

CPD Event: Patient Safety

The fifth Continuing Professional Pharmacy Development (CPPD) event of the academic year 2014 entitled “Patient Safety” was held on Monday 19th of January 2015 (6:00- 9:00 PM). Sixty pharmacists and other health care providers attended the activity at the College of Pharmacy (CPH) premises. The event featured Dr. Hisham Aljadhey (Vice Dean for Academic Affairs, Director of Medication Safety Research Chair, King Saud University, KSA), Dr. Shane Pawluk (Clinical Assistant Professor, CPH, Qatar University), and Mr. Imran Khudair (Human Capital Manager, Hamad Medical Corporation, HMC), as keynote speakers.

Dr. Nadir Kheir (Associate Professor and CPPD Coordinator) initiated the event by welcoming the participants as well as providing a brief biography about each speaker.

The activity started with a didactic session by Dr. Aljadhey who focused on pharmacovigilance, its limitations and aspects of improvement, he also provided data on medication incidence reporting in Saudi Arabia. Followed by Mr. Khudair’s session in which he asked the participants to use critical observation skills to identify errors in a video scenario.

Dr. Pawluk and Mr. Khudair led a practice-based session in which participants were divided into eight groups working on detecting medication errors, how to respond to these errors and recognize ways to prevent them. The session aimed to provide an overview of the role of healthcare providers in patient’s safety, and to discuss the methods and strategies that should be implemented in order to minimize medication errors as well as to suggest ways to improve pharmacovigilance practices. The CPPD program acknowledges Mr. Osama Taouk (finance personnel), Ms. Hana Kadavil and Ms. Samah Ahmed (marketing personnel) for their great efforts.

