

Medical News Corner

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Committee to restructure prices of medicines

The minister of Health has issued an instruction for setting up a committee for re-structuring of the prices of medicines in Bahrain. The main aim of this committee is to reduce the drug price. Heading the committee is Dr Layla A. Rahman, head of pharmacy and medicines in the ministry. Members include The Bahrain Transparency Society's Dr Jassim Al Ajmi, Consumer Protection Society's Zeenat Al Mansoori, the head of consumer protection at the Ministry of Commerce, Mohammed Ali Ajoor, and pharmacies representatives, Dr Khalid Al Awadhi, Fouad Al Jishi, Yousif Hussain and Alaeddin Matar.

A new system of triaging patients in Salmaniya

A new system of triaging patients at the Accident and Emergency (A&E) Department of Salmaniya Medical Complex had been introduced. This system resulted in the patients being triaged before they go for registration, drastically reduced the waiting time and eliminated the long queues.

An Agreement to deal with medical problems

An agreement has been signed by the Ministry of Health and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to increase the available data and improve treatment and control of medical problems such as hereditary blood diseases, HIV/AIDS, sexually-transmitted diseases and non-communicable diseases such as diabetes and coronary heart disease. The \$901,765 deal is being funded largely by the Government of Bahrain, and the UNDP's role in the partnership is to emphasize the technology and knowledge-sharing and a grant of \$50,000.

Awareness of genetic diseases among students

Friends of People with Genetic diseases have started recruiting secondary school students to help advance the awareness of genetic diseases in Bahrain. These students are being selected as part of a special campaign carried out in the Kingdom's schools.

Health tourism show in Bahrain

More than 150 exhibitors took part in the second International Health Tourism (IHT) Exhibition, which was opened on the 15th of December 2004. The event lasted for three days.

Hamad hospital foundation work begins

Work on the King Hamad Hospital, located in Muharraq, began in November 2004. The work on the foundation of the project will continue until April 2005. The German company 'Killer' is undertaking the project. The hospital is designed to accommodate 312 beds and comprise three buildings, each is four stories and interconnected to each other at different levels. The design allows for future expansion and accommodation of up to 500 beds and more facilities.

Forum to probe patients' safety

As part of the international move toward minimizing medical errors in the health system, a delegation from the ministry of health participated in 'Intercountry Consultation for Developing Regional Strategy for Patient Safety in Eastern Mediterranean Region' 27-30 November 2004 in Kuwait. The delegation included Dr. Fawzi Ameen the assistant undersecretary for training and planning, Dr Amani Al Hajeri FPRP resident and a researcher in this field, and Mr. Abdula Jabbar Isa representing the nursing sector and incharge of patient's safety in SMC. The meeting enhances patient safety measures and studied what is missing in the health systems of this region. The four-day meeting was organized by the World Health Organization for the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMRO) and the Health Ministries' Council for GCC states.

The following promotions and appointments have been released after being approved by the Minister.

Promotions:

Residents who passed the ICGP (Irish Certificate of General Practice) Part II:

Amani Ali Isa Al Hajeri
Reem Jawad Salim AL Arrayed
Buthaina Taqi Al Saffar
Khadija Mohammed Al Aradi
Jaleela Al Saied Jawad
Arwa Al Aasar
Howaida Ali Ahmed
Reem Al Saffar
Warda Hasan Marhoon

Residents who passed the Arab Board: Family Medicine Part I:

Amani Ali Isa Al Hajeri
Reem Jawad Salim AL Arrayed
Buthaina Taqi Al Saffar
Khadija Mohammed Al Aradi
Jaleela Al Saied Jawad
Arwa Al Aasar
Howaida Ali Ahmed
Reem Al Saffar
Khawla Saad Ahmed
Hanan Saeed Al Hawaj
Warda Hasan Marhoon
Maher Habeeb Al Hulaibi

Pediatrics Part I:

Suaad Al Shualah
Ohood Mohammed

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Ishraq Al Aamer
Deena Mohammed Ali
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Zakarya Al Ekri
Nabeel Jebreel

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Ammar Al Khaznah
Qareeb Allah Ahmed
Lubna Mohammed Hassan
Mohammed Al shareef
Mohammed Ridha Abdullah
Mohammed Al Yaffi
Naser Salman

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Basel Jaffar Mansoor
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