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Dr. Joseph Martin, Dean of Harvard Medical School, visits HMSDC on the occasion of Arab Health 2007. At his side; Dr. Sehamuddin Galadari, Associate Professor-UAEU, College of Medicine and Health Science

Message
from HMSDC's
Chief Academic Officer



Welcome to Harvard Medical School Dubai Center and to Connecting. April and May will be an exciting time for us and for Dubai. In cooperation with Dubai Healthcare City, we have organized our first continuing professional development program designed specifically for nurses and nurse leaders. Titled "Role of Nurses in Promoting Patient Safety and Quality," this program (April 20-21 at the JW Marriott in Dubai) will feature leading nurse educators from the United States and the Gulf Region.

On April 19th, HMSDC and DHCC will be conferring our first Tamayoz Awards. Through this program we will recognize leading young practitioners and researchers from the medical, dental, nursing and other health sciences. The winners will receive an all expense paid, one month observership at a Harvard-affiliated hospital or research laboratory in Boston. Also in April, we have organized a seminar on medical education titled "Medical Education 2007: Where are we headed?" and a symposium on respiratory disease. Both of these are being held in cooperation with the Gulf Medical College. On May 24-25 at the Grand Hyatt Dubai we will sponsor "Specialty Practi-Med: Orthopedic and Sports Medicine for Primary Care Physicians and Specialists." This program will include three members of the Harvard Medical School faculty and several local experts.

The Dubai Harvard Foundation for Medical Research will hold its first scientific meeting in Boston on May 11th. Representatives of leading research laboratories in the Region will be brought to Boston to meet with researchers at Harvard Medical School and help form collaborations that will be funded by the foundation. This is an exciting step in the implementation of the foundation's research plans.

Our growing staff and I are very proud of these programs and our other work in developing the regulatory framework for medical education and research at DHCC. Please join me in welcoming our new colleagues who are featured in this issue of Connecting.

Sincerely,
Robert L. Thurer, MD

Research Updates

Message from the Office of Research Administration

What is an informed consent?

Informed consent is a process, not just a document. Informed consent is an important process in clinical research by which a fully informed person agrees to participate in a research activity.

The informed consent document provides detailed information about the study, the person's rights and responsibilities as well as the potential risks, benefits and inconveniences and alternative therapies available. The person voluntarily agrees to take part in the study based on adequate knowledge and understanding of the clinical trial accompanied by documentation through signing the informed consent form. The informed consent must be conducted prior to any study related procedure and data collection and reviewed with the participant by qualified personnel as defined in the delegation of responsibilities in a particular study. The informed consent starts from the time the person signs an informed consent document until the completion of the study or his withdrawal from the study.

Dubai Harvard Foundation for Medical Research

DHFMR hosts the 1st meeting for the International Autism Project on April 11-12 to discuss potential collaboration between Dr. Walsh's Lab, Boston's Children Hospital and physicians from the UAE.

The Maktoum Harvard Medical Library News

Integrated Library System (ILS) and Radio Frequency Identification Tags (RFID):

Six proposals for ILS and RFID solutions were discussed and evaluated in Boston. Millennium ILS and 3M RFID will be purchased for the library. When installed, a searchable Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) will simplify searching the library resources and accessing electronic journals, databases, & E-Books through smart linking interfaces. Wireless access to OPAC through mobile telephones will be enabled as well.

Patron Self-Check stations in the library and Smart Book Return stations that will be placed at several locations at DHCC will ease the process of circulation library resources.

Suggestions for library books:

A web-based link will allow the DHCC community to make suggestions for book titles to be purchased for the opening day collection. The opening collection will include 5000 books and 300 DVD's shelf ready with their RFID tags. The library will subscribe to Doody's Core Titles (the essential collection development tool for health sciences libraries) for selection purposes.

*For further information, please contact
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Useful Links

Harvard Medical School Dubai Center
www.hmsdc.hms.harvard.edu

*Dubai Harvard Foundation for
Medical Research*
www.dhfmr.hms.harvard.edu

Harvard Medical International
www.hms.hmi.harvard.edu
www.hmiworld.org

Dubai Healthcare City
www.dhcc.ae

Our Educational Programs

CME GRAND ROUNDS

These lectures are given by DHCC-licensed physicians and each is accredited by HMSDC for one hour of continuing education credit. These credits are recognized by CPQ and contribute towards the CME credits requested for renewing the DHCC professional license.

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Date: 1st Tuesday of every month
Time: 7pm-8pm
Location: Mayo Clinic Conference Center, 1st Floor, B Block

April 3:
Dr. Adnan Abu Hammour
Topic: Irritable Bowel Syndrome

May 1:
Dr. Martin J. Petsch
Topic: Male Infertility

June 5:
Prof. Jens E. Altwin
Topic: Lifestyle Modification to Improve Men's Health

July 3:
Dr. Klaus T. Kallmayer
Topic: Acute Coronary Syndrome

Our monthly Educational Programs are free and open to all DHCC tenants and healthcare professionals.

Specialty Practi-Med

Orthopedic and Sports Medicine for Primary Care Physicians and Specialists

Specialty Practi-Med: Orthopedic and Sports Medicine for Primary Care Physicians and Specialists is an innovative continuing medical education program organized by Harvard Medical School Dubai Center (HMSDC) and Dubai Healthcare City (DHCC). This program will review state-of-the-art information for healthcare professionals on the diagnosis and management of bone and joint disorders. Topics include Management of Knee Pain, Wrist and Elbow Pain, Shoulder Pain in Primary Care Setting; Approach to Inflammatory Arthritis; Rheumatology Case Discussion, Foot & Ankle Pain, Back & Neck Pain; Osteoporosis and Crystal Induced Joint Disease. Through didactic lectures, case discussions, and interactive sessions, participants will have the opportunity to learn from distinguished faculty and have personal interaction with leaders in orthopedic and sport medicine.

Participants who complete this educational activity will receive up to a maximum of 10 1/2 CME credit hours as well as a Harvard Medical School Dubai Center (HMSDC) certificate of attendance.

Education Updates

MOH Approves HMSDC CME Credits

The Ministry of Health confirmed last month that HMSDC CME credits will be recognized upon physicians' licensing renewal.

You can now register online for our educational program

For more details, please visit our website:
www.hmsdc.hms.harvard.edu

Basic Life Support

April 26, May 20 and June 14 from 8 A.M to 5 P.M

HMSDC is hosting this course monthly at the Mayo Clinic Conference Room, Dubai Healthcare City, Ibn Sina Building



UAEU and HMSDC signed an MOU earlier this year

On April 23, HMSDC will participate in the 8th Annual Research Conference hosted by UAEU by giving a talk on Medical Education and Research, the Dubai Harvard Foundation for Medical Research and the Office of Research Administration

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Get to know our newest employees by visiting
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Our Past Events

Arab Health

*Advances in Healthcare Conference
January 30, 2007*

Specialist physicians from the Harvard Medical School in Boston gave healthcare professionals from the Arab world a preview of the future of medicine and medical education at a free Dubai Healthcare City conference during the 32nd Arab Health Exhibition and Congress at the Dubai International Exhibition Centre.

The Advances in Healthcare: "Trends in Medical Education and Technology" conference included presentations and seminars from nine distinguished Harvard specialists on subjects ranging from stem cells and new cancer and heart disease therapies to innovation in medical education.

Specialty Practi-Med

*Gastroenterology for Specialists and Primary Care Physicians
March 24, 2007*

This program was designed to highlight the latest information regarding the diagnosis and management of gastroenterologic disorders.

Dr. Wael Dahhan, Consultant at American Hospital in Dubai, was the Course Director, while the participating faculty included Dr. Ram Chuttani, Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and Dr. Nizar N. Zein, Professor of Medicine at the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine.

HMSDC Tamayoz Awards

*The Recognition You Deserve
April 19, 2007*

DHCC/HMSDC Nursing Development Conference

*The Role of Nursing in Promoting Patient Safety and Quality
April 20-21, 2007*

Specialty Practi-Med

*Orthopedic and Sports Medicine for
Primary Care Physicians and Specialists
May 24-25, 2007*

Specialty Practi-Med

*Mental Health
November 8-9, 2007*

EDUCATION SERIES

Date: Monthly
Topic: Various medical topics
Time: 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

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Our Upcoming Events

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