

Royal College of Physicians-Iraq network members and fellows project



H. Al Saffar, A. Merza, S. Al Muktar, A. Marayati, SH. Mahmood, M. Omar, H. Al Zuwayny

Hilal.alsaffar@meciqa.edu.iq

Contributors to the project: U. Rafeed, H. Abdul Ameer, M. Abbas, M. Sabeh, A. Hilal, R. Baha, A. Omar, A. Ibrahim, A. Mustafa, N. Burhan, B. Hebeeb, S. Nawar

<https://rcpiraqnetwork.com>

<https://bit.ly/rcp-iraq>

@IraqRCP

Aims of the network:

1. To create and build network of the Royal College of Physicians (RCP) members and fellows in Iraq
2. To link members and fellows with peers in the UK
3. To improve quality of medical education and health service provision.
4. To develop new leaders by including medical students and newly graduated doctors.

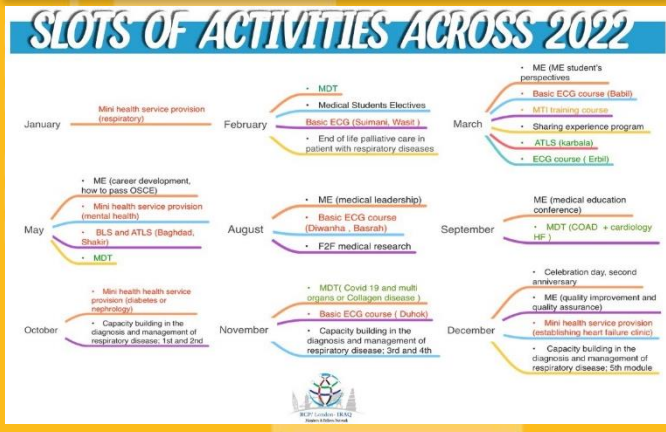
Establishing the network:


- Approval from Vice President RCP Global.
- Announcement was made through personal social media supported by letter from RCP Global to members and fellows in Iraq.
- Forty fellows, 70 newly graduated doctors and medical students volunteered to work on this project.
- Four subgroups were created: medical education, scientific activities, medical training initiative and research.

What has been achieved so far?

- Two training courses were delivered (medical education, six modules and capacity building in medical research, five modules) and attended by 140 and 100 respectively. Very positive feedback was received from participants.
- There was increase of the numbers of doctors and medical students who registered on RCP website by 8 fold and Iraq now ranking sixth globally in the numbers of RCP fellows.
- There are 3000 unique visitors to the Network's Facebook page.
- An educational website has been created and an ambitious programme for 2022 including around 30 educational activities is planned. <https://rcpiraqnetwork.com/>


8 fold increase in membership since start of RCP/ Iraq Network






RCP Membership in Iraq

- Members
- Fellows
- Associate members
- Student associate members





RCP Iraq Network

- Medical education
- Scientific activities
- Medical Training Initiative (MTI)
- Research

Conclusion:

Creating local networks which bring members and fellows together is a useful tool to improve medical education and health service provision in different areas around the world. It is in line with the main RCP mission to drive improvements in health and healthcare through advocacy, education and research.