Ed Nowakowski Senior Memorial Clinical Virology Award:

Sheik Humarr Khan, MBChB

Dr. Sheik Humarr Khan was a Sierra Leone physician who was a leading expert in the clinical care of viral hemorrhagic fevers. He had extensive field experience treating patients and was caring for the patients suffering from Ebola in Sierra Leone. He was a committed and compassionate physician.

Dr. Khan directed the Lassa Fever Program, Kenema Government Hospital (KGH) and was a Physician Specialist, Ministry of Health and Sanitation (MOH). In his capacity as the Chief Physician of the Lassa Fever Program, KGH, Dr. Khan was concurrently a contract physician and consultant for Lassa Fever for the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL).

Dr. Khan was a featured speaker on his experiences with Ebola in Sierra Leone at the 30th Clinical Virology Symposium in April 2014. He died of Ebola on July 29, 2014, one week after becoming ill.

Dr. Khan demonstrated bravery where other colleagues shied away. We have chosen to honor the courage of a distinguished colleague, who was so strongly dedicated to his work and his patients through this memorial lecture.