

DEAR COLLEAGUES

THE UAE GIT SOCIETY ARRANGED THIS MEETING ON THURSDAY 27 TH MAY 2010 FROM 5.00-10.30 PM IN THE HAAD AUDITORIUM.

THE TOPICS PRESENTED INCLUDED THE FOLLOWINGS

AN INTRODUCTION BY THE PRSIDENT OF THE UAE SOCIETY DR ADNAM HAMMOUR POINTING TO IMPORTANCE OF AWARENESS ABOUT IBD AND THE MESSAGE OF THE WORLD GASTROENTEROLOGY IN PROMOTING THE AWARENESS ON THIS IMPORTANT AND RISING DISEASES.

1-IBD EPIDEMIOLOGY BY DR MAKKI H FAYADH TOUCHED ON THE RISING OF REPORTED CASES FROM UAE ESPECIALLY CROHNS DISEASE, THE PROBLEMS OF DIFFERENTIATION BETWEEN IBD-CROHNS-ULCERATIVE-INDETERMINANT COLITIS AND LOCAL INFECTIONS LIKE TB,CMV

A FOCUS ON POST INFECTIVE IBD WAS PRESENTED

A SUGGESTION WAS MADE TO MAKE A SUEVEY BY THE MAIN INSURANCE COMPANY DAMAN AND THE HEALTH AUTHORITY OF ABU DHABI AND OTHER EMIRATES TO STUDY THE INCIDENCE AND PREVALENCE IN UAE

2-ENDOSCOPY IN IBD PRESENTED BY DR ESKO JANATUINEN TOUCHING ON THE IMPORTANCE OF ENDOSCOPY IN THE DIAGNOSIS AND FOLLOW UP OF IBD PATIENTS-THE ROLE OF COLONOSCOPY-UPPER ENDOSCOPY AND EUS A SPECIAL FOCUS ON DEMONSTRATING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TB AND CROHNS DISEASE,CMV INFECTION

3-RADILOGIC IMAGING BY DR MAHMUD EL LAITHY PRESENTED THE IMPORTANCE OF PLAIN X RAY IN THE EVALUATION OF IBD,ROLE OF ULTRASOUND AND CONTRAST RADILIOGY AND THE ROLE CT SCAN AND MRI

4-CAPSULE ENDOSCOPY IN IBD PRESENTED BY DR SAMIH FAKHRI POINTING TO THE INDICATIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF THE VIDEO CAPSULE IN IBD

5-CANCER SURVEILANCE IN IBD PRESENTED BY DR NIGEL BEEJAY POITING TO THE IMPORTANCE OF SCREENING FOR CANCER AND THE NUMBER OF BIOPSIES TO BE DONE, AT LEAST 34 BIOPSIES FROM THE COLON.

6-A WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY FOR IBD PATIENTS BY DR WALID AZMI A DISCUSSION ON THE NEW STEP UP TREATMENT TO PRVENT STRICTURIND AND CHANGE THE NATURAL COURSE OF IBD

7-THE SAFETY OF BIOLOGIC AGENTS PRESENTED BY DR SALIM AWAD- DATA PRESENTED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF TESTING FOR POSSIBLE TB OR HEPATITIDES AND CMV BEFORE TREATMENT AND THE SIDE EFFECTS OF THE BIOLOGIS AGENTS

8-OPPORTUNISTIC INFECTIONS IN IBD PRESENTED BY DR RAYHAN RAISING THE AWARENESS ON POSSIBLE INFECTIONS IN IBD PATIENTS FOLLOWING IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE AGENTS.

9-AN INTERACTIVE CASE BY DR KAISER RAJA PRESENTED THE DIFFICULTIES OF DIAGNOSING AND TREATING CROHNS DISEASE VERSUS TUBERCULOSIS AND THE ROLE OF SEROLOGIC TESTS, TESTS FOT TUBERCULOSIS, SIGNIFICANCE OF SKIN TESTING-ROLE OF THE GAMMA INTERFERON TEST FOR TB- A VERY ACTIVE INTER ACTIVE DISCUSSION WITH THE AUDIENCE.

10-CASES PRESENTATIONS BY DR MAKKI H FAYADH-SALIM AWAD AND 2 PATHOLOGISTS- DR SABA AL BAZZAZ AND NADA OTHMAN AL -RUBAYE- CASES OF NORMAL COLON-POST IFECTIVE IBS-MICROSCOPIC COLITIS-COLLAGENOUS COLITIS, ALLERGIC COLITIS, BILHARZIA, CMV COLITIS, CROHNS COLITIS-INDETERMINANT COLITIS WERE PRESETED- A HOT

DISCUSSION ON THESE TOPICS,AND THE NEED OF COLLABORATION WITH THE PATHOLOGISTS WAS STRESSED

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MEETING INCLUDED

A-AWARENESS OF THE PUBLIC AND HEALTH CARE WORKERS ABOUT THESE DISEASES AND CANCER SCREENING IN LONG STANDING CASES.

C-THE IMPORTANCE OF A DATA BASE FOR IBD WHICH ABU DHABI GROUP OF THE EMIRATE SOCIETY STARTED AND MAINTAINED IN TAWAM

HOSPITAL WITH THE EFFORTS OF DR MAZIN TAHA AND COLLEAGUES

D- VIDEO CONFERENCING BETWEEN THE DIFFERENT CENTERS IN UAE TO DISCUSS THE IMPORTANT AND DIFFICULT CASES.

E-LINKS WITH EAST AND WEST TO BE AQUAINTED WITH EAST-WEST DISEASES AS UAE HAS MULTINATIONAL SOCIETY

F-A STUDY GROUP FROM HAAD-DAMAN TO ANALYSE ALL CASES OF IBD IN COLLABORATION WITH EMIRATE SOCIETY OF GASTROENTEROLOGY AND ABU DHABI GROUP

THE AUDIENCE ASKED THE HEALTH AUTHORITY AND INSURANCE COMPANIES TO AGREE IN DOING MULTIPLE BIOPSIES UP TO 30 IN CAES OF LONG STANDING COLITIS.

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