

## **WCM-Q brings experts in patient blood management to Doha**

**Doha – November 6, 2017:** More than 40 physicians and other healthcare professionals met at Weill Cornell Medicine-Qatar (WCM-Q) for five days of seminars, workshops and panel discussions about the management of bleeding in patients undergoing surgical procedures.

The Perioperative Bleeding Management – Patient Blood Management symposium, a collaboration between WCM-Q, Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC) and Danube University Krems, Austria, addressed topics including blood management in trauma and critical care patients, as well as in patients undergoing cardiac, liver or orthopedic surgery.

The symposium also discussed bleeding management in pediatric surgery, the effects of drug treatments and inherited disorders on bleeding and coagulation, iron therapy, thrombosis, and the role of red blood cells, plasma and platelets in blood transfusions. The event, which was coordinated by WCM-Q's Division of Continuing Professional Development, was attended by some of the world's leading physicians and healthcare professionals in their fields, which included anesthesiology, intensive care, internal medicine, surgery, transfusion medicine and blood banking.

Effective blood management is a crucial element of perioperative care, which covers the three phases of surgery: preoperative, intraoperative and postoperative. As such, medical practitioners are working to develop new and enhanced blood management processes to maximize healthcare outcomes.

Dr. Marcus Lancé, Senior Consultant in the Department of Anesthesiology, ICU & Perioperative Management at HMC, said: "In Europe and the US the medical profession is moving towards a more standardized approach to perioperative bleeding management with established best practices based on very good data. The benefit of this symposium is that we are able to impart that knowledge here in Qatar to help with the continuous process of enhancing healthcare outcomes."

Other speakers at the event included one of Europe's foremost anesthesiologists, Dr. Donat Spahn, Professor and Chairman at the Institute of Anesthesiology, University Hospital of Zurich, Switzerland. Other leading medical institutions represented by speakers at the event were HMC; Glenfield Hospital, University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust, UK; Maastricht University Medical Centre, Netherlands; Santa Maria University Hospital, Udine, Italy; and the Fundeni Clinical Institute, Bucharest, Romania.

The event was accredited locally by the Qatar Council for Healthcare Practitioners-Accreditation Department (QCHP-AD) and internationally by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME).

Instrumental in the coordination of the collaborative event were the WCM-Q Division of Continuing Professional Development, Dr. Marcus Lancé, Dr. Robert Crone, Vice Dean for Clinical & Faculty Affairs, Professor of Clinical Pediatrics and Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology at WCM-Q, and Prof. Marco Marcus, Chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology, ICU and Perioperative Medicine at HMC and Adjunct Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology at WCM-Q.



Dr. Robert Crone said: “This was an extremely important and highly effective event that brought some of the finest medical professionals in their respective fields to Doha to share their expertise with a cadre of interested physicians from the region and around the world. Following established best practices in perioperative bleeding management has the potential to significantly enhance healthcare outcomes for patients in Qatar, which is a key element of Weill Cornell Medicine-Qatar’s mission.”

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**Photos Captions:**

Photo1: More than 40 healthcare professionals met at WCM-Q for a symposium on perioperative bleeding management coordinated jointly by WCM-Q, HMC and Danube University Krems, Austria.

Photo2: Dr. Ecaterina Scarlatescu of Fundeni Clinical Institute, Bucharest, Romania (center) speaks with delegates at the perioperative bleeding management symposium at WCM-Q.

Photo3: The perioperative bleeding management symposium at WCM-Q included demonstrations of the latest medical equipment.

Photo4: Dr. Marcus Lancé, Senior Consultant in the Department of Anesthesiology, ICU & Perioperative Management at HMC (left) speaks with a delegate at the perioperative bleeding management symposium at WCM-Q.

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