

Medical News Corner

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Health Day Walk

As part of celebrating the World Health Day in Bahrain, a walkathon was organized on the 8th of April 2005. The aim of this year walkathon was to increase public awareness of mother and child health programs, the activity also included free health examination. Number of officials from the ministry of health, the ministry of education, school principals and heads of social and cultural organizations were present on the occasion.

Domestic abuse center

Bahrain Society Combating domestic violence has launched a national campaign to increase the awareness and provide help and guidance to victims of domestic abuse through the new Batelco Center for Family Violence Victims.

The center is located next to Ruyan Commercial Complex, on Budaiya Highway. It offers free medical, psychological, legal and social assistance to domestic abuse victims.

Anti-smoking drive

The ministry of health has organized a workshop to help people quit smoking. Many physicians, nurses, representatives of non-governmental organizations and others has attended the workshop.

Nursing quality management plan

Nursing Quality Management Plan for 2005-2006 was discussed in a meeting held by the ministry of health in Rufida building on the 28th, March, 2005. The aim of this meeting was to ensure that primary healthcare provides effective and quality nursing services that satisfy the patient and his needs as the ISO quality management system is considered to be introduced. A sub-committee of nurses is to be formed to oversee and coordinate nursing quality management activities. The meeting was attended by many doctors, nurses and ministry of health officials.

Dental Clinic for Down's Syndrome Children

A BD 30,000 clinic has been opened to ensure that Down's syndrome and special-need children receive better dental care. The clinic at the Down's syndrome care center affiliated with the Bahrain Down's Syndrome Society is open in the morning once a week. A dentist and medical supplies were provided by the ministry of health.

Cochrane Collaboration entity in Middle East set up

The Bahrain branch of United Kingdom Cochrane Center has been established, which is the first in the Middle East. The aim of this branch is to co-ordinate, develop and provide training and support to Cochrane review authors in the Arabic speaking countries. One of the major global projects of the Collaboration is the hand searching of journals, conference proceedings and fugitive literature

for randomized controlled trials that do not appear on online journal or the Medline. The branch will also provide translation services of manuscripts, references, conferences abstracts from Arabic to English, and vice versa, to enable wider access of regional publications. The translation service will be coordinated through the WHO EMRO program.

Students' Blood Disease Screening program

The seventh blood-screening program for students has started in March, 2005. The program is organized annually by the ministry of health, ministry of education and Bahrain Society for Hereditary Diseases, to combat hereditary blood diseases in Bahrain. The project is fully financed by the society and aims to identify carriers of sickle cell disease, beta thalassemia and G6PD deficiency. This year 7000 students from 38 private and government schools are being targeted, taking the total number of students screened over the years to 43,000.

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

Promotions:

Dr Sheikha AbdulAziz Pasha
Department of Anesthesia
Promoted from P7 to P8

Dr Salwa Al Noaimi
Department of Pediatrics
Promoted from P5 to P6

Dr Abeer Al Saweer
Primary Health Care
Promoted from P7 to P8

Dr Rana Ali Al Musalam
FPRP
Promoted from P4 to P5

Dr Mai Bubshait
FPRP
Promoted from P4 to P5

Dr Iman Hussain Janahi
FPRP
Promoted from P4 to P5

Dr Mai Mansoor Sarhan
FPRP
Promoted from P4 to P5

Appointments:

1. Dr. Mohammed Ayoub in Primary Health Care
2. Dr. Eman Al Ekri in STRP
3. Dr. Ahmed Abdul Mawjood in Health centers Directorate
4. Dr. Nabeel Abdul Magsood in Health centers Directorate
5. Dr. Al saeed Mohammed Jumaa in Health centers Directorate
6. Dr. Ibrahim Ahmed in Health centers Directorate
7. Dr. Husny Deeb in Health centers Directorate
8. Dr. Ahmed Al Fawal in Health centers Directorate
9. Dr P.V.N.Murthy in Nephrology
10. Dr Elangovan S. in Cardiology
11. Dr Safya Hussain in Health centers Directorate
12. Dr Taymaa Hassan in Health centers Directorate
13. Dr Hassan Saqar in Health centers Directorate
14. Dr Sameer Omar in Health centers Directorate
15. Dr Ashwani Narang in A/E
16. Dr Hussain Ali in STRP
17. Dr Ahmed Asad in Health centers Directorate

Transfer

1. Dr. Shahlaa Masha Allah
From STRP to Psychiatry
2. Dr. Mohammed Abdul Hameed
From A/E to Health Centers Directorate

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