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Sidra Introduces Leaders of the First Clinics and Services at the Sidra Outpatient Clinic

- Details about services at launch also highlighted

Doha, Qatar, 09 April 2016 — Sidra Medical and Research Center (Sidra) is pleased to introduce the clinical leaders responsible for the strategic direction of the clinics and services at the newly opened Sidra Outpatient Clinic and highlight more details about the first phase of clinical services available at launch.

The Sidra Outpatient Clinic opened on 1 May 2016 with the launch of three clinics – Pediatric Dermatology, Pediatric General Surgery Consultation and Obstetrics. The clinics are supported by radiology, pathology, pharmacy and laboratory facilities.

The Medical Director of the Sidra Outpatient Clinic is Prof. David Sigalet, who is also the Chair of Pediatric Surgery. Dr. Abdulla Al Kaabi is the Acting Chief Medical Officer while Prof. Ziyad M. Hijazi is the Chair of the Department of Pediatrics and leads all of the pediatric clinics at Sidra. Dr. Justin Konje is the Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Deepak Kaura is the Chair of the Department of Radiology and oversees the provision of the diagnostic imaging and Prof. Rusung Tan is the Chair of the Department of Pathology.

The referral based Sidra Outpatient Clinic is currently accepting patients from Hamad Medical Corporation, 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 this year.

“The opening of the Sidra Outpatient Clinic has been an opportunity for us to proudly showcase the skills and expertise of our diverse healthcare leaders and teams. Their hard work has made it possible for Sidra to offer patient and family centric services that will match the excellence of our medical care and the needs of our patients,” said Peter Morris, the Chief Executive Officer of Sidra.

About the clinics and services launched on 1 May at the Sidra Outpatient Clinic:

- The General Surgery Consultation clinic currently sees patients aged 14 years or younger who may need surgical care by a pediatric general surgeon. It provides consultation to patients with abdominal (including hernia), head and neck, diaphragm, thoracic, skin and soft tissue, liver, biliary and neonatal (newborn) conditions/diseases that may require surgery. In addition to endoscopic procedures, the team provides consultations for genito-urinary procedures.
- The Dermatology clinic specializes in skin conditions related to eczema, dermatitis, psoriasis and acne and skin infections. Once the Sidra Outpatient Clinic is fully operational by early 2017, the dermatology clinic will be able to treat all skin conditions that do not require hospitalization.
- The Obstetrics Clinic currently provides access to routine prenatal care, education and testing. Sidra’s doctors and nurses closely monitor the health and well-being of both the mother and her baby. Pregnant patients referred to Sidra for care will give birth at Hamad Medical Corporation-Women’s Hospital (HMC-WH) under teams of Sidra and HMC-WH physicians. They will also be admitted to HMC-WH during pregnancy for any emergency care or assessment where the Sidra physicians work collaboratively with their HMC colleagues.



- Radiology and diagnostic imaging services at the Sidra Outpatient Clinic include x-rays of all body parts, ultrasound and computed tomography (CT) scans of the head, neck, chest, abdomen and pelvis and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) services.
- Pathology services at the Sidra Outpatient Clinic include routine and specialized outpatient testing in hematology, chemistry, microbiology, and anatomical pathology with genetic testing services to be launched in a few weeks. In collaboration with HMC, the laboratory will focus on delivering high quality laboratory diagnostic services to patients at Sidra, in order to enhance the diagnosis, treatment, management, and prevention of childhood and maternal diseases in Qatar.

Plans are in place to offer more pediatric services at the Sidra Outpatient Clinic. Services and clinics scheduled for launch include neonatology consultation, developmental pediatrics, child and adolescent mental health, Ear Nose and Throat (ENT), pre-operative anesthetic assessment and preparation services.

“Our services and clinics for women and children at the Sidra Outpatient Clinic will develop month after month through the course of 2016. By early next year, we expect to see nearly 5000 patients per week at the Sidra Outpatient Clinic and to be fully operational with 40 clinics by January 2017,” concluded Mr. Morris.

For more information, please visit www.sidra.org.

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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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