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Fahima Chowdhury MBBS, MPH is an Associate Scientist in the Division of Enteric Respiratory Infection for Infectious Diseases Division. She completed her MBBS at Mymensingh Medical College Bangladesh 1994 and Internship training in medicine, gynecology and obstetrics from Sir Salimullah Medical College and Mitford Hospital (SSMCH), Dhaka. She also received one year post graduate training in Pediatrics Medicine from SSMCH, Dhaka in 1997. After her post graduation training, Dr. Fahima completed fellowship training in Clinical Management of Diarrhoeal Diseases and Research Methodology at icddr,b which includes pediatric medicine, internal medicine and gastroenterology. She also obtained a Masters in Public Health from in 2007 with a focus on Epidemiology and Biostatistics.

Dr. Fahima served as the medical officer and faculty in the Clinical Sciences Division, icddr,b in 2002. She was actively involved in the icddr,b hospital based surveillance activities and in NIH funded study on the immune response in cholera patients since then. **She was also involved in oral cholera vaccine studies (OCVs)** with Dukoral, Shanchol and Peru-15 which have been conducted in infants, toddlers and adults from 2002 onwards with Dr Firdausi Qadri and very recently she was involved in locally produced OCVs studies.

She has able to identify threats to scientific validity in the field site & laboratory and also coordinating the disease surveillance in the large cholera vaccine project in the different health facilities including the icddr,b Dhaka and Mirpur hospitals and also coordinating the work with NGOs and the Government of Bangladesh. Recently she is an PI of the clinical trial "Locally produced Hepatitis B vaccine trial in Bangladesh" among participants in an urban settings. Beside these, patient enrollment, patient care, data management, data analysis and manuscript writing and overall supervision of the study were her assigned job responsibilities.

She had published around 65 papers in peer reviewed journals included 9 papers as a first author.