

>> “Promoting research environment in Iraq” this is one of the main objective of the editorial board of the Iraqi New Medical Journal.(vol1 issue1). Although we think that achieving this goal is not simple and not duty of one part especially when we talk about inducing change across the whole health community in a country like Iraq, but the editorial board started to do its part in this important mission. The last 6 months of 2015 had witnessed performing 3 scientific activities to promote conducting research and publishing articles in medical journals. <<

Karbala symposium on how to write a medical paper

On Thursday 29 October 2015 the editorial board and in collaboration with Karbala Health Directorate and Al-Hussain Medical City we participated in performing a symposium about how to write medical articles to be published in medical journal. This activity was attended by about 100 Health care workers in Karbala province not only from Ministry of health but also from college of medicine Karbala University.

The lectures were delivered by the editor in chief of Iraqi New medical journal included why we need medical journals and what are the international standards of publishing medical journals, what are the relation between readers- editors and authors. Then the main topic addressed in this symposium was how to write medical articles to be published in a medical journal.



Then the lectures were following by fruitful discussion between the lecturer and the attendees. The direction of these discussion were about how to trigger health care providers to do proper research according to the need assessment in Karbala, how to change the minds of policy makers in

health from being experience dependent to research dependent in decision making. The editor in chief of the Iraqi New Medical Journal has emphasized on the importance of having medical journals that follow the international standards of publication like ICMJE. He also raised issue of establishing a society for the editors of the Iraqi Medical Journal s and the urgent needs to establish IraqiMed to index scientific medical papers published in Iraqi Medical Journals.

Advanced training course on conducting medical research

Over two weeks, Human Resources Training and Development Centre at Ministry of Health has organized an advanced course on Conduction Medical Research. The participants were health care givers interested in doing the researches and had completed the primary part of this course.

The course has included

many topics related to conducting medical research. The organizer has given the editorial board of the Iraqi new Medical Journal two days to talk about Publication of medical journals and their role in evidence based medicine.

Editors of the journal have presented many lecture about editing medical journals, how to prepare

an article to be publish in a medical journal, how to conduct a systematic review and meta-analysis , and role of medical journals in providing critically appraised medical knowledge.

Training Course about basics of publishing medical journal

The editorial board of the Iraqi New Medical Journal has organized a 5 day - course about writing medical articles. 32 participant have taken part in this activity, they were from different health directorates in Baghdad and other provinces.

The aim of this course is to provide health care givers about the basics of doing research and writing a medical research. In the first day the editor in chief talked about the importance of doing research to change health not only to have a promotion or achieving personal interests, about research as a mean to adopt decisions. Then Wesam Abdul-Ridha the assistant editor has talked about how to conduct a medical research and how we can motivate people to do proper medical research.

The second day has included two lectures the first was about biostatistics presented by Dr Ali Abotheen from medical college of Karbala, he talked about types of variables, how to present and analyse data by using different statistical tests. The second lecture was about how to review medical articles presented by the associate editor of the Iraqi New Medical Journal Dr Ala Sh Ali.

The third day was allocated to how to write medical article presented by the editor

in chief, Shakir Mahmood Muhammed. The fourth day has two lectures the first was about how to use English language in academic writings. While Dr Luma TMJ has talked in the second lecture about what is plagiarism and what do mean by paraphrasing. All participant has performed an assessment tests in the fifth day of the course.



The 9th annual meeting of the Iraqi Society of Nephrology

The Iraqi Society of Nephrology held its ninth annual meeting in Istanbul on 27-29 Nov. 2015. The workshop was attended by a good number of Iraqi Nephrologists, Dialysis Physicians, and Kidney Transplant Surgeons. Eminent speakers like Professor John Feehally, the ex-president of the International Society of Nephrology and Professor Jeremy Levy, Consultant Nephrologist at the Imperial College of London have participated each with four lectures in different topics in Nephrology in addition to some sessions on Kidney Transplantation Immunosuppression and on the national kidney transplant Registry which will start in 2016.

The agenda of the Workshop had enough time for the Iraqi Nephrologists to present their papers and interesting cases which were discussed thoroughly with the guest speakers.

Being an affiliate of the ISN this workshop like all the previous workshops was accredited by the CME committee of the ISN.

