

**ADAPTATION OF SINCLAIR’S IRF MODEL ON DOCTOR-PATIENT
CONVERSATION: A CASE STUDY OF MEDICAL DISCOURSE IN PAKISTANI
CONTEXT**

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ABSTRACT

Present study is the adaptation of Sinclair and Coulthard’s (1975) Birmingham model on medical discourse in Pakistani context. Birmingham model has been presented specifically for the study of the use of language in classroom between teacher and students. Sinclair suggests that this model can be applied to any such discourse in which the power-divide is obvious. By taking insight from this suggestion the Initiation – Response - Follow-up (IRF) model has been applied to the doctor – patient conversation. An adapted model of Inquiry – Response – Diagnosis for the said discourse has been suggested.

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