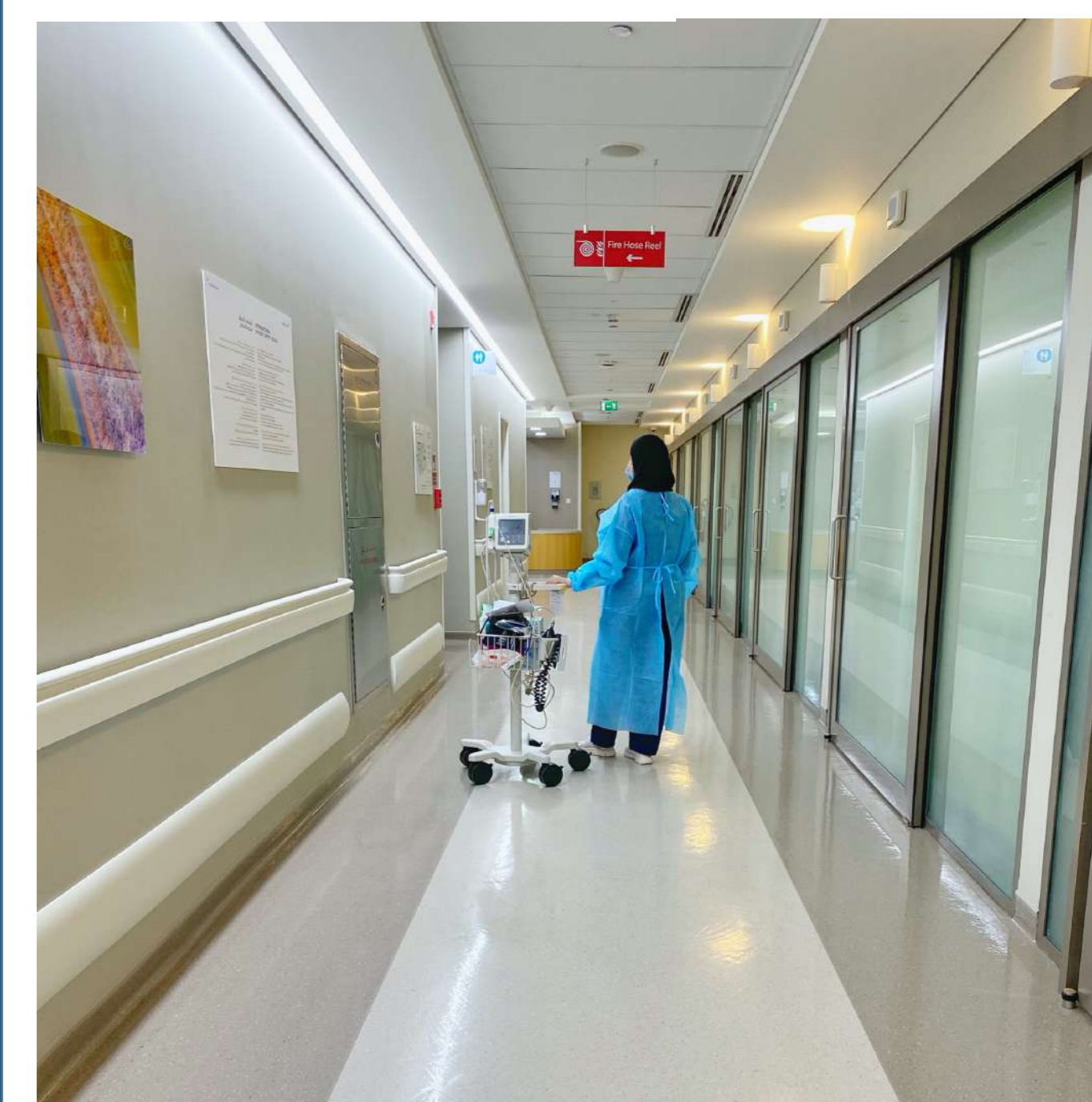


A JOURNEY THROUGH THE ONCOLOGY WARD

at Mediclinic City Hospital, Hospital Angels Volunteering Program

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Our experience in the oncology ward for a week involved being tasked with researching medication regimens to sitting down with the patient and taking down their history and getting patient's vitals recorded for the day. It was a well-put program, managed seamlessly by Ms Gladys, the Senior Registered Nurse at the Oncology ward.



Patient interaction

We listened to the patient's stories, which brought their case out of the patient history file and back to life. We saw the doctors and nurses interacting with them, which were exceptional listeners, and realized our responsibility towards these patients. To speak with empathy, yet also educate the patients throughout their journey, we appreciated the impact assuring and calming words have on a patient and their loving families. They were moments of inspiration which fueled our sense of purpose, lessons that will be displayed in our actions and words in the future.



The oncology team

All the health care professionals in the oncology department worked as a multidisciplinary team. We were taught about the integrative dynamic of the oncology ward through observing the medical staff as well as enjoying fruitful discussions with the doctors overseeing the program. We learnt about the nuclear medicine, radiotherapy, chemotherapy and the pharmaceuticals from the best of doctors in each of their respective departments, which made us appreciate the growth of the various treatment and diagnostic modalities for cancer, and view the oncology ward in a new light.



The Mediclinic Summer Scholar's program gave us an understanding of the common types of cancer, the various diagnostic techniques, treatment options and most important of all, inspirational stories from patients who have been fighting to survive this journey.

