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May this Eid bring peace, happiness, and prosperity to you and your loved ones.

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Al Jalila Children's and MBRU Launch a New Pediatric Neurology Residency Program, a First of its Kind in the UAE

Al Jalila Children's Specialty Hospital (Al Jalila Children's) in academic partnership with MBRU announced the launch of its new Pediatric Neurology Residency program. The program is the first of its kind in the country and is certified by the Saudi Commission for Health Specialties.

Aspiring physicians will have a unique opportunity to learn in an academic medical training environment in line with the Saudi Board Paediatric Neurology Training Curriculum. Residents will spend the first two years learning general pediatrics, followed by three years in pediatric neurology training.

Each year is divided into 13 blocks, with each block lasting four weeks. Some early blocks in adult neurology will take place at Dubai's Rashid Hospital, however, the final three years of training will take place at Al Jalila Children's Neuroscience Centre of Excellence, where highly qualified consultants with a broad range of pediatric neurology sub-specialties will lead the sessions.

At Al Jalila Children's, students can gain experience in other important disciplines, including mental health, genetics, neuropsychology, metabolic medicine, infectious diseases, neonatal medicine,

cardiology, pulmonology, and sleep medicine, among others.

"The Pediatric Neurology Residency Program at Al Jalila Children's Speciality Hospital offers a unique opportunity for highly motivated junior physicians to participate in a comprehensive and advanced academic medical training program based on the Saudi Board Curriculum," said Professor Sulaiman Al Emran, Dean of the Postgraduate Medical Education, MBRU.

"We are proud to have launched another specialized residency program with Al Jalila Children's Speciality Hospital to serve those aspiring physicians who are looking to undertake a residency program in a discipline that is not widely available." He further continued.

Dr. Mohamed Babiker, Program Director from Al Jalila Children's Specialty Hospital added: "In offering this program, which is a regional-first and the only pediatric residency program in the UAE certified by the Saudi authorities, we continue to demonstrate our commitment to nurturing the next generation of well-rounded pediatric physicians. Children always come first at Al Jalila Children's, so it is important we play our part in creating a wider, deeper pool of quality pediatricians to serve them – and with the help of MBRU, we are now able to do exactly that."

For more information about the program, visit: <https://aljalilachildrens.ae/residency/>



MBRU and Mediclinic Renew Affiliation with Focus on Expanding Multi-Disciplinary Education, Discovery, and Continuous Development

MBRU and Mediclinic Middle East, which operates seven hospitals in the UAE, have renewed their affiliation with a focus on expanding educational offerings in medicine and health.

The renewed, five-year Master Affiliation Agreement includes a robust governance framework with a board comprising members from both entities and a joint academic council with a subcommittee structure now made up of seven specialized committees instead of one. "The renewed affiliation commits to closer cooperation and coordination to create an optimum environment for our learners to provide the best education, training, and community engagement opportunities as well as heightened pro-activity in research, innovation, and health sciences development," explained Dr. Amer Sharif, Vice Chancellor, MBRU.

"These new committees will enhance our joint effort to advance education in dentistry, nursing and midwifery, and other health disciplines. In addition, new committees will be established to support lifelong learning for health professionals, as well as research and innovation." He added.



The partnership will explore potential funding sources to support the goals of this affiliation; providing provisions to finance research grants, postgraduate medical education programs and scholarships as well as joint clinical or community service initiatives such as organ transplantation. Mediclinic has committed to providing extensive hands-on and clinically supervised training for MBRU medical students since 2016 and this agreement marks the beginning of a new era for expanding training opportunities across the broad spectrum of health disciplines and enhancing the outcome of care through professional development programs, research, and innovation.

David Hadley, Chief Executive Officer of Mediclinic Middle East, said, "MBRU is a trusted and valuable strategic partner of Mediclinic Middle East, and it is our privilege to be able to continue to work with them.

This expanded Master Affiliation Agreement enables Mediclinic Middle East to support, even more comprehensively, the UAE's long-term vision of training the next generation of doctors and medical professionals for the challenges posed by the ever-evolving healthcare landscape."

MBRU Medical Careers Fair Explored Clinical and Non-clinical Career Options for Medical Students

MBRU has held its first MBRU Medical Careers Fair which will become an annual event following its debut success.

The inaugural edition, a hybrid event – live on-campus and online – attracted a keen audience of MBRU students enrolled in the University's Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery program, MBBS, from Year 4-6.

Eleven virtual booths took the students through 10 clinical specialties and the 11th booth was dedicated to global health and staffed by a team from Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders) – the international humanitarian medical NGO that operates worldwide. Specialties that came under the fair's microscope included family medicine, psychiatry, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, surgery, pathology and clinical laboratory medicine, intensive care and anesthetics, emergency medicine and radiology.



"The medical careers fair gave the students insights into clinical training options and non-clinical career pathways such as research and academia," explained Dr. Reem Al Jayyousi, Associate Professor of Medicine at MBRU's College of Medicine and the event's faculty lead.

The fair was launched as a key platform to prepare students for post-graduation careers, as tomorrow's healthcare professionals.



"There are several factors in a student's life that influence their decision making to become future doctors. I always encourage students to focus on the initial purpose they chose to become doctors – to serve humanity." said Professor Alawi Alsheikh-Ali, Deputy Director-General of Dubai Health Authority and Member of the Board of Directors of Dubai Academic Health Corporation, who delivered the event's welcoming address.



"The careers fair is central to our drive to ensure our students are well prepared to make decisions on their next steps after graduation. We included Year 4 students to give them plenty of time to decide on their options when it comes to specialization," explained Professor Suleiman Al Hammadi, Dean of MBRU's College of Medicine.

"Given this launch success we want the event to become an annual gathering and we hope to help aspiring future medics to discover and gain first-hand knowledge of the career paths that MBRU's undergraduate and postgraduate degrees can create for them. This initiative is in line with our aim of becoming a global hub for innovative and integrated healthcare education and research at the service of humanity."

MBRU Showcases Dental Education Opportunities at 26th UAE International Dental Conference & Arab Dental Exhibition

MBRU attended the UAE International Dental Conference & Arab Dental Exhibition (AEEDC Dubai) on its 26th edition. The event, which took place from the 1-3 February 2022, is part of MBRU's continuous efforts to showcase the growing educational opportunities for postgraduates pursuing a career in dentistry.

MBRU promoted the one-year dental internship program which takes place at Dubai Dental Hospital, the first of its kind in an academic institute in Dubai, with the goal of broadening the horizons of newly graduating dentists by giving them the chance to provide complete patient-centered dental treatment.

Admissions for the program began on February 27, 2022 and will end on May 29, 2022. This is in addition to the Endodontic Residency program accredited by the Saudi Commission for Health Specialties (SCFHS), the first of its kind outside the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which will provide dentists with a unique opportunity to pursue advanced training in the discipline.

"MBRU's presence at AEEDC enables us to connect with a large network of dental experts, who come from the UAE and internationally, as the university aims to equip future dentists with advanced knowledge and skills." stated Professor. Manal Al Halabi, Dean of Hamdan Bin Mohammed College of Dental Medicine (HBMCDM).



Dr. Khawla Belhoul, Senior Director, Dubai Dental Hospital, says, "Our participation at AEEDC gives us a platform to connect with dental professionals from all over the world, and helps us showcase Dubai Dental Hospital, Dubai's 1st and largest dental hospital to both working professionals in the dental field, and to dental students and recent graduates who wish to expand their knowledge and increase their prospects by enrolling in postgraduate programs and advanced courses which are offered by Hamdan Bin Mohammed College of Dental Medicine, MBRU, which we serve as a training site for. We were delighted to connect with the next generation of future healthcare professionals at the largest annual scientific dental conference and exhibition in the world."



Dubai Academic Health Corporation Outlines Strategic Priorities and Goals During its Fourth Board Meeting

The Dubai Academic Health Corporation held its fourth Board of Directors meeting to discuss its strategic plans, priorities and future goals. The meeting, chaired by His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum in the presence of Vice Chairman His Highness Sheikh Mansoor bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, was held at the Al Jalila Foundation.

Established in July 2021, the Dubai Academic Health Corporation is tasked with improving health outcomes and enhancing accessibility and sustainability of the healthcare sector in Dubai. In doing so, it will provide a significant contribution to Dubai's mission for a diverse, sustainable, knowledge-based economy that contributes to the growth and performance of the health sector and is supported by education, research and philanthropy.

During the meeting, the Board discussed the Corporation's strategic priorities and approved four pillars going forward:

- * Care: to set the global standard for evidence-based patient care and outcomes
- * Learning: to deliver transformative education and a future-ready workforce
- * Discovery: to create an ecosystem of innovation and discovery
- * Giving and Stewardship: to achieve empathetic efficiency, optimisation of resources and sustainability

The priorities, underpinned by a number of agreed goals and enablers, will help realise the Corporation's vision of 'Together We Advance Health for Humanity' and goals which include, but are not limited to: enhancing the patient experience, creating a talent

pipeline aligned with a health workforce plan, investing in a discovery pipeline and enterprise and increasing cost-efficiency by enhancing the value of care.

His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed said that the strategic priorities that have been approved in the meeting will drive the integration of care, learning and discovery, enabling the Corporation to set the global standard for patient care and outcomes. "Dubai has always been associated with being number one, a standard which has been set by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai. Healthcare in Dubai is also integral, and we will strive to have it at its best by delivering an exceptional patient experience," HH Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed said.

During the meeting, a series of strategic programmes were also approved to drive the changes necessary to fulfill the Corporation's mission of 'impacting lives and shaping the future of health through the integration of care, learning and discovery.' These include reimagining the patient journey across the continuum of care, establishing initiatives to attract, develop and retain healthcare professionals, scientists, and clinical

educators as well as enhancing the discovery infrastructure.

"The strategic plan is anchored in a Patient First ethos and a commitment to reimagine the patient journey across the continuum of care. This will serve to improve population health and wellbeing and establish a reputation globally as a destination of care. The creation of an ecosystem of innovation and discovery is fundamental to realising this ambition and effective public and private partnerships will be developed to accelerate the advancement of health," HH Sheikh Mansoor bin Mohammed said.

Informed by international indicators and driven by the Corporation's primary value 'Patients First,' SMART measures were put into place to monitor progress against the achievement of the strategic goals. The SMART measures include the patient safety index, patient trust, workforce culture and capacity, availability of subspecialty care and endowment value to name a few.

The meeting was attended by His Excellency Awad Seghayer Al Ketbi; Dr. Raja Easa Al Gurg; Abdulla Abdul Rahman Al Shaibani; Dr. Amer Sharif; Professor Alawi Alsheikh-Ali; Mohammed Hassan Al Shehhi; Waleed Saeed Al Awadhi and Professor Ian Andrew Greer.



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MBRU Celebrates its Family Members at **3rd MBRU Excellence Awards**
Congratulations to all our winners

Alawi AlSheikh-Ali Excellence in Leadership Award



Leon Du Preez

Associate Provost
Clinical Partnership and Academic Integration

Mutairu Ezimokhai Excellence in Teaching Award



Lisa Jackson

Associate Professor - Family Medicine



Reem Jan

Assistant Professor - Pharmacology
(Rising Teaching Award)



Thomas Boillat

Assistant Professor - Healthcare Innovation and Technologies
(Rising Teaching Award)



Mehnaz Zafar

Adjunct Clinical Lecturer
(Adjunct Faculty Award)

Riad Bayoumi Excellence in Research Award



Mahmood Al Mashhadani

Assistant Professor – Molecular Medicine



Momen Atieh

Associate Professor and Chair
Oral Diagnostics and Surgical Sciences



Farah Otaki

Senior Specialist - Institutional Research

Community Engagement Award



Farhad Janahi
Assistant Professor - Surgery

Alumni Award



Mustafa Abdalla
Alumni - MSc. in Pediatric Dentistry

Excellence Staff Award



Jeyal Jeyaseelan
Manager - Health, Safety & Environment (HSE)



Harmond Mendoza
Dental Assistant - Periodontics

Innovation Award



Aida Azar
Ammar Hassan
Tom Loney
Suneetha Gonuguntla
Farah Otaki
(MBRU Student Research Module)

Innovation Award

MBRU Student Research Working Group Members

- Aida Azar
- Abiola Catherine Senok
- Amar Omer Khamis
- Fahad Ali
- Farah Otaki
- Jeyaseelan Lakshmanan
- Laila Alsuwaidi
- Mahmood Al Mashhadani
- Nerissa Naidoo
- Norbert Nowotny
- Rajan Radhakrishnan
- Riad Bayoumi
- Saba Heialy
- Stefan Du Plessis
- Suneetha Gonuguntla
- Thomas Adrian
- Tom Loney
- Yajnavalka Banerjee
- Zuhur Balayah
- Chris Tuffnell
- Jalal Mohamadeya
- Javier Padilla

Alia Saif Hidden Star Award



Rachelle Palmos

DxBlendS



Bilal Muhammad

Administrative Affairs (Facility Management)



Salma Medani

Administrative Affairs (Reception)



Zubair Chakkaram

Administrative Affairs (Labs)

Student Corner

Our Year-6 medical students tested their clinical skills at the simulation center using high-fidelity manikins. This provides our students with the necessary clinical competency in a safe environment and prepares them to provide the best clinical care for patients in the future. The students also practiced their basic surgical skills during a course done in collaboration with the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI).



Our Year-1 medical students enjoyed a walk around Dubai Healthcare City and Creek Park. During the walk the students learned about the healthcare system in Dubai and the role that physical activity plays in mental health.



Meet your New Student Council



Alia Al Mulla
President

Bayan Alyammahi
Vice President
HBMCDM

Jessie Joseph
Vice President

Salama Bin Hendi
Treasurer

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Sharma**
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Noora AlAli
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Chair

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Club Chair

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Events &
Club Chair

Sara Vidha
Vice Events &
Club Chair

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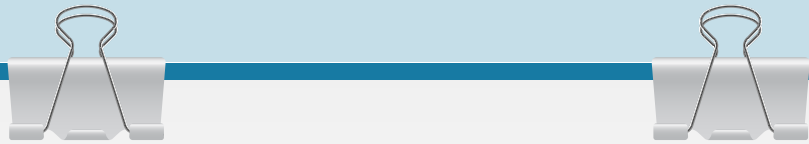
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Congratulations to our MBRU Stars



**Congratulations to our all our
medical students who have passed
their USMLE exams qualifying for
the medical residency in the USA.
We are exceptionally proud of you.**

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Rashid Rowaiee

Year- 6, College of Medicine

"MBRU has given me the opportunity to seek international opportunities in addition to providing me with the time and resources to pursue my aspirations. As a medical student I was taught to overcome challenges which has helped me develop enough resilience to overcome the challenge of the exams.»

Aya Akhras

Year- 6, College of Medicine

"USMLE step 2 was much different from step 1, but somehow the same. They both required dedication and time management despite our busy schedules at the hospital; however, studying for USMLE step 2 was made easier by the clinical clerkships I had undergone during my 4th-6th years of being at MBRU. I was able to integrate the knowledge I gained from my countless patient interactions in the hospital wards, emergency department and operating rooms into the clinical content tested on the exam, helping me ease my preparation. I'm glad to have completed the 2 exams allowing me to apply for ECFMG certification and look forward to the next step of my journey and post-graduate training."

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USMLE Step 1 and MCCQE Part 1



Mahmoud Azzeh

Year- 6, College of Medicine

"I am happy that I passed the Canadian licensing examinations; the MCCQE part 1 and the NAC tests. The exams required a lot of preparation and time. I planned my studies very well and received assistance from my friends, who spent countless hours practicing with me. Having gone through the final exams here at MBRU in the past couple of years, I have developed a wide array of skills and knowledge on different question styles and formats that helped me immensely in my exams. I'm grateful for all of MBRU faculty and student services department who provided me with their support in my endeavor to undertake the tests."

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USMLE Step 1

Umberto Battistin

Year- 5, College of Medicine

"The USMLE exam for students in the US and across the world can be a career-defining moment. It's a tall mountain to climb, and it makes all the difference if there is something beneath you pushing you further up. MBRU has been there throughout this journey, and I will be always grateful for their support."

Ahmedyar Hasan

Year- 5, College of Medicine

"Studying for Step 1 was a challenging experience which I feel helped strengthen me as a medical student. It taught me the value of perseverance and dedication with one single target in mind. I am grateful to MBRU for providing me with the knowledge and resources to develop a solid base which I could then build on in my weeks of dedicated study"

Iman Fawad

Year- 6, College of Medicine

"One of the many benefits of being part of the inaugural class at MBRU has been how close knit our class is. Studying for the USMLE has always been perceived as a challenge, but the support and advice from other students made the experience much more manageable. I strongly believe that this unique support is one of the best characteristics of our batch and is a great example of the environment at MBRU."

Year- 6, College of Medicine

- Aafia Gheewale
- Mariam Elsaban
- Hedaietallah Ghanem
- Ben Varghese
- Hanieh Yeganeh
- Anas Zahid
- Thannon Alsaeed
- Alea Mohamed
- Noor Adam
- Iman Fawad

Year- 5, College of Medicine

- Umberto Battistin
- Ahmedyar Hasan

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Abiola Catherine Senok

Chair - Basic Sciences,
Professor - Microbiology & Infectious Diseases
College of Medicine

"The outstanding success of our students in international licensure examinations paves the way for entry into their preferred residency programs and represents a key step in their future careers as doctors. Congratulations, you have made us proud."

Suleiman Al Hammadi

Dean - College of Medicine

"We are immensely proud of our students who passed the medical licensing examinations in Canada and the United States. They have done very well which is a testament to both the caliber of students and faculty we have. We are confident that they will be stellar MBRU ambassadors wherever they go, and we look forward to seeing them live out our vision of serving humanity."

What we've been up to?

Congratulations to Dr. Maha Al Ali and Dr. Faten Al Eid, fellows in the Al Jalila Children's Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship Program run in partnership with MBRU, on successfully completing the Helmut Remschmidt Research Seminar, that took place in Dubai from 20 to 25 February 2022, with participants from over 14 countries.



We hosted our first MBRU 2022 Dental Education and Research Symposium to enhance dental education, training, and research in the UAE.

Faculty Corner

Congratulations to Dr. Rasha Buhmaid, Consultant & Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine, who was elected as President of the Emirates Society of Emergency Medicine.



Congratulations to Professor Abiola Senok, Chair of Basic Sciences and Professor of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases on becoming Board Member of the Emirates Society of Clinical Microbiology.



Congratulations to Dr. Ammar Albanna and Dr. Meshal Sultan on being selected as the President and Vice President of the Emirates Society for Child & Adolescent Mental Health Medicine, respectively.

In celebration of the UAE Reading Month, Dr. Reem Al Gurg, Director of Strategy and Institutional Excellence, hosted a reading session of her children's book, *The Teddy Bear Hospital*, for young patients at Al Jalila Children's Specialty Hospital.



Our very own, Professor Ritu Lakhtakia participated at QS Higher Ed Summit: Middle East & Africa in March 2022. Professor Ritu presented a paper titled "A 6-S Educational Vaccine Against Perceived Risks to Medical Education of the Future".

WELCOME BACK ALUMNI

MBRU Alumni Day 2022

We missed you



Living Books

Al Maktoum Medical Library hosted Living Books' third edition on March 16, 2022. Students, staff and faculty 'borrowed' three 'books' and 'read' them in small groups. While learning about the causes they champion, we made friends. I hope that you enjoy reading them as much as I did.

Book 1: Myth Journey

Maitha Mohamed is an Emirati storyteller of social and humanitarian issues on social media.



Maitha Mohamed
Content Creator

Chapter 1: The beginning of the Journey

Drawing was Maitha's first passion, with Instagram as her outlet throughout high school and university studies in special education of talented and gifted students. Wishing for the freedom of freelancing instead of her previous traditional job, she accepted an invite to join New Media Academy, Dubai, to hone her digital media skills.

Nervous about her identity going public, Maitha's early content was entirely animated. Over time, her confidence and support from loved ones grew. She believes that blue-ocean leaps of faith are undervalued: "You only need one person to break the norm for others to step in." She hopes for more Middle Eastern female content creators with a purpose. "When we face the harsh truth, algorithms forget you like that if you aren't consistent and adaptive." If you tick these boxes, networking opportunities are readily available, especially in Dubai, home to many successful media companies.

Chapter 2: Day-to-day logistics

Maitha posts daily on Instagram and TikTok, but is also active on YouTube and Twitter. She films one side of her room at a time- each with its aesthetic concept. Videos take around five hours to complete, and it would be easier to stay on schedule if she weren't a one-person team! Ideas come by easier than ever before thanks to experience, accepting that ego stagnates growth, and not taking outreach statistics too seriously. "This is my Instagram account, and I should have fun before anything."

Chapter 3: Stylistic influence and focuses

Content creators follow nuances unique to different platforms, such as the Instagram Look and TikTok transitions. Maitha's turns to YouTube for inspiration for her editing style, however, preferring to use clean cuts and sketch intermissions- and it's not missed on her followers.

Although Maitha loves the long-form media that's a staple of YouTube, she's currently focusing on short creative projects; not only because it's too much to bear without an editor, but also because "you can practically tell any story in 60 seconds."



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Living BOOKS



Rakan Alomari

The journey of bravery and determination

Book 2: I Want You To Look At My Wheelchair.

Rakan Alomari faced adversity at the age of twelve, and it didn't stop him from living his best life.

Chapter 1: Resiliency

Two years ago, Rakan was in an accident where a billboard fell on him in a park near his house, which led to losing function and sensation in his legs. Rakan reflected differently on it over time: "It was shocking and I felt clueless, but I gradually got over it and started to tell people my story to get inspired. I never gave up and never will until the day I start walking again." He attends physiotherapy sessions, exercises daily at home, and uses a standing frame made by his dad.

Chapter 2: Meet Rakan

Now in Grade Nine at school, Rakan's current favourite subject is chemistry. He wants to study either mechanical engineering or architecture in the future, as he likes cars and drawing. He loves handcycling races and wheelchair basketball, too. The desert is his favourite place to be, where he goes camping with his friends.

Chapter 3: We're something big in this world

"You don't notice [people of determination] or hear about them. I want to make everyone know that we're something big in this world." People of determination should be visible and approached- but with sensitivity: "Personally, it doesn't matter if someone asks me as soon as we meet whether I need help or about the reason that I'm in a wheelchair. I will explain, but I heard many stories of others who get hurt or offended by it." Some would like to dissociate themselves from their wheelchair and lose hope in the process. "Also, you won't realise that invisible disabilities exist, too. You must be nice to everyone, not just to people on wheelchairs."

One of Rakan's readers shared an article titled 'Don't look at my wheelchair!' How does Rakan feel about that phrase? "I want people to look at my wheelchair and am proud of it. Something worse could've happened, but Alhamdulillah, this happened to me, and I'm happy."



Fida Suleiman
*Raising awareness
 on Angelman Syndrome*



Book 3: Angel Women

Fida Al Diyab and Rowdha are a mother and daughter who want to tell you about Angelman Syndrome!

Chapter 1: Angelman Syndrome

De novo deletions of chromosome 15 cause Angelman Syndrome (AS). Coincidentally, the name is descriptive: people with AS are very smiley. It presents with lack of verbal communication, insomnia, seizures, ataxia, hyperactivity, and severe developmental delay among other symptoms. Some dental conditions are also associated, and general anesthesia is required for all dental procedures.

Chapter 2: Fida and Rowdha's world

AS manifested in Rowdha at four months of age. Her mother recalled: "The diagnosis was difficult, but I cried for perhaps one day... she needs a strong woman, doesn't she?"

Seeing fifteen-year-old Rowdha's bright personality through pictures of her participating at school, dressing up, and swimming, you might not guess her condition. "We're in our own world, and I cannot be happy doing anything if she's not with me." Their favourite activity to do? "Hugging each other! We also watch these shows that all girls are obsessed with," she laughs.

Chapter 3: A message to doctors

"We need doctors who are delicate and transparent towards parents when breaking the news of their child's diagnosis. Encourage accepting them and bringing out their positive energy. We are the ones disabling our children... Because Rowdha got good support, she can communicate non-verbally and turn to me knowing that I understand her. She can walk, no longer needs melatonin to sleep, and only takes prophylaxis for seizures, which ended five years ago."

Fida supports interest in genetic medicine, because what is currently known about treating AS is through experience. Recent gene therapy research can become a breakthrough.

Chapter 4: Raising awareness

In recognition of raising international awareness on AS, an honorary doctorate was awarded to Fida in 2021.

Current aspirations include establishing a local AS Society and re-visiting MBRU to give an awareness talk.



Efforts of the local AS community led to lighting multiple Dubai landmarks in blue over the years. A walk was organised this year to mark International AS Day in Sustainability City.

New Faces @



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Senior Developer, Smart Services



Hana Nassir S Aldossary
Senior Executive - Admission & Registration,
Student Services and Registration



Ameera Mahmood AlMarzooqi
Senior Executive – Enrollment,
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» Admissions Application Closing Dates:

Endodontic Residency Program	May 7, 2022
Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Sciences	May 8, 2022
Dental Internship Program	May 29, 2022
Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences	June 5, 2022
Master of Science in Pediatric Nursing	June 19, 2022
Master of Science in Cardiovascular Nursing	June 19, 2022

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