

Medical News Corner

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A National Immunization Campaign for Polio

Bahrain is to launch a national immunization campaign for polio vaccination, after a gap of five years. This campaign is going to be held in September and October, 2005, targeting children in the age group between one day and five years. The first dose will be given between September 17 and 21, and the second dose between October 15 and 19.

Keyhole Surgery Symposium

An international symposium on the progress in minimally invasive surgery (MIS) will be held on September 12 at Bahrain Conference Center. Around 150 medical personnel will take part in the meeting, which will focus on MIS, also known as keyhole surgery. The Symposium is organized by the International Hospital of Bahrain. Fourteen speakers will present a total of 20 papers. Guest speakers will be from Germany, Italy, India, Bahrain and other GCC countries.

Campaign Against Breast Cancer at Five Health Centers

Bahrain Cancer Society has launched a summer drive to fight breast cancer during the month of July 2005. This year the drive urges expatriate women to avail themselves for free check clinics during the initiative. The drive is going to be conducted in one health center in Muharraq and four in Manama.

Health College to Start Three-Year Optometry Diploma

The college of health sciences will run a three-year diploma in optometry and optometric dispensing, in coordination with the Ministry of Labor. The program will include theoretical and practical studies on optics and optometry-store operations.

Health Center Administrators Attend Workshop

A two-day workshop on communication skills was conducted at Ruffadah Center, Ministry of Health. Around 20 administrators from health centers in Bahrain took part in this workshop which has been organized by head of health education, Dr Amal Al Jowder.

Amniotic Membrane Bank at SMC

The ophthalmology department at Salmaniya Medical Complex, in association with the pathology and obstetric and gynecology departments, has set up a bank to supply amniotic membrane for transplant in the eye to treat corneal epithelial defect, chemical injuries, stem-cell deficiencies and other disorders. The aim of this bank is to supply membranes for eye surgery and to other hospitals in the kingdom and to hospitals in other GCC countries.

SMS for Blood Donors

The blood bank at Salmaniya Medical Complex has launched an SMS service to inform prospective blood donors about the need for blood at the bank. Ever since the facility started three months ago, in collaboration with Batelco, between 8,000 to 10,000 messages have been transmitted, detailing what kind of blood is needed.

New Administrative Board for Bahrain Medical Society

After the resignation of three doctors from the board of Bahrain Medical society a new board had to be elected. Dr Abdulla Al Ajmi was elected as new chairman of the Bahrain Medical Society, Dr Yasser Al Sawad, Vice-chairman, Dr Amani Al Hajeri, Treasurer and Dr Sameer Al Haddad was elected as Secretary. Dr Salwa Al Nuaimi, Dr Abdullah Al Mansour and Dr Feras Hashim were elected members of the executive committee.