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“Qatar Council for Healthcare Practitioners presents to you its compliments”.

In the Registration Department’s pursuit to update all policies related to the healthcare practitioners in Qatar, and to comply with the regional and international standards, and based on the decisions of the Permanent Licensing Committee (PLC) in its 11th meeting dated 14/6/2017, it has been decided to update the policy of the school doctors.

Where new important points were included in the updated policy:

1. All physicians with a bachelor's degree in medicine and surgery who meet the requirements of the Registration Department are allowed to apply for licensing through the electronic system to work in licensed clinics in schools according to the need of the workplace.

2. Applicants should stop applying for licensing under the scope of practice “school doctor”, where they will be registered according to their qualifications, work experience, and according to the scope approved by the registration department in Qatar Council for Healthcare Practitioners.

The following scopes of practice are allowed to work in schools clinics:

- General practitioner
- Specialist / consultant in the following fields (family medicine, internal medicine, public health, emergency medicine, occupational health, pediatrics, preventive medicine)
- General Practitioner with special interests to the fields mentioned in the previous point, where under supervision letter is required.

3. Doctors working in school clinics may apply for a change place of work to move from school clinics to any healthcare facility licensed in state of Qatar.

4. The same policy mentioned above is applicable to colleges / universities clinics as well.
Roles and responsibilities:

1. Responsible for the school, college, or university clinic, and provide medical care to students and school staff.
2. Prepare a list of the medications and equipment’s available in the clinic, maintain it and replace the deficiencies as needed.
3. Provide First Aid Services and medications in case of minor injuries and health problems.
4. Provide Immediate Life Support measures when needed.
5. Refer case to the nearest healthcare center / hospital as required.
6. Examine students and school staff and dispense medications suitable for the case each as per his/her scope.
7. Triage and differentiate critical cases and refer them to the nearest emergency center after providing the first aid required.
8. Follow up of students and employees with chronic diseases and communicate with health center and / or hospital regarding their discharge treatment and medication plan
9. Arrange for and conduct health education sessions for students and employees according to their needs
10. Provide consultation in public and preventive health issues such as nutrition, hygiene and healthy habits.
11. Coordinate with preventive health section for providing vaccines required for the students and staff as per the seasons and during campaigns.
12. Keep a record of the school clinic clients (either paper based or electronic based)
13. Participate in internal or external committees concerning students and staff health.
14. Give a maximum of one day sick leave to students and staff

Note:

• This policy shall repeal the previous policy.
• This circular shall be affective from its date.

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Thank you for your cooperation,

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