ISPOR Qatar Chapter Annual Report 2014

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Background:

The ISPOR Qatar Chapter was approved in January 2013. The chapter has 7 members.

The current leadership of the ISPOR Qatar Chapter is comprised of the following:

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## Activities / Accomplishments

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<td>- Pharmacoeconomics and outcome research education in Middle East. Challenges and opportunities. ISPOR 19th Annual International Meeting. Montreal, Canada. May 2014.</td>
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<td>- Research methodology for graduate students. OFID Seminar, Qatar University. Doha, Qatar. November 2014.</td>
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<td>- Evidence-based pharmacy practice research: beyond survey design. Faculty Research Seminar Series, College of Pharmacy, Qatar University. Doha, Qatar. March 2014.</td>
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<td>- Attitudes of Pharmacy Students and Academicians on Pharmacokinetics Teaching and Learning and Perceived Barriers in Clinical Practice. 2014 Dubai International Pharmaceuticals and Technologies Conference and Exhibition (DUPHAT). Dubai, United Arab Emirates. March 2014</td>
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The Chapter is a member of the ISPOR Arabic network. In 2014, the network, including ISPOR Qatar Chapter, worked on the translation of the ISPOR Book of Term into the Arabic language. This activity is complete now; with the book development at it is final stages.

### Policy-Related Activities

A major initiative has been recently completed with the purpose of creating an evidence-based systematic approach for the comparative scoring of the proton pump inhibitors medications for the purpose of helping decision makers with the drug formulary inclusion decisions in Qatar. This is taking in consideration the comparative cost, effectiveness and safety of the drugs as used in Qatar. This has been presented in conferences as seen in the following section.

A major regional initiative has been recently completed to study and report the effect of pharmaceutical pricing policies in regional countries on the prices of drug in these countries. This is especially in relation to the use of reference pricing. This has been put in a manuscript and submitted to the journal Value in Health on January 11, 2015.

The Chapter is a member on the following national level committees for policy making:
- Technical Committee on the Development of Qatar National Formulary (QNF), Drug and Control Department, Supreme Council of Health, Doha, Qatar. Since October 2013
- Research Sub-Committee, Academic Health System Initiative, Hamad Medical Corporation and Its Partners (Weill Cornell-Qatar, Qatar University, College of the North Atlantic-Qatar, University of Calgary-Qatar). Since January 2013.

### Conferences and/or Chapter Meetings

The Chapter presented the following conference/meeting events:
- Satisfaction and Quality of Life of Patients Attending an Ambulatory
- Using simulated client method to assess the ability of community pharmacies in Qatar managing acute respiratory tract infection. (Poster). International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) World Congress. Bangkok,
### Membership Development

Members from a variety of institutions in Qatar joined the Chapter in its first year. However, in its second year, two of these were replaced with other individuals, who are more suitable in background to the Chapter activities. This was of improvement to the Chapter.

What is particularly new in this year in relation to membership is the inclusion of people from the pharmaceutical industry and the government in Qatar, in addition to the already existing academia and hospital based members.

Relevant to the size of Qatar, it is believed that the Chapter has performed especially well in relation to activities in its second year. The Chapter members involved are appropriate.

### Other

Several initiatives and research projects that the chapter participates in are underway. They vary between chapter initiated studies to studies in which the chapter collaborates. Some studies are funded and some are not. Building the local capacity in Qatar, several of the projects include graduate Qatar-based students. Results from these studies will be shared in future annual ISPOR reports.

### Upcoming Activities for ISPOR Qatar Chapter in 2015

The following activities are highly anticipated in 2015, but the details of which are not certain at this stage.

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