

Medical News Corner

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Advances in Medical Field to be discussed

The latest advances in medical practice will be discussed at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland Medical University of Bahrain's (RCSI-MUB) ninth Overseas Meeting next month. The three-day event will be held at the Ritz Carlton Bahrain Hotel and Spa from March 13. The meeting, being held in Bahrain for the third time, will be held under the patronage of Prime Minister and honorary fellow of the RCSI Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa. About 300 delegates will take part in the event. The topics being covered by over 80 key speakers include trauma, nursing and midwifery, radiology, dentistry and surgery.

Hearing Checks for all Children

A national plan to ensure that all children born in Bahrain are screened for hearing impairment was announced on the 30th of January 2006 by the Health Ministry. Early detection means that treatment would be more effective and that fewer children would grow up needing special care. The screening would be done through primary care centres, including the SMC, but that treatment and follow-up would be at secondary care facilities such as the SMC's hearing impairment clinic.

Child Abuse Centre Opens

Anti-child abuse and neglect centre for children and care-givers was officially opened in Bahrain on the 28th January 2006. The Be Free Centre in Zinj, set up to provide Arabic and English language training and support to children, parents, teachers and people dealing with children, was opened by representatives from sponsor company Esterad Investment Company. The centre was formed by a partnership between the Bahrain Women's Society (BWS) and the United Nations International Children's Fund (Unicef), with the support of the Esterad Investment Company.

Campaign on Dental Awareness

A three-day dental campaign was started on Monday 12th of December 2006 at the Shaikhan Al Farisi Centre for Total Communication, East Riffa. The event features a short film, songs and other activities aimed at special-needs children. It was organized by the Health Ministry Oral Health Service Department and Bahrain Dental Hygienist Association, under the patronage of ministry assistant under-secretary for primary and public health Dr Abdul Wahab Mohammed Abdul Wahab. The campaign was held in the run-up to the Bahrain British Dental Congress, scheduled in February at the Gulf Hotel under the patronage of Health Minister Dr Nada Haffadh.

Specialists to provide Free Medical Consultation

Specialists in various disciplines from across the world were available for free medical consultations at the third International Health Tourism (IHT) exhibition, opened in Bahrain on Wednesday the 14th of December 2005. The latest medical innovations were highlighted during the three-day event, at the Bahrain International Exhibition Centre in Sanabis. About 150 exhibitors from 14 countries had registered for the event, which was held under the patronage of Information Minister and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Dr Mohammed Abdul Ghaffar.

Obesity in focus at Arab Forum

Latest research into obesity and physical activity in the Gulf was discussed at a three-day conference opening at the Diplomat Radisson SAS Hotel on the 13th, December 2005. The Second Arab Obesity and Physical Activity conference was organized by the Bahrain Centre for Studies and Research (BCSR) in co-operation with the Arab Nutrition Centre. It was held under the patronage of BCSR chairman Dr Mohammed Al Ghatam. The objective of the event was to discuss the latest studies related to obesity and physical activity in the Arab region as well as review successful programmes in combating obesity and encouraging physical activity. Topics were discussed included obesity in the Arab region, strategies to prevent obesity and chronic diseases in the Gulf, common mistakes and exercises in sports activities, physical activities for the elderly, acupuncture to treat obesity, women's health and the psychological impact of eating habits.

Orthopedics Share Expertise, Views

The 10th GCC and 11th Pan Arab Orthopedic Associations combined conference was opened on the 11th of December 2005 at the Bahrain Conference Centre.

The programme included lectures, papers, posters, workshops, symposia and group discussions. A pre-congress workshop/course on the spine was also held.

The theme of the conference includes arthroplasty, spine, trauma, sports medicine, orthopedic nursing, rehabilitation and orthopedic training.

Conference to Focus on Eye Care for Children

Children's eye care came under the spotlight at a three-day scientific conference opened at the Diplomat Radisson SAS Hotel on the 5th of December 2005. The International Paediatric Eye Conference examined childhood blindness as a main theme as well as prevention and eye care provisions for the young. More than 250 people attended the conference, which featured talks by 40 regional and international speakers and the presentation of 58 scientific papers. Topics were discussed during the conference included the current status of paediatric eye care in the region, available services and future strategies for paediatric eye care, epidemiology and magnitude of childhood blindness. Other topics included recent challenges in paediatric ophthalmology, recent developments in paediatric ophthalmology, primary paediatric eye care and low vision aids.

50,000 Targeted in Cancer Screening Drive

More than 50,000 women in Bahrain, aged 40 years and above, are being targeted in a two-year breast cancer campaign. Early detection would help cure 95 percent of cases, which is the main objective of the campaign. Women needing further assessment would be sent a letter asking them to come to the Salmaniya Medical Complex for either an ultrasound, fine needle aspiration (biopsy), or specialized mammogram examination. Those with normal results should expect to receive a letter notifying them of this in the next few days. In 1999, the Health Ministry recorded 45 new cases, which has increased to nearly 100 cases this year. The campaign is being staged under the patronage of Her Highness Shaikha Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa.

Residents who passed the Arab Board Exams :

Resident's Name	Specialty	Part
1. Omaim Al Shaikh Abdulla	Internal Medicine	Part1
2. S. Saeed Hashim Khalaf	Internal Medicine	Part2
3. Husain Ali Ismail	Internal Medicine	Part1
4. Khalid Salman	Internal Medicine	Part2
5. Khaild Ali Makki	Internal Medicine	Part2
6. Aysha Al-Zaman	Internal Medicine	Part2
7. Adel A.Nabi	Internal Medicine	Part2
8. A.Raqeeb Taher	Internal Medicine	Part1
9. Fatima Haji	Internal Medicine	Part2
10. Fatima Hashim	Internal Medicine	Part1
11. Mohamed Al Bostah	Internal Medicine	Part1
12. Mariam Al Qaseer	Internal Medicine	Part1
13. Nazli Al Ansari	Internal Medicine	Part1
14. Jamal Muthana	Surgery	Part1
15. Aqeel Ismael	Surgery	Part2
16. Kamel Al Awadhi	Surgery	Part1
17. Nadia Mattar	Surgery	Part2
18. Waseem Ibrahim	Surgery	Part1
19. Bushra S. Taj	Pediatrics	Part1
20. Rehab Radhi	Pediatrics	Part1
21. Hisham Al Ekri	Pediatrics	Part1
22. Ashwaq Sabt	Family Medicine	Part2
23. Amal Buassally	Family Medicine	Part2
24. Amal Al Ghanem	Family Medicine	Part2
25. Anaam Hussain	Family Medicine	Part2
26. Basma Al Saffar	Family Medicine	Part2
27. Juhaina BuHindi	Family Medicine	Part2
28. A. Hussain Mohsin	Family Medicine	Part2
29. Ghufraan Ahmed	Family Medicine	Part2
30. Kubra S. Hashim	Family Medicine	Part2
31. Hala Al Asoomi	Family Medicine	Part2
32. Wafa Al Sharbati	Family Medicine	Part2