Medical News Corner

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Celebrating World Site Day

The Minister of Health was represented by the assistant undersecretary for primary care, in the opening ceremony of the World Site day held on 15th October in Dana mall. The function was sponsored by the National Committee for the Protection against Blindness, Ministry of Health, College of Health Sciences and Lions Club; it included sight checking, blood screening for sugar, cholesterol and some children entertainment.

The Minister of Health meets Iraqi Children

Bahrain has hosted 45 Iraqi children to receive medical care in its medical facilities. The Minister paid a visit to the children along with their families and doctors on 18th October 31, 2006 in Salmaniya Medical complex. The Minister was briefed about the children's medical problems and the measures which have been taken by the medical staff to solve their problems.

Ministry of Health launches a six million BD training project

The Ministry of Health in collaboration with the Higher Council for Economic Development and the College of Health Sciences had launched a six million Bahrain Dinars training project on 5th October 2006. This project aims to train manpower in the health sector. Training in different specialties of allied health is expected to be covered by this ambitious project. It is expected that by the year 2011, 1000 graduates of this project will join the medical manpower and serve in various health sectors.

Workshop on medical research using Cochrane

Medical staff from different specialties had attended a two days workshop held on 13th September 2006 organized by the Planning Directorate of the Ministry of Health. The workshop aimed at introducing the goals of the Cochrane library to the participants and ways to make optimum use of it.

Bahrain joined EMRO in declaration against Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)

The EMRO region had declared non-communicable diseases as a major health risk issue in its regional annual meeting held in Isfahan from 9th-12th September 2006. Bahrain has joined such declaration which addressed NCDs as a priority in health problems and steps to combat such epidemic. The declaration has mandated the contributing countries to formulate strategies to prevent and treat NCDs and the integration of NCDs clinics in primary care units.

Establishment of Gulf Council for Health Specialties

The Dean of College of Health Sciences has announced the beginning of establishment of Gulf Council for health specialties. The function took place in College of Health Sciences on 31st of October 2006. The proposal is under study and to be raised to the Minister and to other GCC Ministers in the periodic meeting for the GCC Ministers. The Council aims at providing allied health manpower to help reduce the shortage in allied health.

Ophthalmology residents to attend a training workshop

The ophthalmology department in the Ministry of Health had organized a two days training workshop for its residents in order to prepare them for the Arab board examination. The workshop took place in the SMC on 21st of September 2006.

Dental Services Workshop

The dental services in primary care held an educational workshop for school attendees in collaboration with the school health section in primary care. The workshop aims to introduce the concept of preventive dental care to the students and the teachers and measures to reinforce the dental hygiene in school children. The workshop took place in Adawiya School on 13th September 2006.