

WISH TO HOST WEBINAR ON UNPROFESSIONAL DOCTOR BEHAVIOUR

Dr. Kevin Stewart To Lead Live Talks As Part Of 'Safer Care Accelerator' Series

Doha, Qatar, 05 October 2015: The World Innovation Summit for Health (WISH), a global initiative of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), in partnership with Imperial College London, is to host a webinar this week to discuss concerns surrounding unprofessional behaviour by some doctors who pose an unacceptable risk to patient safety.

Taking place on October 7, the webinar forms part of the 'Safer Care Accelerator' series by Leading Health Systems Network (LHSN), a WISH initiative which shares best practice and inspires health systems worldwide to provide safer care for patients. The initiative is in line with QF's vision to reinforce Qatar's pioneering role as an emerging centre for healthcare innovation while unlocking human potential.

Dr. Kevin Stewart, clinical director of the Clinical Effectiveness and Evaluation Unit at the Royal College of Physicians, will lead the webinar entitled, 'Unprofessional behaviour: An unacceptable risk to patient safety'. The webinar will reveal that although a vast majority of doctors behave to the highest professional standards there is clear evidence to suggest a link between unprofessional behaviour and medical errors.

The seminar will focus on the key challenges facing health systems and it will attempt to determine what is regarded as unprofessional behaviour and to understand its detrimental effects on patients. There will also be a discussion on the best approaches to dealing with such behaviour, which has been found to also be demonstrated by some nurses and managers, in a bid to promote better practices.

Dr Stewart said: "Our aim is to analyse the evidence we have seen that shows unprofessional behaviour practiced by a minority of doctors can indeed be closely linked to patient harm. Although there are likely to be some differences between specialties and between healthcare systems what evidence exists seems to indicate similar patterns. We want to highlight these concerns and familiarise ourselves with appropriate approaches to dealing with this in order to improve the quality of healthcare and ensure best practices are a top priority and are in place."

WISH launched the LHSN Safer Care Accelerator Programme to share best practice and inspire health systems worldwide to provide safer care for patients. The year-long programme will bring together a global network of healthcare organisations to exchange insights, experiences, and data on the topic of patient safety, culminating in the publication of a global report. So far, 18 organisations spanning six continents have joined the effort, including Hamad Medical Corporation and Sidra Medical and Research Centre from Qatar.

WISH CEO, Egbert Schillings commented: “One in ten people will be harmed during their hospitalisation. That is why we decided to focus this programme on patient safety for the entire year. No other programme has ever done benchmarking and best practice on a global scale in this way before and we are proud to have Qatar Foundation lead the way for the benefit of patients everywhere.”

The Safer Care Accelerator Programme is part of WISH and Imperial College London’s LHSN initiative. Established in 2009, LHSN has worked with 21 health systems in 11 countries helping them to overcome the challenges they face in providing high-value care to the populations they serve. Members of LHSN compare performance relative to their peers, learn from experts and frontline implementers during webinars, and are active members in a community committed to care improvement and innovation.

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About the World Innovation Summit for Health:

The World Innovation Summit for Health (WISH) is a global healthcare community dedicated to capturing and disseminating the best evidence-based ideas and practices. WISH is an initiative of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF) and is under the patronage of Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, its Chairperson.

The inaugural WISH Summit took place in Doha in 2013 and convened more than 1,000 global healthcare leaders. Through international summits and a range of on-going initiatives, WISH is creating a global community of leading innovators in healthcare policy, research and industry.

Together, they are harnessing the power of innovation to overcome the world's most urgent healthcare challenges and inspire other stakeholders to action.

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To download the WISH report on Patient Safety and learn more about WISH, please visit: www.wish.org.qa. To join the webinar series, please contact the team at: lhsn@imperial.ac.uk.

About Qatar Foundation – Unlocking Human Potential

Qatar Foundation for Education, Science, and Community Development (QF) is a private, non-profit organisation that is supporting Qatar on its journey from carbon economy to knowledge economy by unlocking human potential, for the benefit of not only Qatar, but the world. Founded

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