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Al Jalila Children's and MBRU successfully conduct the first pediatric kidney transplant in Dubai







Bana Nizar

Bana, received a kidney from a deceased adult patient from Abu Dhabi after a five-hour long surgery done in mid-October.

The surgery was performed at Al Jalila Children's Speciality Hospital by a joint medical team from Al Jalila Children's and Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine and Health Sciences (MBRU).

The team was led by MBRU's transplant surgeons Dr. David Hickey, Professor of Surgery and Dr. Farhad Janahi, Assistant Professor of Surgery. Bana was on a transplant list for long since she had end stage kidney failure and was about to go on dialysis. A total of nine government and health authorities in Dubai and Abu Dhabi worked together seamlessly to ensure that the kidney from a deceased donor in Abu Dhabi was transplanted within the necessary 12-hour window.

In addition to Al Jalila Children's and MBRU, Dubai Healthcare City Authority (DHCA), the Ministry of Health and Prevention (MOHAP) and its National Transplant Committee, Al Jalila Foundation, Abu Dhabi Police, Abu Dhabi Health Services Co. (SEHA), Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, and Sheikh Khalifa Medical City, were involved.

Nine-year-old Bana Nizar Hassan from Sudan has become the first child to receive a kidney transplant in Dubai.

"While we celebrate this milestone we must not forget the kindess and generosity of the donor that made it possible for Bana to start a new life." said Dr. Abdulla Alkhayyat, CEO of Al Jalila Children's.

On MBRU's involvement, Dr Amer Sharif, Vice Chancellor of MBRU and CEO of DHCA's Education Sector said, "It is testament to the efforts that have gone into the MBRU transplant program, which was launched in 2016."





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Obstructive Sleep Apnoea Hypopnoea Syndrome

Editor: Dr. Adil Mageet Associate Professor Orthodontics



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Editor: Karen Whalen University of Florida

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Carinda Field University of Florida



Cephalometry in Orthodontics: 2D and 3D

Dr. Ahmed Ghoneima Chair and Associate Professor Orthodontics

Life @ MBRU



47th UAE National Day Celebrations with the Dubai Healthcare City family



Leadership Development Program



His Highness Sheikh Mansoor bin Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum witnessing the graduation of 25 of our MBRU leadership team from the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland's Leadership Development Program.

World Heart Day





Our medical students led a heart screening campaign for the MBRU community on the occasion of the World Heart Day. Thank you for keeping us healthy!



MBRU Medical Students' Research Poster Conference



MBRU Medical Students' Research Poster Conference showcased 49 third year medical students research projects supervised by mentors from MBRU, Al Jalila Children's and Mediclinic.

The projects covered four main research strands: Biomedical, Clinical, Public Health, and Medical Education Research; with a focus on topics such as cardiovascular disease, cancer, mental health and wellbeing, genetic diseases and optimizing medical education.





MBRU SUMMER SCHOLARS PROGRAM









We celebrated 71 second and third year medical students who completed their Summer Scholars Program at healthcare, research and academic institutions across the UAE and abroad.

UAE Pioneers 2018



His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, UAE's Vice President and Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, recognized UAE Scientists during the UAE Pioneers 2018 Ceremony.

We are proud of Professor Alawi Alsheikh-Ali, Dean of our College of Medicine & Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Dr. Ahmed Al Marzouqi, Senior Director of Research and Graduate Studies and Associate Professor of Biochemistry, for being selected to represent their fellow scientists. MBRU held its third annual Board of Trustees meeting chaired by His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, Chancellor of MBRU and Chairperson of the Board of Trustees.





We were honored to welcome Her Excellency Sarah Al Amiri, Minister of State for Advanced Sciences, to MBRU to explore our programs and research facilities.





NAJAH 2018









We participated in NAJAH, a 3-day comprehensive event catered specifically for prospective students, their parents and teachers equipping local and international students with in-depth knowledge of the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) program available through our College of Medicine, and postgraduate dental specialist programs at our Hamdan Bin Mohammed College of Dental Medicine.

PULSE DAY

We welcomed high school students interested in studying medicine for an engaging day full of activities with the goal to help them decide if medicine is a career they want to pursue. Students rotated through various workshops to get a glimpse of what it means to be a MBRU Medical student.









New members of the MBRU Family



Shaikha Zain Hasan Alsharif Alzaabi Lecturer Internal Medicine



Glendon Potato Executive Multimedia



Arwa Mousa Y. Alharbi Executive Digital Content Developer



Hashim Elsayed Abdallah Ahmed Specialist



Ruqiya Ahmad Nadir Alsheikh Bin Yousuf Senior Executive Human Resources



Bethuel M. Reyes Senior Executive Procurement

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Dear Thanos,

When in June 2018, after three years of dedicated service, you indicated your desire to relocate back to Greece for private and family reasons, you probably sensed the shock felt by MBRU. This was because in the short period of three years, that you were Dean, you gave MBRU and HBMCDM a life-time worth of unblemished service.



You provided exemplary leadership that buoyed the morale of the faculty and residents to new and unprecedented levels of achievements. True you were harddriving, but you were also hardworking.

As a result, within your tenure, the dental programs achieved international (Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, and Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland) and regional (Jordan, Bahrain, Kuwait) recognitions. Locally, the graduates of the programs were accorded recognition as Specialists by the employing bodies, as opposed to the situation before then when Master holders had to pass an examination before they could practice as specialists.

This was a statement of the perception of the quality of the training that HBMCDM has provided under your leadership. You saw to the successful graduation of the first two cohorts ever from the HBMCDM.

You made major suggestions and contributions to the development and refurbishing of the new Dental Clinic (now the Dubai Dental Hospital) to become a state of the art facility.

You encouraged and supported research productivity, initiating faculty internal research grants and mentorship to residents with the resultant inevitable soaring of the publications in peer-reviewed journals and participation at international academic conferences by faculty and residents alike. Because of your promotion of and evident passion for the specialty of dentistry, your tenure saw a doubling of the resident applications and selections as well as faculty appointments. You introduced the new service of Dental Radiology.

You achieved all these in such a short space of time because of your drive, passion, fatherly shepherding of residents and staff and dedication to Dentistry and Orthodontics. You were the father of Dentistry and an unflagging exponent of Orthodontics.

It will be difficult to take up the slack created by your departure, but we take solace from our awareness that you are in our heart and we are in your heart. Until you come round we continue to savor the memories of the benevolent broad smiles of a gentle giant, that you left behind..

On behalf of the MBRU Family, farewell to our beloved brother, father and uncle.

 Professor M. Ezimokhai Provost



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