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Sidra Launches New Pediatric Clinics in September Plans underway to launch Day Surgeries Soon

Doha, Qatar, 20 September 2016 — Sidra Medical and Research Center (Sidra) is pleased to announce the opening of several additional pediatric outpatient clinics in September. The new pediatric clinics are: Infectious Diseases, Adolescent Medicine, Nephrology, Ophthalmology, Anesthesiology and a Pre-Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU).

Dr. David Sigalet, Medical Director of the Outpatient Center and Department Chair of Surgery said, “We are very excited to be on track with the launch of more clinics and services at the Sidra Outpatient Clinic. We now have over 30 clinics, allied health and clinical services. This marks an important milestone as we prepare for our outpatient services to become fully operational by January 2017. We are also working towards the launch of day surgeries soon. Our day surgery clinic will conduct minor surgeries and procedures and pediatric patients will be discharged on the same day. This is an exciting time for Sidra and more importantly a crucial service delivery for the children of Qatar who require specialist healthcare services.”

- The Infectious Diseases clinic will address pediatric infections including fever and rash based diseases, bone and joint infections, and complicated skin and soft tissue infections.
- Adolescent Medicine will focus on children from 14 years of age up to 18, and will see patients with such issues as chronic illness or disability, mental illness and behavioral problems, and eating disorders.
- Nephrology will address problems including renal disease, chronic kidney disease, and bladder dysfunction.
- The Ophthalmology clinic will provide multidisciplinary pediatric ophthalmic care for conditions related to the eye, orbit, and related structures. This includes retinopathy of prematurity (ROP) – a retinal disease that occurs in premature babies; eyelid lesions, congenital corneal and lens malformations, congenital glaucoma and retinal dystrophies which affect visual functions.
- The Anesthesiology Clinic and Pre-Anesthesia Care Unit will include pre-assessment and testing for children requiring sedation or anesthesia for procedures currently being performed by Sidra doctors at Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC) hospitals.

While consultations with the Sidra surgical team are based out of the Sidra Outpatient Clinic, all surgical procedures and operations are currently being conducted at HMC hospitals.

The Sidra Outpatient Clinic is currently accepting referral based patients from Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC), Primary Health Care Corporation and the QF Primary Health Care Center. Sidra is collaborating closely with other healthcare institutions in Qatar to expand the referral network as and when more clinics and services are launched. For more information about our clinics and services, please visit www.sidra.org.

About Sidra Medical and Research Center

Sidra Medical and Research Center will be a groundbreaking hospital, research and education institution, focusing on the health and wellbeing of children and women regionally and globally.

Sidra represents the vision of Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser who serves as its Chairperson. The high-tech facility will not only provide world-class patient care but will also help build Qatar's scientific expertise and resources.

Sidra will be a fully digital facility, incorporating the most advanced information technology applications in all its functions. Designed by renowned architect Cesar Pelli, Sidra features a main hospital building and a separate outpatient clinic. The main hospital will initially have 400 beds with infrastructure to enable expansion to 550 beds in a subsequent phase.

Sidra opened its Outpatient Clinic on 1 May 2016 with the launch of three clinics – Dermatology, Pediatric General Surgery Consultation and Obstetrics. These clinics are supported by radiology, pathology, pharmacy and laboratory facilities. The Sidra Outpatient Clinic offers outpatient services for women and children through a referral based system in partnership with other healthcare providers in Qatar. More clinics and services will be rolled out over the course of 2016.

Sidra is also part of a dynamic research and education environment in Qatar and through strong partnerships with leading institutions around the world, Sidra is creating an intellectual ecosystem to help advance scientific discovery through investment in medical research.

For more information please visit www.sidra.org.

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