

## Qatar Patient Safety Week: Medication Safety- Answering Your Questions on Strategies to Enhance Medication Safety in Qatar

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**Target Audience: All Healthcare Professionals**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 12:30pm – 2:00pm (Face to Face and via WebEx)**

**Aim:** To discuss the local challenges associated with medication safety, and to provide an overview of evidence-based strategies used in preventing medication errors and reducing medication related-harm.

### Speakers:

- **Professor Derek Stewart:** Professor of Clinical Pharmacy and Practice, College of Pharmacy, Qatar University – Health
- **Dr. Anas Hamad:** Director of Pharmacy Department, National Center for Cancer Care & Research. Head of Medication Safety & Quality Center, HMC Pharmacy Executive Office
- **Mr Thabit Melhem:** Executive Director of Nursing, Corporate Nursing and Midwifery
- **Mr Amr Iqbal:** Medication Safety Office, Sidra Medicine.

Time & Speaker	Schedule & Learning Objectives
12:30-12:25 (Moderator)	Welcoming & introduction
12:35-12:45 Dr. Anas Hamad	Discuss the burden of medication-related harm due to medication errors and unsafe practices.
12:45-12:55 Prof Derek Stewart	Identify effective strategies to prevent medication errors and reduce medication related-harm.
12:55-13:05 Mr Thabit Melhem	Analyze strategies to empower patients and families to be actively involved in the safe use of medication.
13:05-13:15 Mr Amr Iqbal	Medication Safety in Qatar, a case based perspective – Challenges, Solutions and Next Steps
13:15-13:55	Panel discussion & Q&A.
13:55-14:00 (Moderator)	Activity summary, and take home messages.

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### Professor Derek Stewart

Dr. Derek Stewart is Professor of Clinical Pharmacy and Practice at the College of Pharmacy, QU Health.

He graduated with a first class honours B.Sc. Pharmacy from Robert Gordon Institute of Technology in Scotland in 1987. He obtained a M.Sc. in Clinical Pharmacology from the University of Aberdeen in Scotland in 1990 and a Ph.D. from Robert Gordon University in Scotland in 1998. Prior to his appointment at Qatar University he was Professor of Pharmacy Practice at the School of Pharmacy and Life Sciences, Robert Gordon University, Scotland.

He has published over 180 peer-reviewed research papers, supervised 20 PhD students to completion and, while in the UK, secured research income of around £3 million. In 2011, he was awarded the Royal Pharmaceutical Society Practice Research Award for his outstanding contribution to practice research. He is an award winning executive editor of the British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology and a member of the editorial board of the International Journal of Clinical Pharmacy. He is immediate past-Chair of the Research Committee of the European Society of Clinical Pharmacy. His research focuses on: the development, implementation and evaluation of models of pharmacy practice, notably pharmacist prescribing; medicines use, effectiveness and safety; and educational innovation.



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### Dr. Anas Hamad

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Dr. Anas joined HMC in 2006 after graduating from the University of Jordan. In 2009, he obtained a MSc degree in Clinical Pharmacy, International Practice and Policy from the University of London. He completed his PhD in Clinical Practice and Medication Use in 2015 at King's College London. He also acquired an Executive Diploma in Health Services Management from Greenwich School of Management.

Dr. Anas has gained sufficient experience in conducting and assessing research. He has several publications in international peer-reviewed journals. He is currently a reviewer for the International Journal of Clinical Pharmacy. Dr. Anas has served as a speaker, presenter and scientific committee member in several national, regional and international events. He is a core member in the HMC Institutional Review Board in addition to various hospital and corporate committees focusing on pharmacy practice, medication use, research, patient safety and service quality