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Nurse Prescribing - Key Advancements, Professional Development and Key Therapeutics

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In the UK nurse prescribing has been well established and indeed spread to other professions including pharmacist, dietitian, Optometrist and other allied healthcare practitioners. The UK experience has found improved patient experience, reduced waiting times to see doctors and areas of specialism whereby nurses take the lead on medicines [i.e. asthma nurses and diabetes nurses]. This presentation shares our experience and how it can apply to the UAE, sharing best practice with regulatory frameworks, professional development and therapeutic pharmacy practice. We share experience of enablers within the healthcare environment and cultural expectations and barriers to nurse prescribing, including resistance from other peers! This presentation concludes with the increasingly demanding role of nurse prescribing and how the future role could develop for the nursing profession.

Biography:

Omar Ali is a visiting lecturer at University of Portsmouth & Former Adviser to NICE, Omar Ali qualified with a UK hospital pharmacy background; Omar has been working as the formulary advisor for Surrey & Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust for over 15 years, sitting on the regional Joint Drugs & Therapeutics Committee as well as the CCG/Commissioning Prescribing Clinical Network.

Omar has been a visiting lecturer at UCLH pharmacy programme and was both lecturer & examiner on the Independent Nurse Prescribing V300 Course at the University of Surrey and has over 30 publications to date. He has been appointed as visiting lecturer on Value Based Pricing & Innovative Contracting at the University of Portsmouth, is an Editorial Content Adviser to Guidelines and Nurse Prescriber Journals and has recently been invited to the position of Associate Editor to the Canadian Journal of Population Therapeutics & Clinical Pharmacology.

Omar has served a position on the External Reference Group on Cost Impact Modelling for NICE for 6 years and was subsequently appointed Panel Member for the newly formed Adoption & Impact Program Reference for NICE. He advises foreign investors (US Embassy) on Value Based Assessments (hosted by the UK Department of Trade & Industry) and recently delivered a Healthcare NHS Reform program to over 40 Healthcare Insurance Provider delegates visiting from the US. Last year he was invited to address the Italian Healthcare Senate [Senato della Repubblica] on Pharmaco-economic Evaluation & Sustainability Models of Healthcare and featured at the Westminster Health Forum Keynote Seminars [chaired by Lord Howe, All Party Parliamentary Group on Pharmacy] on the Future for Pharmacy Commissioning, Organization & Delivery.

At this current time he has embarked on a PhD with his doctorate thesis entitled "Value Based Pricing & Outcomes Based, Innovative Contracting of New Medicines".