

Press Release

Harvard Medical School Dubai Center and Dubai Healthcare City to Host Critical Care CME Program

HMSDC Designates 11.5 CME Credit Hours for Participating Practitioners

Dubai: 27 October 2008 – Harvard Medical School Dubai Center (HMSDC) Institute for Postgraduate Education and Research a member of Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Academic Medical Center, in collaboration with Dubai Healthcare City (DHCC), a member of Tatweer, today announced it will hold a continuing medical education (CME) program to address the latest advances in Critical Care for specialists engaged in critical and emergency patient care.

Practi-Med: Critical Care will be held from 31 October–1 November 2008 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Dubai. This two-day event will use a team-based teaching approach. Session leaders from Harvard Medical School will moderate each session, drive the discussions for current clinical challenges, present interactive sessions and moderate questions with the faculty.

Components of this program include latest information on diagnosis and treatment of the most common issues seen in emergency and critical care settings and are divided into: Sepsis, sedation, trauma, mechanical ventilation, neurological intensive care and implementation of quality in the intensive care unit (ICU).

Dr. Ayesha Abdullah, Senior Vice President of DHCC, said: “In collaboration with HMSDC, we aim to provide high standard healthcare CME programs and educational opportunities throughout the year. This particular Practi-Med

course will provide latest updates on critical care to healthcare professionals across the region.”

Physicians worldwide rely on CME, specifically to stay current on new treatment options. The CME credits are now recognized by the Ministry of Health as well as Dubai and Abu Dhabi Health Authorities. HMSDC has designated this educational activity a maximum of 11.5 CME credit hours.

Dr Alan Lisbon, Acting Head of the Department of Anesthesia and Critical Care at BIDMC and the Associate Professor of Anesthesia at Harvard Medical School in Boston is the course director for this program. Delegates invited to participate in the program include internal, critical care and emergency medicine specialists, cardiologists, anesthesiologists, critical care surgeons and general physicians, as well as, medical students and nurses.

Dr Zahra Baalawi, the Director of Education at HMSDC, said: “The program will provide important information to help us find the most effective ways to care for patients in critical care. Whether and how to use drugs for sedation in intensive care units or updates on trauma care are important current issues in this field. We now offer evidence-based, accredited programs to help clinicians and patients make more informed decisions”.

Research demonstrates that physician learning outcomes are higher when delivered by a multi-channel curriculum through catering to different learning styles and, therefore, the course will involve lectures, panel discussions and interactive break-out sessions with smaller groups. Throughout the presentations, meeting participants will have the opportunity to personally interact with the industry's leading researchers to discuss the latest advancements in the field of critical care.

These continuing education programs are an integral part to develop DHCC into a centre of excellence for healthcare delivery, education and research.

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