

## **Medical News Corner**

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### **Addressing Child Abuse**

Bahraini Women Society organised a lecture on child abuse in Sitra Social Center. Among the speakers were paediatric consultant and head of Child Protection Committee, Dr. Fadheela Al Mahroos, and head of Society Public Relations Committee, Mrs. Shamma Al Dosari. Dr. Al Mahroos started her lecture by introducing the audience to the topic of child abuse. She then presented cases of physically and sexually abused children in Bahrain and the impact of such trauma upon these children. Mrs. Al Dosari stressed the need for public awareness in order to tune them into these real life situations and thus make them more aware of these tragedies. She mentioned that the ministry has already organized plans to support such issues.

### **Students screened for blood disease**

A nationwide campaign for genetic blood diseases screening has started in February 2003. So far, more than 2,500 students have been screened. This campaign is organized annually by the Health Ministry, Education Ministry, and Bahrain Society for Hereditary Diseases at a cost of BD20,000. The aim is to eradicate blood disease in Bahrain, including, sickle cell disease, beta thalassaemia and G6PD.

### **New format for sick-leaves**

The Ministry of Health has issued 20,000 booklets outlining the guidelines to be followed for the new format of sick-leaves, which come into effect on the first of June. All doctors, both in government and private Hospitals and clinics will receive these booklets. A five-day orientation seminar will be held prior to enforcing the system. The new format help the Ministry of Health and officials to monitor the allocation of sick-leaves and to establish the validity of these certificates.

### **Health policy reviewed**

A Policy Administrative Function (PAF) team has been set up by the Ministry of Health to develop the country's health policy. A comprehensive policy manual covering all directorates is also being developed to cover all the activities of various directorates.

### **Focus on evidence-based drugs to ensure quality health care**

A workshop on evidence-based medicine and its applications was conducted on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April, 2003. It was organized by the Quality improvement Directorate at the ministry of Health. The workshop consisted of three sessions. At the end of the workshop a presentation on the results of EBM study conducted at the Primary Health Care level in Bahrain was discussed.

## **A cooperation agreement between Bahrain Specialist Hospital and Women Gateway site**

Bahrain Specialist Hospital has signed a cooperation agreement with the site (womengateway.com) on the internet to supply it with medical and health information. This agreement comes as a part of the hospital interest in serving the society and participating in public education.

### **Monitoring waiting time at the A/E**

A continuous assessment plan to monitor patient waiting time and quality of medical care would be implemented by a task force at the Accident and Emergency Department of Salmaniya Medical Complex. The task force will be headed by Dr Aziz Hamza.

### **Wheelchairs dispatched to Iraq**

Bahrain Red Crescent Society donated 200 wheelchairs and a large quantity of bed sheets on 20 July 2003.

### **Latest diabetes treatment by Joslin Center**

An agreement to work with the Ministry of Health was signed on the 14th of July, 2003 by Joslin Center to offer state-of-the-art diabetes treatment. The agreement is part of Bahrain's recent accord with the World Health Organization to assess and improve its handling of non-communicable diseases including Diabetes.

### **Workshop on common problems of children in Primary Health Care:**

A day-long seminar/workshop organized by the Family Practice Residency Programme, held at Bahrain Medical society in Juffair on May 22. It was organised for a limited number of participants "FPRP trainees, practicing family doctors, general practitioners, primary-care nurses and paediatric residents". Four workshops conducted concurrently every hour, each workshop covered a different topic that was repeated twice and every participant is able to attend four different workshops.

### **A seminar on The Strategy for Medical Services**

A seminar on the strategy for Medical Services was held in the BDF hospital, and attended by specialized doctors. It discussed the development of modern medical equipment, future strategies, the financial cost of medical services, and the hospital's programme to bolster the quality of its services.

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

#### **Appointments:**

Dr RE Shanthakumar (British)  
Consultant Anesthesia and ICU  
Department of Anesthesia and ICU

## **Specialist Training Residency Program**

### **Radiology Department**

Dr. Majeed AL Shammasi

Dr. Lamyaa Mustafa

### **Orthopedic Department**

Dr. Mohammed Hussain

### **Ophthalmology Department**

Dr. Ammar Al Mahmood

### **ENT Department**

Dr. Hala Radhi

### **Surgical Department**

Dr. Ahmed Al Asfoor

### **Anesthesia Department**

Dr. Hazim Habib

Dr. Kameela Saied Jumaa

### **Pschiatry**

Dr. Mazin Khalil

Dr. Shaymaa Ali

Dr. Fatima Al Najjar

### **Medical Department**

Dr. Ammar Al Khazna

Dr. Lubna Kamal Al Deen

Dr. Nazly Al Ansari

Dr. Ahmed Mohammed

Dr. Safyah Neama

Dr. Sabaa Naji Ahmed

Dr. Taiba Salman Al Aradi

### **Family Practice Residency Program**

Dr. Hayfaa Abdulla Al Jassim

Dr. Ghydaa Abdulla Mansoor

Dr. Naeema Abdulla Ali

Dr. Rajaa Ahmed Al Noaimi

Dr. Zainab Abdulhady Khalil

Dr. Lateefa Mohammed Al Jamea

Dr. Manal Ali Al Duaisi

Dr. Lana Al Khajah

### **Promotions:**

Dr. Zainab Ali Abdulla Al Jufairi

Consultant, OBS/GYN Department

Promoted to grade 8

Dr. Aziz Mohammed Abdulla  
Consultant, Orthopedic Department  
Promoted to grade 8

Dr. Kadem Jaffer Mohsin Zabar  
Consultant, Surgical Department  
Promoted to grade 8

Dr. Ali Isa M Al Ekri  
Chief Resident, Orthopedic Department  
Promoted to grade 7

Dr Saeed Jaffer al Hindi  
Chief Resident, Surgical Department  
Promoted to grade 7

### **Primary Care Assignments**

Dr. Majedah Ahmed Abdulla Fekri  
Head of Al Dair Health Center Council

Dr. Sharifa Gholoom Abdulla Buchiri  
Head of Sh. Salman Health Center Council

Dr. Majedah Saied Hasan Jaffar  
Head of Muharraq Health Center Council

Dr. Khadija Hasan Al Aradi  
Head of Ibn-Seena Health Center Council

Dr. Fatima Adel Buhassan  
Head of Al Budaiya Health Center Council

Dr. Manal Abdulla Al Musali  
Head of Isa Town Health Center Council

Dr. Samar Sabah Al Saloom  
Head of East Riffa Health Center Council

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