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LETTER FROM THE PROGRAMME DIRECTOR

Welcome to this our second year. In the last issue, we introduced electronic CME with questions related to a feature article allowing you to access education at a time suitable to you. In this issue of 'Abu Dhabi Nurse', we again have an e-CME article, so log onto the website and follow the instructions, you will earn **accredited GAHS CME** points, if you get the questions right of course.

Infection control is one area we concentrate on in this issue; an infection control nurse presents the lessons learnt by one hospital as it fights MRSA. Vaccinations are very important and our job in reminding the community of them never ends, one nurse tells about respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) for which there is no vaccine but preventative treatments.

Clinical issues also abound in this issue and there are many interesting contributions in this issue, including latex allergies, dysphagia and clinical tips Physical assessment is the foundation of identifying the needs of our patients, some our colleagues have contributed to the magazine by given an introduction to physical assessment that we can use as a foundation. Abu Dhabi Nurse is glad to have some contributions from other professional colleges as well. The ministry of health has shared with us a groundbreaking document, the scope of practice, an introduction is provided to stimulate your reflection and response.

I just want to add an appreciation once again to Sheikh Hamed bin Zayed Al Nayan, Chairman of the GAHS and the Abu Dhabi Economic Department, and to Dr Wael Al Mahmeed, Chair of the GAHS CME department for their continued support of professional education. I also want to say a special thank you to Beno, for his assistance in getting e-CME of the ground and helping to maintain the momentum of electronic communication of all the GAHS CME activities.

Remember this magazine is for you, the professional nurse working in Abu Dhabi, so it is important to contribute or just let us know what you want from the magazine. I really appreciate all of you have taken the time to contact me with your feedback over the last six months, especially one nurse who undertook a little survey in their hospital to see what people enjoyed reading, every little bit counts and each magazine just keeps getting better, I hope you agree.



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