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HIS EXCELLENCY DR. AMIN HUSSAIN AL AMIRI GUEST SPEAKER- ANTI-COUNTERFEIT DRUG CAMPAIGN AT DPC

Dubai Pharmacy College, hosted **His Excellency Dr. Amin Hussain Al Amiri**, Assistant Undersecretary for Medical Practice and License Sector in UAE Ministry of Health, and the Chairman of the UAE Supreme National Blood Transfusion Committee, who delivered a special lecture on Anti-Counterfeit drugs at the campus, as part of its “Anti-Counterfeit Drug Campaign” organized by DPCSU-IPSF. H.E. Dr. Amin Hussain Al Amiri addressed over 300 students and faculty of DPC.

In his entrancing address, H.E Dr. Amin Hussain Al Amiri mentioned that as pharmacy students, one must aim to serve humanity and inculcate good professional ethics and standards.

He exhorted the students to pursue their goals with dedication and said that as a future healthcare professional, students must plan their future and achieve excellence in their chosen field.



H.E Dr. Amin Hussain Al Amiri narrated many instances from his own life experiences and further stressed the need to make citizens



aware of the hazards of counterfeit drug usage.

H.E Dr. Amin Hussain Al Amiri lauded the efforts of Haj Saeed Ahmed Lootah, Founder and Chairman, Board of Trustees and Prof. Saeed Ahmed Khan, Dean of Dubai Pharmacy College for their efforts in offering high quality education to students from multi-diverse nationalities. He appreciated the initiatives of the college in initiating the Anti-Counterfeit Drug Campaign and assured all possible support from the Ministry of Health in the near future.

Later H.E Dr. Amin Hussain Al Amiri was presented with a special Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of his achievements by the Dean of Dubai Pharmacy College.

About H.E Dr. Amin Hussain Al Amiri

H.E Dr. Amin Hussain Al Amiri is the Asst. Undersecretary for Medical Practice and License Sector in UAE Ministry of Health, and the Chairman of the UAE Supreme National Blood Transfusion Committee. Dr. Al Amiri obtained his Ph.D and M.Sc in Medical Science in 2003 from Faculty of Medicine, Aberdeen University in Scotland, UK.



He is responsible for the following departments at MOH:

- Continuous Medical Education Department;
- Drug Control & Registration Department
- Medical Advertising Department
- Medical Licensing Department
- Total Quality & Hospital Accreditation Department
- Sharjah Blood Transfusion & Research Centre

H.E Dr. Amin Hussain Al Amiri is a member of the High Commission of the Consumer Protection; Ministry of Economics and Member to Advisory Board with Emirates Authority for Standardization & Metrology since March 2009. He has also been nominated as Chairman for the Advisory Panel Membership; Majid Al Futtaim Charity Foundation in Jan. 2011

His Excellency's voluntary activities included other responsibilities such as Co-Chairing Emirates Voluntary Association till 2003. In addition to this, he is taking the responsibility as a Secretary General of Sharjah Voluntary Award since 2001 till date.

He has many publications in the field of blood transfusion in local and international journals.

Dr. Amin Hussain Al Amiri was awarded from Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf Executive Office and the Arab league and Sheikh Rashid Award for the Culture & Science.



Anti-Counterfeit Drug Campaign

Date: 20th February, 2017

Venue: Dubai Medical University Round Hall

Portfolio: IPSF (Public Health Committee)

- ◆ The DPCSU-IPSF chairperson: Rafea Alkhalifa
- ◆ The Public Health Committee Chairperson: Huda Al Madalli
- ◆ The ACDC co-ordinator: Faten Almohaya

The Public Health Committee members:

- ◆ Eman Ismail
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- ◆ Hawraa Mohammed
- ◆ Heba Al Habbal
- ◆ Muomena Muwaffak



Counterfeit drugs, easily recognized as our topic today, is an issue of great importance which began with drug manufacturing, and resulted in hundreds of thousands of deaths per year, around the globe. With the Anti-Counterfeit Drug campaign we hope to achieve great miles in knowledge and awareness by presenting a major global issue.

Guest Speakers:

1. Dr. Amin Hussain Al Amiri, (Assistant Undersecretary for Medical Practice and License Sector in UAE Ministry of Health, and the Chairman of the UAE Supreme National Blood Transfusion Committee)
2. Dr. Syed Rizwanuddin Ahmed, MD, MPH, FISPE, FCP. (Pharmacovigilance and regulatory systems strengthening consultant Associate Professor (adjunct), Rutgers School of Public Health, NJ, USA Assistant Professor (adjunct), Georgetown University School of Medicine Washington, DC, USA)

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Role play: “Do it honestly... My life in your hands” by the Drama Club





Prof. Saeed Ahmed Khan
addressing the gathering



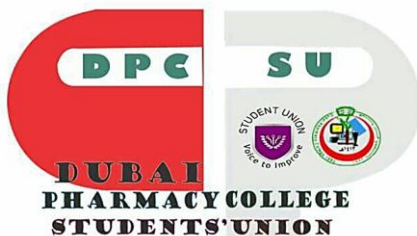
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Dr. Syed Rizwanuddin Ahmed presents on
'Pharmacovigilance and Regulatory Systems'



The Drama Club members



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FIGHT THE FAKES

WAKE UP ABOUT FAKE MEDICINE

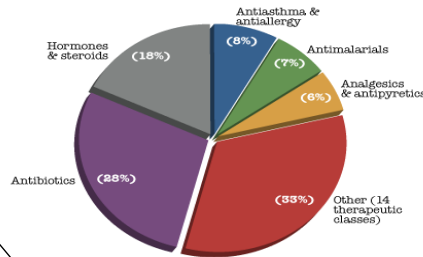
What?

Counterfeit medicine is fake **medicine**. It may be contaminated or contain the wrong or no active ingredient. They could have the right active ingredient but at the wrong dose. **Counterfeit drugs** are illegal and may be harmful to your health.

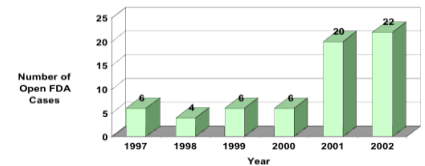
Where?

Counterfeit drugs are being sold **online** all over the world including the leading counterfeit induced countries, **China, India, Pakistan United States**, and all over **Africa**.

Reports of counterfeit drugs by therapeutic class received by WHO 1999-2002



Counterfeit Drug Cases are Increasing



ANTI COUNTERFEIT DRUGS

One of these medicines is fake.
 Can you tell which?



Who?

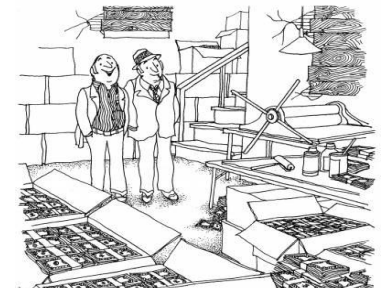
Pharmacists, physicians, and other **healthcare professionals** should familiarize themselves with those drugs most likely to be counterfeited and how to identify these products.

When?

The concept of timing is issued to one main issue; **END THIS NOW**. The Anti-counterfeit Drugs campaign is all about the informative concerns and ending this crisis, as the drugs are increasing by the year!



Counterfeit **KILLS!**
 Spot The Genuine



How?

- **unexplained** worsening of the medical condition
- **unexpected** side effect.
- drug **tastes** or **looks** different,
- tablets are **chipped** or **cracked**
- **burning** at the injection site for an injectable drug

Why?

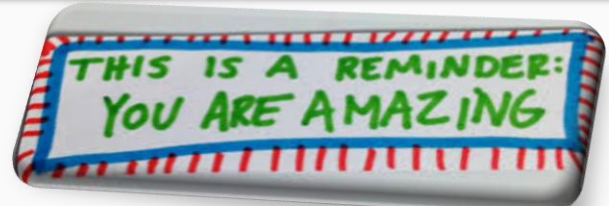
Because the markup on counterfeit drugs is so high, they have become attractive to organized **crime** groups. Criminals generally prefer to mimic branded drugs, which are known for their **high quality** but are **expensive**, since the **profits** are so much greater than for **low-cost** drugs, where the markup would be less.

Visit To Special Needs Center, Dubai by DPC Students

THE SMALLEST
ACT OF
KINDNESS IS
WORTH MORE
THAN THE
GRANDEST
INTENTION

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*Special Thanks to
Ms. Suad, Dean's Office*



Right Choice, Right Career

Recruitment sessions

1. SCIENTECHNIC AI Gurg Recruitment

Campus recruitment session organized by:	Head of Graduate Affairs
Day and Date:	Sunday 5-Feb-2017
Venue:	Recruiter's Venue
Targeted Group:	Graduates Batch 17, 18, 19, 20 & 21.



2. MOH Licensed Pharmacists Recruitment-

Campus recruitment session organized by:	Head of Graduate Affairs
Day and Date:	Thursday 16-Feb-2017
Venue:	Recruiter's Venue
Targeted Group:	Graduates Batch 17, 18, 19, 20 & 21.

“One person can make a difference and everyone should try”

—John F. Kennedy



Faculty Article

"The year of giving": Why simple acts of thoughtfulness matter!



-Sabeena Salam

At the beginning of a busy week, after work, I boarded my routine metro trip from Etisalat to Sala Al Din and settled into a window seat, grateful that the day went well. Looking out at the totally overcast sky, soon it started drizzling. Within a few minutes it began to rain heavily. Undecided how to reach my home which is ten minutes away, I got out of the metro station.

To my surprise, I saw my housemaid waiting for me with an umbrella. She handed me an umbrella, ignoring my glance of dumbfounded surprise. Feeling relieved, I was speechless. I did not know what to say. I was completely moved for several seconds that seemed a lot longer. I vowed to myself that going forward, I would be as thoughtful and action-oriented as her.

When I regained my wits, I took her to a medical store nearby and told the pharmacist behind the counter, "Whatever relieves her nagging cough, give it to her." He chose a few things, I paid for them, and then walked along.

I believe there are moments like that in everyone's day, sometimes extreme

sometimes dramatic. Metaphorically, there are rainy moments to a colleague, a friend, or a family member, searching for something they

need in muddy waters, or who simply needs an "umbrella".



Those moments are opportunities to act in a thoughtful way: to be attentive to others, considerate, unselfish, and provide comfort or aid. The distinctive characteristic of a human being with a caring mindset is being 'thoughtful'. **"Thoughtful means that the person is attentive to others, considerate, unselfish, and helpful. When we place ourselves in another person's shoes, or see things from another's point of view, and then act for their benefit—when we are being empathetic—we are practicing what it means to be thoughtful"**.

Let's be thoughtful. Providing umbrellas are a welcome relief during the lashing rainy days!



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