

Medical News

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Ethical Symposium



HE Lt. General Sh. Dr. Mohamed Al-Khalifa, Minister of the State for Defense Affairs, Dr. Jaffar Albareeq, Director of Research and Ethics, Dr. Dalal Al Hassan, Director of Education and Proficiency Center with the Speakers of the Ethical symposium

King Hamad University Hospital conducted its first Ethical Symposium under the patronage of HE Lt. General Sh. Dr. Mohamed Al-Khalifa, Minister of the State for Defense Affairs on 1 March 2014 in the Main Lecture Hall. The purpose of the symposium was to educate physicians, nurses and allied health staff on ethical conduct in the hospital. The speakers were Consultants and medical administrators from KHUH, NHRA and SMC.

Moral Principles, Professor Eamon Tierney presented “Doctors’ Ethical Behavior”, Dr. Moemen Al-Reefy presented “Doctor’s Patient Relationship” and Dr. Leena Al-Qassim presented “Care towards the End of Life”.

Medical Practice, Professor Martin Corbally presented “Informed Consent”, Dr. Adel Abdulaal presented “Confidentiality”, Dr. Ziauddin Khan presented “Medical Litigation: How to Minimize it?”, Capt. Abdulla Naser Al Sowaidi presented “Related Laws and Regulations”, and Dr. Leena Al- Qassim presented “Patients’ Rights”.

Ethical Dilemma in Children Abuse, Dr. Fadheela Al-Mahroos presented “Ethical Issues in Responding and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect”, Professor Kevin Dunne presented “Ethical Issues in Pediatric Life-threatening Illness”, and Dr. Feras Husain AbuZeyad presented “Child Abuse and Protection in Emergency Medicine Department”.

Research and Ethics, Dr. Jaffar M. Albareeq presented “Unethical Behavior in Research and Publications”, Dr. Dalal Alhasan presented “Role of Institutional Review Board”, Dr. Hamdy

Abozenah presented “Human Subjects Research Ethics”, and Mr. Mohamed Anwar Salleh presented “Patient and Professional Values”.

The event was attended by physicians, nurses, allied health staff, lecturers and students from KHUH, BDF, MOH and RCSI-Bahrain. The event was successful and the request for registration has exceeded 350. The event will be repeated on 4 September 2014 for those who were not able to attend.

At the end of the symposium, an official certificate of attendance and 7 CME credit hours were given to the participants.

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Research Day



Dr. Jaffar Albareeq, Director of Research and Ethics, Professor Sameer Otom, President of RCSI-Bahrain, Dr. Bahaa Fateha, Chairman of NHRA, Professor Eamon Tierney, Chairman of Research Day with Researchers and PhD Students from KHUH, RCSI-Bahrain, UOB, AJC and AGU

A Research Day under the patronage of HE Lt. General Sh. Dr. Mohamed Al-Khalifa, Minister of the State for Defense Affairs was held on 8 March 2014 in the Main Lecture Hall of King Hamad University Hospital. The objective of the symposium was to promote research in King Hamad University Hospital and improve the practice of medicine in Bahrain.

The event was organized by the Research and Ethics Committee of KHUH. The event was chaired by Professor Eamon Tierney, ICU Director. It was participated by PhD students and researchers from King Hamad University Hospital, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland-Bahrain, University of Bahrain, Princess Al-Jawhara Center and Arabian Gulf University.

Twenty-two research papers were presented from KHUH. Dr. Dalal Alhasan presented “Electronic Continuous Medical Education Program in King Hamad University Hospital”; Dr. Priti Narayan presented “Ultrasound guided Transversus Abdominis Plane block: An Evaluation of its Efficacy in Reducing Post-Op Opioid Requirements in Caesarean Section”; Dr. Mahmood Mousa presented “The First 100 Cases of Epidural Analgesia for Normal Labor at KHUH”; Dr. Moemen Al-Reefy presented “Optic Nerve Injury Following Functional Endoscopic Sinus Surgery” he also presented “Re-lifting LASIK flap 16 years after Primary Surgery” and “The Role of Topical NSAID and Occlusion Therapy in case of Non Resolving Berlin’s Edema”; Dr. Seemantini Ayachit presented “Evaluation of the Role of Rifampacin in Treatment of Central Serous Chorioretinopathy (CSR)”; Dr. Aashish Jain presented “An Audit on Parental Satisfaction in Pediatric Day-Care Surgery”; Mrs. Suha Hejres presented “Apoptotic Signaling Pathways Induced by Immune System-Released Activating Agent (ISRAA) on Two Subsets of Tumor Cell Lines”; Dr. Neveen Rashad presented “The Relation between the Degree of Activity of Rheumatoid Arthritis and Helicobacter Pylori Infection”; Dr. Ziauddin Khan presented “The Compliance and Cost Effectiveness of Ureteric Double J Stents (DJS) Inserted with String Attached”; Dr. Mohamed Ali Al Hamar presented “Assessment of a New Biomarker (M2PK 2 In 1) Test as a Potential Tool for Screening and Early Detection of Colorectal Cancer”; Dr. Eman Hamza presented “Availability of Cancer Diagnosis by Urinal Porphyrin Concentration Measurement after Oral Administration of 5-Aminolevulinic Acid (5-ALA)”; Dr. Vipin Kauts presented “Development and Evaluation of a Medical Communication Scale”; Dr. Fathima Nasmy presented “A One-Year Retrospective Study of Community Acquired Pneumonia in Children Aged 3 Months and above at King Hamad University Hospital”; Dr. Sara Moemen Al-Reefy presented “Clinical Audit of a One-Stop Symptomatic Breast Clinic at KHUH” and “Lymphedema following Cupping Therapy “Hijama” Post Breast Cancer Surgery and Axillary Node Clearance”; Dr. Ahsan Javaid Butt presented “Comparison of Intra-articular Platelet Rich Plasma Injections with Intra-articular Steroid Injections in the Treatment of Primary Osteoarthritis of the Knee: A Randomized Controlled Trial”; Dr. Ahmed Mamdouh presented “Incidence of Difficult Tracheal Intubation in Bariatric Surgery Patients”; Dr. Fatima Abulfateh presented “Mucoepidermoid Carcinoma of Parotid Gland of the Project” and “Post Tonsillectomy Hemorrhage” and Dr. Sapna Shivdas presented “Therapeutic Efficacy of Diode Laser Turbinoplasty on Nasal Obstruction Using Rhinomanometry”.

Four researchers were from RCSI-Bahrain. Dr. Tim Doubell presented “Auditory Evoked Muscle Responses; What Can They Tell Us?”; Ms. Orla Merrigan presented “Knowledge and Attitudes of Staff Involved in Cardiac Arrest in KHUH”; Professor Robin O’Sullivan presented “The Problem with Histology” and Ms. Duaa Ahmed presented “Awareness of Healthcare Workers to Neonatal Total Parenteral Feeding in Bahrain”.

Professor Moiz Bakhiet from AGU presented “ISRAA: from Gene to Community” and Ms. Nada Radi Al-Khunaizi presented “Investigation of the Mechanism of HLA-G Regulation of T Cell Responses in Pregnancy”.

Dr. Ali Bin Thani from UOB presented “Investigating the Genomic Content of Extended Spectrum Beta-Lactamases (ESBLs) Enterobacteriaceae in Bahrain”.

Attendees were given official certificates of attendance and 7 CME credit hours. The next Research Day will be held on 12 March 2015.

Saudi Board Visit for Ophthalmology Department



Dr. Jaffar Al Bareeq, Director of Research and Ethics, Dr. Dalal Al Hassan, Director of Education and Proficiency Center, Dr. Moemen Al Reefy, HOD of Ophthalmology, Dr. Khadija bint Saeed Atbadin, Dr. Salman bin Abdullah Alkharashi and Dr. Hassan bin Ael Al Zaibi (Saudi Board Team)

A team from the Saudi Board visited King Hamad University Hospital on 9 to 10 January 2014 for the Accreditation of the Ophthalmology Department.

The team was very impressed with the high standards of care delivered to patients and well-organized facilities. The accreditation of the Ophthalmology Department was granted on 30 March 2014. It is valid for two years starting 1 October 2014 to 30 September 2016. Two candidates will be accepted for training.

Saudi Board Visited KHUH



Dr. Dalal Al Hassan, Director of Education and Proficiency Center, Professor Martin Corbally, Chief of Medical Staff, Mrs. Fatima Al Ahmed, Education Programs

Coordinator, Dr. Jaffar Al Bareeq, Director of Research and Ethics, Saudi Accreditation team, Dr. Mohammed Abdulla Al Sultan and Dr. Khalid Saleh Alayed

A team from the Saudi Board visited King Hamad University Hospital on 26 February 2014 to resolve the following: (1) Pending specialties accreditation and subspecialty programs (Plastic Surgery, Urology and Dermatology), (2) The number of candidates in each specialty, (3) Saudi Board trainee joining in KHUH, (4) Special consideration for experienced SHO, (5) Training Committee meetings in Eastern Province, (6) Training Program in Neurology, Nuclear Medicine and Oncology, (7) Training in some subspecialties between KHUH and BDF, (8) Training fees and (9) MOU and contract.

Saudi Board Visit for Emergency Medicine Department

A team from the Saudi Board composed of Dr. Mohammed Abdulla Al Sultan and Dr. Tariq Al Hamadan visited King Hamad University Hospital on 27 February 2014 for the accreditation of the Department of Emergency Medicine.

The team gave positive feedback on the facilities, patient care, critical indicators, helipad, Manchester triage system and outstanding skills of doctors.

Cooperation between University of Nebraska Medical Center and King Hamad University Hospital



Dr. Jaffar Al Bareeq, Director of Research and Ethics, Dr. Dalal Al Hassan, Director of Education and Proficiency Center and Mr. Nizar Mamdani, Executive Director, International Healthcare Services, University of Nebraska Medical Center

Mr. Nizar Mamdani, Executive Director of the International Healthcare Services of Nebraska Medical Center, USA visited King Hamad University Hospital on 9 March 2014 for the

future Cooperation between University of Nebraska Medical Center and King Hamad University Hospital.

The future cooperation will include Physician Training (Oncology and others), Nursing Training, Allied Health Training, Oncology and Research Center, Stem-Cells and Transplant, Genetic Work-up, and Telemedicine in Pathology and Radiology.

Representatives from KHUH will visit University of Nebraska Medical Center on 25 to 27 September 2014. The Memorandum of Agreement will be finalized and signed in Nebraska.

Future Collaboration between King Hamad University Hospital and Al Khalidi Medical Center



Mr. Taher Yousef Ali Saeed, Credit Controller and Collection, Dr. Nael D. Abu-Kaff, Medical Director, Dr. Dalal Al Hassan, Director of Education and Proficiency Center, Dr. Jaffar Al Bareeq, Director of Research and Ethics and Mr. Walid I Al Khalidi, Managing Director

A team from Al Khalidi Medical Center, Kingdom of Jordan visited King Hamad University Hospital on 17 March 2014. The objective of the visit is to establish collaboration between KHUH and KMC in Nuclear Medicine, Invasive Radiology, Overseas treatment, Oncology and Training for Nurses in Lehigh University, USA.

Al Khalidi Medical Center invited KHUH to visit their facilities in Jordan.

First Meeting of Bahrain Medical Board



Dr. Dalal Alhasan, Director of Education and Proficiency Center, KHUH, Dr. Ebtisam M. Fakhroo, Family Practitioner Residency Program, MOH, Dr. Jaffar Al Bareeq, Director of Research and Ethics, KHUH, Dr. Mohammed AlSuwaidi, Director of Training, MOH and Lt. Col Dr. Nayef Louri, Head of Continuous Medical Education, BDF (RMS),

In accordance with the Supreme Council of Health decision number 1 2014, the council proposed a Task Force Committee to study the establishment of Bahrain Board of Medical Specialties. The first meeting was held in the Training meeting room at King Hamad University Hospital on 16 April 2014.

The following were the nominated members:

1. Dr. Dalal Hasan Alhasan, Director of Education and Proficiency Center, KHUH
2. Dr. Ebtisam Mohammed Fakhroo, Family Practitioner Residency Program, MOH
3. Dr. Jaffar M Albareeq, Director of Research & Ethics, KHUH
4. Dr. Mohammed Khamees AlSuwaidi, Acting Head of Medical Education, MOH
5. Lt. Col. Dr. Nayef Louri, Head of Continuous Medical Education, BDF (RMS)

The task force responsibilities are as follows:

1. To discuss King Hamad University Hospital's proposal for Bahrain Board Training program
2. To discuss the Ministry of Health's proposal for separating training from employment
3. To discuss the need of establishing Bahrain Board of Medical Specialties
4. To discuss the integration of Bahrain Board and Saudi Board and other international programs

The Task Force Committee members will meet once a month or if necessary. The committee will report to the President of the Supreme Council of Health, HE Lt. General Sh. Dr. Mohamed Al-Khalifa, Minister of the State for Defense Affairs.