

Summary of Workshop

Dubai Health Authority (DHA) hosted a workshop under the theme of "Center of Excellence ". Dr. Hanan Obaid, Director for the Health Policy and Standards Department of the Health Regulatory Sector (HRS) for DHA welcomed all stakeholders and praised their ongoing commitment and efforts toward Center of Excellence Services. Dr. Hanan Obaid, said, 'this is needed to further take the health services in emirate of Dubai to excellent level. Dr. Hanan Obaid, highlighted the possibilities of having Centers of Excellence will further attract the medical tourism in Dubai. Dr. Hanan Obaid, gave an overview of the Dubai context highlighting how Center of Excellence aligns to DHA Strategy (2016-2021) specifically. Center of Excellence is to aid cost effectiveness and improve quality and safety of care across Dubai and enable ongoing innovation and development in the field of medicine. Dr. Mahera Abdulrahman, Senior Specialist in Health Policy and Standards Department gave a brief on Center of Excellence: needs, aims, categories, requirements and future plans for Center of Excellence. Dr. Mahera, also gave a brief on different agencies providing accreditation for specific Center of Excellence specialities. Mr. Khamis Al-Alawy, Consultant in Health Policy and Standards Department, went through the regulatory process from nomination, accreditation to validation and hosted an open interactive discussion between stakeholders. The goal of this open discussion was to understand the challenges and obstacles among healthcare providers in Dubai while planning for center of excellence. The open discussion also gave insights on the specialty needs for Center of Excellence in the Emirate of Dubai. The workshop ended by thanking all participants for their valuable feedback, contribution, and support.

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