COL Naeem received his school and college education at the most elite British-styled institutions in Lahore, Pakistan known for cultivating a sense of noblesse oblige among their graduates. He immigrated to the U.S. in the late 1980s, settling in New York, but later returned to Pakistan to receive his medical training at King Edward Medical College, one of the most premier medical institutions in southwest Asia, also in Lahore. COL Naeem came back to the U.S. to pursue an internship at Mount Sinai-Elmhurst

Hospital Center in Queens, New York. He completed a diagnostic radiology residency at Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center in Pennsylvania in 2002 and received his commission through the Army Reserve during his residency training.

COL Naeem followed with an abdominal imaging fellowship from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver in June 2003, and a chest imaging fellowship from the National Jewish Medical and Research Center at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in December 2003. In 2005, while serving as faculty at UCHSC, he switched to active duty service through the direct accession program.

COL Naeem has held a number of highly visible and challenging leadership assignments, including chief of Chest Radiology and Radiology Residency program director at Madigan Army Medical Center JBLM, officer-in-charge of Radiology Education, chief of Nuclear Medicine, and chief of Radiology at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center Germany, and Europe Regional Radiology consultant. He also served as chief of Radiology for a NATO-led Spanish Air Force hospital in Afghanistan as part of the 10th Combat Support Hospital, physician-member of the Europe Regional and CONUS rapid response Radiological Advisory and Medical Teams, chief of Chest and Body imaging, and officer-in-charge of Strategic Radiology Operations at Fort Belvoir and the Fort Belvoir Community Hospital Emergency Response Team, among other assignments.

COL Naeem is a Diplomate of American Board of Radiology, clinically practicing at Fort Belvoir Community Hospital, and is a Fellow of the American College of Radiology as well as the American College of Chest Physicians. His academic interests lie in the medical aspects of asymmetric warfare, 21st century national security threats, combat radiology and battlefield imaging, nuclear enterprise and CBRNE disaster preparedness. Outside interests include tactical pistol shooting and international relations. He is also the co-chair of the military subcommittee of the American College of Radiology and has acted as the US Army Councilor to the ACR.

COL Naeem holds The Army Surgeon General's 9A designator, is a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit and was the recipient of The Army Surgeon General's highest award for military medical excellence, the MG Lewis Aspey Mologne award, in 2019. He has lectured at approximately 40 local, regional, national and international conferences during his career.