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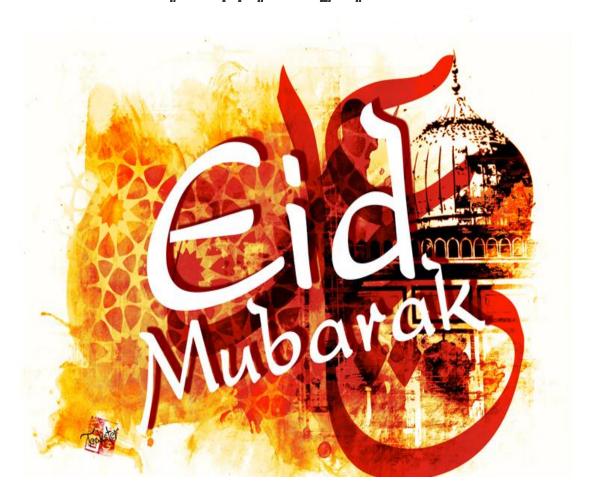
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# Wishing all the faculty, staff and students..... A very happy and joyous Eid.....



Prof Saced Ahmed Khan
Dean



White Coat Ceremony

Batch 23

A 'White Coat Ceremony ' was held on Sunday, Sept 7<sup>th</sup>, to welcome new batch of students of Dubai Medical College (DMC) and Dubai Pharmacy College (DPC), the first medical and pharmacy colleges in the UAE.

The White Coat Ceremony is a tradition within the medical profession that marks the students' transition from the classroom to clinical studies. New students of 29<sup>th</sup> batch from DMC and 23<sup>rd</sup> batch from DPC took Hippocratic Oath on the day, in the presence of the Deans, faculty members, fellow students and family to mark this rite of passage.



The ceremony was followed with a luncheon for all the faculty, staff and students of DPC and DMC.

The event program includes key-note address by Haj Saeed Bin Ahmed Al Lootah, Founder and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, DMC; welcome addresses by Prof. *Mohammed Galal El Din Ahmed*, Dean of DMC and *Prof.Saeed Ahmed Khan*, Dean of DPC.

Dear Students.....



All of you have worked so hard to get here. Congratulations!! Today we celebrate your first step into the world of patient care; today we honor the academic achievements that brought you to this point and we mark the beginning of your journey in your pharmacy education. White coat is a symbol of this new beginning. The white coat is much more than a coveted accessory – it is a powerful symbol that represents the trust and respect our society places on us. As you begin your first steps, realize that the white coat is not about you but the lives you will touch when you have it on. You will put this coat on countless times, and touch numerous lives with it, but every time you put it on, your purpose will be for something greater than yourself. Wearing the coat comes with the great responsibility of maintaining integrity, heartfelt compassion and professionalism in all that you do.

The first year is often a humbling experience but I encourage you never to become discouraged and to take advantage of all the opportunities you are given. In all circumstances you will learn the most. As students, you must always strive to be better whether in lecture halls, or when taking exams, or when speaking to and interacting with others. As you leave here today wearing your brand new white coat, you will probably feel better than when you arrived.

But just remember the next time you put on this white coat, it will not be for your own benefit but it will signify your commitment to acquire knowledge, skills and competencies needed to enter the profession to ensure better patient health. Strive to take up the responsibility as students and in your careers beyond which makes an incredible impact on the advancement of pharmacy and the safety of patients.

Good luck!



Prof Saced Ahmed Khan Dean, DPC



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Organized by the Student In-charge and Batch 22

#### **GCC Pharmaceutical Congress (14-17 September 2014)**

**Dubai Pharmacy College** has been selected and honored among the top 5 institutions in the **GCC** 

**Pharma Outstanding Education Award** in the GCC Pharmaceutical Congress on 14 September 2014.

The award recognizes exceptional dedication and innovation across the pharmacy education, from research to teaching. This Congress has provided a sparkling backdrop for GCC universities and colleges to celebrate the best in pharmaceutical education, and the most successful institutions



Participants at GCC Pharmaceutical

Congress

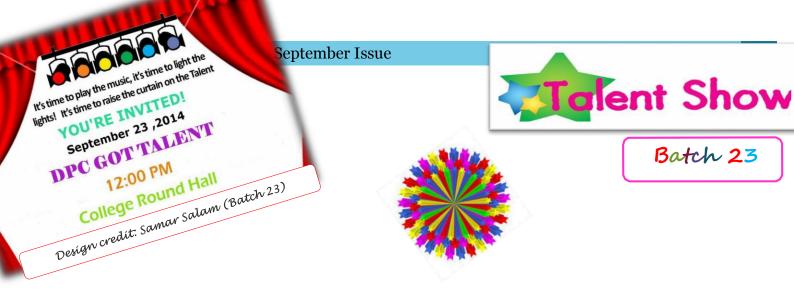


Prof Saeed Ahmed Khan, one among the panel members





Dubai Pharmacy College rejoices the moment.....!!!



The day kick started with all the budding talents of DPC showcasing their talent in various fields.....be it singing, baking, stitching, dancing, storytelling, poetry writing, sketching, photography and a lot to follow .....

Fatima Abdulkarim... Miss Baker







Nasreen...the artist



Dabka Dancers





Samar Salam...author



Oyshee the elegant choreographer



Story Time

Batool Hashim.... Chef cum Designer



- -Hawraa Mohd
- -Hajer Majid
- -Noor Shawish
- -Meera Abdul



- -Noor Mazin
- -Nasreen
- -March Bassam



Sara Abdulrahman -Bara Ahmed Hasan -Mariam Mohamed -Duha Mohamed -Heba Abdulkarim -Huda Jamal

Our poetess



## Pharmacist Knowledge & Ability to Use Inhaled Medication Delivery Systems in UAE



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#### **Abstract**

**Objective:** This study was designed to compare knowledge & ability to use different inhaling devices among both educated & non-educated pharmacists.

**Method:** A questionnaire was constructed & piloted to be used as a tool for this study. The sample was divided into two groups educated pharmacists & non-educated pharmacists. Education was in term of receiving the brochures of demonstrating how to use the different inhaled devices before assessing the pharmacists. The pharmacists were asked to demonstrate usage of placebo devices & assessment was done based on checklist designed following companies instructions.

**Results:** Statistics have shown significant (P<0.05) higher scores; have been achieved by educated pharmacists when compared with non-educated pharmacists in term of ability to use the inhalers correctly, pharmacists' knowledge of cleaning MDI, inhalers induced mouth irritation side effect and their place of storage.

**Conclusion:** Pharmacists in UAE are not sufficiently aware of the steps to demonstrate correct use of different inhalers. The instructions supplied by the pharmaceutical companies are not sufficient. Appropriate and continuous educational programs concerning pharmacists' ability and knowledge of using different inhaled devices is recommended.

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We welcome the new member in our DPC family......Dr. Amira S. Ahmed. She is appointed as an Associate Lecturer in Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacy Practice. She graduated with BPharm from Cairo University, Egypt in 2002. She was then granted her Master degree in Pharmaceutics in 2006 from Beni-suef University. She received her PhD degree in the field of Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacy Practice from Huddersfield University, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, UK.



Her research areas included investigating aspects of inhaled therapies. This area of research is internationally recognized and includes in-vitro, ex-vivo and in-vivo studies. Her studies involved the use of urinary pharmacokinetics methods to identify relative lung and systemic bioavailability after an inhaled corticosteroids, in-vitro assessment of the emitted dose using conditions that simulate patient use, how patients use inhalers with emphasis on technique and inhalation profiles and medicines management of patients using inhalers. Dr Amira has more than ten years teaching experience. She published many international research papers.





#### THOUGHTS OF A FRESHER

-Samar Salam (Batch 23)



What I like most in Dubai Pharmacy College is its friendly environment, the size of the campus as well as the amazing college faculty. Due to the small size of the campus it was easy to get to know my classmates and make new friends from all around the campus, as well as have a one-on-one interaction with my professors and doctors who are very caring and helpful, which made my learning experience very enjoyable.

I am delighted being a part of an exceptional college such as **Dubai Pharmacy College** that will qualify me to find great medical discoveries in the future.

### Artistic Expressions





Nasreen Shawkathalí Batch 23