



## Regional Chapter Annual Report - 2015

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The Chapter has participated in the following educational workshops:

- Healthcare system performance: does it matter? who cares?. Workshop on performance management for healthcare professionals. National Cancer for Cancer & Research. Doha, Qatar. March 18, 2015.
- Health literacy issues in Qatar and globally: Opportunities for pharmacy practice research. Faculty Research Seminar Series, College of Pharmacy, Qatar University. Doha, Qatar. October 20, 2015.

The Chapter has participated in the following educational presentations:

- Pharmacy practice in developing countries: gaps and challenges. The 18th Congress of the Scientific Association of the Pharmacy Colleges in the Arab World and The 1st International Conference of the Faculty of Pharmacy. Khartoum, Sudan. November 18-20, 2015.
- Medication safety from pharmaceutical policy perspective. First Qatar Medication Safety Symposium: It's Everyone's Concern. Doha, Qatar. January 17, 2015.
- New models of healthcare: Evidence from research findings. Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Event, College of Pharmacy, Qatar University. Doha, Qatar. October 21, 2015.

The Chapter is a member of the ISPOR Arabic network. In 2015, the network, including ISPOR Qatar Chapter, finalized the translation of the ISPOR Book of Term into the Arabic language. This activity is complete now; with the book development at its final stages.

**Describe your Chapter's accomplishments for 2015 with regard to Scientific and Educational activities.**



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A major initiative has been recently completed with the purpose of creating an evidence-based systematic approach for the comparative scoring of the statins 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 published as follow: • Statins selection in Qatar, based on multi-indication pharmacotherapeutic multi-criteria scoring, and clinician preference. Clinical therapeutics. 2015; Published Online: August 2015. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.clinthera.2015.07.020>

Another initiative has also 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 submitted for publication, and is under review now: • Multi-indication pharmacotherapeutic multi-criteria scoring model for the comparative formulary inclusion of proton pump inhibitors in Qatar. Clinical Therapeutics. 2015; under review.

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 published as follow: • Implications of external price referencing of pharmaceuticals in Middle East countries. Expert Review of Pharmacoeconomics & Outcomes Research. 2015; 17: A409.

The Chapter is a member on the following national level committees for policy making: • The Pharmacy and Therapeutic Committee of the Qatar National Insurance Scheme, The National Health Insurance Company, Qatar. Since October 2015. • 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.

**Describe your Chapter's accomplishments for 2015 with regard to Policy-related activities.**



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The Chapter presented the following conference/meeting events:

- Using the transtheoretical model to enhance self-management activities in type 2 diabetic patients: a systematic review. ISPOR 18th Annual European Congress (November 2015). Milan, Italy. (Poster)
- Assessing the effectiveness of a pharmacist-delivered smoking cessation program in the State of Qatar: study protocol for a randomized controlled trial. Global Forum on Nicotine (June 2015). Warsaw, Poland. (Poster)
- Economic evaluations of prophylactic therapies against systemic fungal diseases. A Systematic Review. College of Pharmacy 5th Annual Research Forum, Qatar University (May 2015). Doha, Qatar. (Poster)
- Economic evaluation of oral anticancer therapies. A Systematic Review. College of Pharmacy 5th Annual Research Forum, Qatar University (May 2015). Doha, Qatar. (Poster)
- Decision analytic modeling in the economic evaluation of empirical therapies' against fungal infections in cancer patients. Systematic review. College of Pharmacy 5th Annual Research Forum, Qatar University (May 2015). Doha, Qatar. (Poster)
- Does a Research Training Program Impact the Research Competencies of Pharmacists Working at Specialized Tertiary Care Hospitals in Qatar? (Poster). Qatar University Research Forum, Doha, Qatar. May 3, 2015.
- Physicians' Experiences, Attitudes and Expectations Regarding Pharmacists' Provision of Pharmaceutical Care in Algeria. (Poster). The Clinical Pharmacy Congress 2015. ExCel, London, UK. April 24 - 25, 2015.
- The Development of Sports Pharmacy - from London to Qatar. (Poster). The Clinical Pharmacy Congress 2015. ExCel, London, UK. April 24 - 25, 2015.
- Evidence-Based Curriculum Design and Development at QU College of Pharmacy: A Customized "Drugs in Sport" Course for Qatar. (Poster). Qatar University Research Forum, Doha, Qatar. May 3, 2015.
- Patient assessment teaching and learning in undergraduate pharmacy curriculum: Students' perspective of an innovative instructional strategy. Australian & New Zealand Association for Health Professional Educators/ Asian Medical Association) Conference. Newcastle, Australia. March 29 - April 1, 2015.

**Describe your Chapter's accomplishments for 2015 with regard to Chapter meetings or conferences.**

There is no change in membership from last year. The membership is still including people from a variety of settings; the pharmaceutical industry, the government, academia and different hospitals based members. Relevant to the size of Qatar, it is believed that the Chapter has performed well in relation to activities in its third year. The Chapter members involved are appropriate. However, we feel that the involvement by the governmental partner is less than ideal, which is due to workload issues. Hence, this will mostly require that additional member are added from the supreme council of health, Qatar, into the chapter.

**Describe your Chapter's accomplishments for 2015 with regard to membership engagement.**



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**Is your Chapter affiliated with any institutions, universities, government or associations (other than ISPOR)? If yes, please list and describe the nature of these affiliations(s).**

Yes

The affiliations are based on individuals involvement, and are not based on official relationship between institutions. Hospitals: Pharmacy Department, Aspetar Hospital, Doha, Qatar. Hamad Medical Corporation, Doha, Qatar. Government: Supreme Council of Health, Doha, Qatar. Industry: Novartis Pharma, Qatar

**Does your Chapter collect membership dues or fees from individuals for local Chapter membership? If yes, how much are the dues?**

No

**How many ISPOR International members (paying dues to ISPOR Headquarters) does your Chapter have? Provide an estimate if you do not have an exact count.**

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**Does your Chapter have any agreements or sponsorship arrangements with any for-profit companies, governments, health authorities or associations? If yes, please describe.**

Yes

With Qatar University, which is where the Chapter is based. Sponsorship can be provided to support activities such as workshops and conferences for example.

**Does your Chapter employ paid administrative or management staff (Association Management Company, contracted staff)?**

No

**Other than the page for your Chapter on the ISPOR website, does your Chapter maintain a website?**

No

**When did your Chapter last update the ISPOR Chapter Constitution?**

In the last 3 years.

**Has your Chapter (as a group, not as individual members) submitted formal comments or responses to any government or health authority in 2014 or 2015? If yes, what was the topic or issue?**

No

**Does your Chapter (as a group, not as individual members) interact in some way with the HTA or other official guidelines in your country? If yes, please name guideline(s) and describe.**

No

**Does your Chapter have any committees or special interest groups? Please indicate and briefly describe.**

No



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Academia %	42
Government/HTA Agency %	14
Industry %	14
Consulting %	0
Clinicians %	29
Student %	0
Other %	0

**What benefits does your Chapter offers to its members?**

Interdisciplinary education, career advancement opportunities, networking, research opportunities, publications and authorship opportunities.

**What are the most significant achievements of your Chapter in 2015?**

Successfully reaching an agreement with the industry to create an internship and fellowship programs for postgraduate students in the area of pharmacoeconomics. This will be implemented in 2016.

**What are the greatest challenges facing your Chapter?**

Workload and small numbers of institutions due to small size of the country.

**How does your Chapter fulfill ISPOR's mission to promote health economics and outcomes research excellence to improve decision making for health globally? Describe how it supports the development and promotion of the discipline of health economics and outcomes research in your region.**

Mainly, this is through annual workshops and presentations at hospitals and continuing education programs. This is in relation to the important of health economics and outcomes research, the principles of this is successfully implemented in practices. Several of these are taking place outside Qatar. In addition, the Chapter is taking place in several research projects with professionals and decision makers, where the principles of health economics and outcomes research are suggested and incorporated in projects. This enables the enhanced capabilities of the human manpower in within this area of interest. The research projects are initiated by the Chapter or they are projects that the Chapter is invited to because of need for skills and experiences. Several of these projects are taking place outside Qatar. In 2014 for example, the Chapter was invited to construct three pharmacoeconomics evaluations in Turkey.

**How can the ISPOR organization as a whole (Staff, Board, Consortia, Networks, etc.) better support your Chapter?**

Facilitate regional communications in relation to announcing for opportunities to give educations workshops and presentations in different countries. Facilitate regional communications in relation to announcing for opportunities to contribute in research in different countries. Provide more opportunities for the leaders of the Chapter to present and give talks at international meetings.

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