

Sidra Becomes Qatar's First HIMSS Analytics O-EMRAMSM Stage 6 Organization Eight Months Following the Opening of the Outpatient Clinic

DOHA, QATAR (1 March, 2017) – HIMSS Analytics® is proud to announce that Sidra Medical and Research Center (Sidra) has achieved Stage 6 of the Outpatient Electronic Medical Record Adoption Model (O-EMRAM). This achievement makes Sidra the first O-EMRAM Stage 6 facility in Qatar.

Developed in 2010, the Outpatient EMR Adoption Model provides a methodology for evaluating the progress and impact of electronic medical record systems for outpatient facilities in the HIMSS Analytics Database market intelligence tool. These facilities include physician practices, clinics, outpatient centers and specialty clinics. Tracking their progress in completing eight stages (0-7), outpatient facilities can review the implementation and use of IT applications with the intent of reaching Stage 7, which represents an advanced electronic patient record environment.

Michael LeRoy, Chief Information Officer of Sidra said, "To achieve HIMSS Analytics O-EMRAM Stage 6 certification within eight months of opening our outpatient clinic is a major milestone for Sidra. It puts the Sidra Outpatient Clinic in the same exclusive league as some of the top technologically advanced hospitals in the world. Patients and their families can be reassured that we are committed to best practice methodologies for the benefit of their safety and well-being. This is a strong endorsement of our ongoing objective to invest in skilled talent and leading edge technologies to provide safe and world-class healthcare services for the women and children in Qatar."

Sidra is a fully-digital facility. It opened its Outpatient Clinic on 1 May 2016 with the launch of three clinics: Dermatology, Pediatric General Surgery Consultation and Obstetrics. Each clinic has radiology, pathology, pharmacy and laboratory facilities. The clinics also offer outpatient services for women and children through a referral-based system in partnership with other healthcare providers in Qatar. With the attainment of HIMSS Analytics O-EMRAM Stage 6, Sidra now has:

- 1) Key patient services integrated with their electronic medical records
- 2) All treatment and service information accessible by its patients, ensuring that each patient is an active participant in their journey of medication and treatment
- 3) 24-hour easy and secure electronic access to medical files on the Sidra patient portal, viewable by local and overseas patients
- 4) Paperless integration of patient information which does away with having to carry paper files from doctor to doctor or to different locations
- 5) Assurance that medical dosage and requirements have already been verified by the time patients proceed to the Sidra pharmacy after their clinical visits

"Sidra Medical and Research Center is making good progress using its electronic medical records to drive improvements in its healthcare operations. Being the first validated outpatient O-EMRAM Stage 6 in Qatar, they are demonstrating their commitment to providing the best healthcare services possible through their information technology investments," said John H. Daniels, Global Vice President, Healthcare Advisory Services Group, HIMSS Analytics.

Dr. Khalid Alyafei, Acting Chief of Medical Informatics at Sidra said, "Achieving this accolade highlights the strategic set up for the outpatient clinic and the commitment of all the people working at Sidra - to ensure patient safety and care will not be compromised. The integration of different types of technologies within Sidra has a direct impact on improving patient access and

quality of care. Not only are there cost and resource efficiencies – it also provides us accurate detailing on diagnoses and a safe and effective way to exchange details between practitioners. This is particularly relevant at Sidra as our referral patients continuum of care is spread across practitioners at Sidra and HMC or PHCC.”

Sidra will be recognized at HIMSS Qatar on 7 – 9 December 2017 at the Sheraton Grand Doha Resort & Convention Center. For more information about HIMSS Analytics Middle East, [click here](#).

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