

## A word from the chairman

Dear Friends,

It is time for another issue of IMA Around the Globe.

Since our last newsletter, the IMA has enjoyed a busy level of international activity, with trips to attend and present at the Confederation of Medical Associations in Asia and Oceania in Goa, India; the South East European Medical Forum in Sofia, Bulgaria; European Forum of Medical Associations in Podgorica, Montenegro; Confederación Médica Latinoamericana y del Caribe in Acapulco; and the World Medical Association H20 in Tokyo, Japan. In May this year, the IMA hosted the World Medical Association conference: "Physician 2030: the future is around the corner, be prepared." The two-day conference was held in Herzliya with local and world-renowned experts and doctors in attendance. There were many riveting presentations and panels that

shone a light on the future of medicine and the effects that technology will have and is having on healthcare.

In June this year, the IMA World Fellowship awarded 17 Scholarships to doctors travelling abroad to complete fellowship. An awards ceremony was held and the scholarships were given in the names of physicians who have passed away.

We are now working together with the Israeli Medical Association Scientific Council to plan for their upcoming conference on Medical Education in Residency, which will take place at the Dan Acadia Hotel in Herzliya on 11th November. The main theme of the conference will focus on the process that the Council has started in recent years of Competency-Based Medical Education – CBME. The goals of the conference are to promote research and thinking on education in all its aspects, and to promote discourse on theories and practices within the medical community. An additional day's program on the 12th November will be provided for IMA World Fellowship members and we hope that you will join us in Israel for this event.

As you will all be aware, another election was held in Israel this month and the IMA ran a strong campaign to ensure that the issue of health would be on the election campaigns. The slogan of the campaign was don't put a plaster on me. The IMA asked the party leaders to commit to

budgeting for the health system.

As we celebrate Rosh Hashanah, traditionally the beginning of the Jewish holidays that offer a time of reflection and renewal, the Israeli Medical Association wishes you a New Year filled with health and happiness, and sweet moments for you and your family. L'shanah Tovah. Wishing you all Shana Tova, and wishing you well over the fast.

> **Professor Arnon Afek**

Chairman, IMA World Fellowship

Associate Director General Sheba Medical Center

Former Director General, Israeli Ministry of Health



### The Israeli Medical Association

wishes you, your family and your community

a happy, healthy and flourishing year ahead

**Shana Tova**



# IMA Domestic News and Activities

## Physicians 2030 conference summary

» In May 2019, The Israeli Medical Association and the World Medical Association jointly held the conference “Physician 2030: the future is around the corner, be prepared.” This two-day conference was held in Herzliya, Israel and was attended by local and world-renowned experts and doctors who enjoyed presentations and panels that shone a light on the future of medicine and technology.

Dr. Ze’ev Feldman, Deputy Chairman of the IMA and Chairman of the State Physicians Association, presented global trends, including the aging of the population, the rise in chronic morbidity, the increase in the cost of health services and the burden on hospitals.

Noting, technological developments in the field, he highlighted the move towards ‘home hospitalization’, creating a therapeutic system in the patient’s home, instead of being hospitalized. Such a system would reduce hospital admission rates and visits to emergency rooms, resulting in significant economic savings. In Israel, home hospitalization is in its infancy, but is gaining both public interest and political support.

Prof. Hanoch Kashtan, Director of Department of Surgery at the Rabin Medical Center, Bellinson focused on the positive development of the surgical profession following technological progress. The change is reflected in pre-surgical treatment, a multi-disciplinary surgical approach, research and the technological tools used in surgery.

He emphasized that in the 21st century the focus will be in three main fields: general laparoscopic surgery, oncology surgery and acute care surgery. He indicated that the future of the surgical profession will be influenced by developments in the world of robotics and artificial intelligence, leading to minimizing surgical intervention, simplifying and shortening the duration of surgical procedures and reducing the possibility of human error.

Dr. Daniel Kraft, a physician and scientist dealing with medical innovation and the chair of exponential medicine at Singularity University in the US, introduced technological innovations that are developing at a rapid pace and that are likely to change the face of medicine. The genome project, artificial intelligence, virtual reality, and other developments will continue to grow at an exponential rate, increasing the capacity for treatment, alongside the development of personalized medicine.

The conference welcomed renowned international guest speakers from across the globe. In their talks, Dr. David Barbe, past president of the American Medical Association and Professor Frank Montgomery from Germany addressed the design of the physician’s environment and physician/patient relationships in 2030. Dr. Jacqueline Kitulu, President of the Kenya Medical Association focused on how technology will change jobs in every field, while Dr. Rintaro Sawa from the Japanese Medical

Association raised the issue of protecting medical information from the cyber era. Dr. Marian Sedlak from Slovakia talked about the role of the physician in building the future of medicine and the importance of technology and innovation in the health system, while Dr. Iskender Sayek, Chairman of the Medical Education Committee of the Turkish Medical Association shared his thoughts on therapist-patient relationships in the past, present and future. Professor David Gordon, President of the World Federation of Medical Education told how medical education has passed through the generations from a broad education based on humanistic thinking to more ‘scientific’ and ‘rational’ models and Professor Lukoye Atwoli, Vice President of the Kenyan Medical focused on education.

The conference ended with an expert panel titled “Managing the challenges ahead of us: Perspectives and the direction we want to Go.” The panel discussed in depth issues related to the future of the health system and the medical profession.

## IMA Campaign - Heal the priorities and the health system # Don't put a plaster on me!

» Two weeks prior to the Israeli elections, the Israeli Medical Association was campaigning to ensure that the issue of health would lead the election campaign among both of the leading parties' campaigns. The slogan of the campaign was 'don't put a plaster on me'. The IMA asked the party leaders to commit to budgeting for the health system.

We led campaigns in the press and social media. These pictures appeared on ynet and facebook.

The IMA utilised social media and had a rolling media campaign on facebook and Instagram. We also campaigned on the radio.

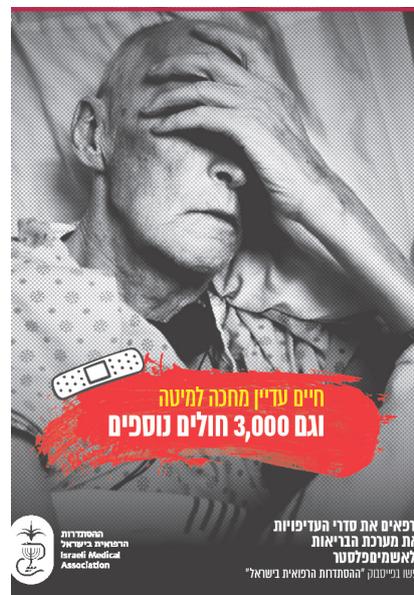
The campaign highlighted 5 immediate steps to prevent the collapse of the Israeli Health System.

1. Addition of 5 billion shekels in the next 5 years
2. Addition of 5% of hospital beds in a year
3. 500 specialist physician positions and 500 medical resident positions
4. Increase doctor - patient



5. 500 consultants + 500 family physicians and paediatricians in the community

Finally, on election day we had posters outside polling stations throughout the country, and asked to vote for health.





## Violence in the Health Sector

» Violence toward health care workers has been widely documented around the globe. According to the WHO, more than half of all workers in the health sector may have experienced violent incidents at some point<sup>1</sup>.

Acts of violence not only affect the victim, but impact the health system and society as a whole and can directly influence the quality and availability of care.

The Israeli Medical Association (IMA) initiated a bill for stricter penalties for attackers and in 2010 a bill to increase the severity of the punishment for attackers from 3 to 5 years was accepted into law. The IMA is currently working on a revision to extend this provision to include health workers in non-

emergency capacities.

In 2011 an IMA initiated bill was adopted which stated that a person who physically or verbally attacks a health worker or damages property will be warned that they may not be allowed to return to the same facility if the behaviour is repeated. If the assailant commits another attack, he or she may be prevented from entering the facility from 3-6 months, except for medical treatment.

In addition, a national program for the minimization of violence against healthcare personnel was introduced in 2013. A Ministerial Committee was set up on Violence Against Medical and Administrative Teams in the Health System, which published the report Violence Hurts us All in December 2017.

While there has been a reduction of the number of violent acts towards medical staff in the health system, the Israeli Ministry of Health reports more than 3,500 documented violence cases each year against medical teams, with only 11% of the cases reported to the police and an even lower rate that are prosecuted.

Following a recent incident this summer, IMA President Prof Zion Hagay wrote to the Director General of the Israeli Ministry of Health, Mr. Bar Simantov, demanding action.

<sup>1</sup> Framework guidelines for addressing workplace violence in the health sector. Geneva: ILO/ICN/WHO/PSI Joint Programme on Workplace Violence in Health Sector, 2002.

Mr. Moshe Bar Siman-Tov  
Director General  
Ministry of Health

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11th July 2019

Dear Mr. Bar Siman-Tov,

**RE: Demand for treatment of the phenomenon of violence against doctors**

We were appalled to hear about the shocking and horrific case of an attack on a doctor at Rambam Hospital. Unfortunately, we are continuing to witness serious cases of violence against doctors and medical staff. Violence is showing no restraint, and it is our duty to eradicate this disgraceful phenomenon.

Time and again, we warn that every act of violence is seriously impairing the ability to provide medical care, and that the violence has serious and widespread implications for treatment, far beyond the injury of the particular doctor or staff member to whom it was directed.

Medical treatment is based on trust and compassion. Every injury and every case of violence erases these basic principles of care. Again and again the doctors and medical staff surpass themselves, time after time they struggle with anxiety and the fear that surround them after such events and they continue to treat, because they are committed.

Enough is enough! The doctors and medical professionals should not be ignored!

The conclusions of the Committee on the Elimination and Coping with Violence in the Health System have not yet been implemented. Writing conclusions is not enough. We must not resist when we are all exposed to violent behavior!

We demand the implementation of the Commission's conclusions immediately, including the establishment of a high-risk list and the imposition of legal sanctions, as well as further urgent actions to uproot this despicable phenomenon.

Yours Sincerely,

  
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# Medical Achievements

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## **New MRI technique developed by Hebrew University researchers provides users with a molecular map of the brain which could enable early Alzheimer diagnosis.**

» MRI, or magnetic resonance imaging, already does pretty amazing work giving us a better picture

of what's happening on our insides. But it is about to do even more amazing work, helping doctors determine more quickly the onset of neurodegenerative diseases.

To read the full story, [click here](#).



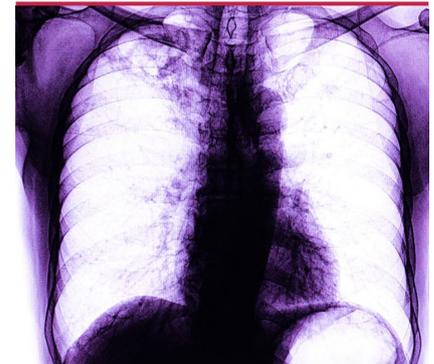
## **An Israeli algorithm that predicts the immune response to a pathogen could lead to early diagnosis for such diseases as tuberculosis.**

» Just as first impressions set the stage for the entire course of a relationship, first impressions set the stage for how the cells of our immune system react when meeting a new

microbe, according to Israeli researchers at the Weizmann Institute of Science.

This new insight led the researchers to develop an algorithm that may predict the onset of such diseases as tuberculosis. Their findings were published July 22 in 'Nature Communications'.

To read the full story, [click here](#).



## **A drug targeting the enzyme DHODH could correct the abnormal set point of the 'thermostat' in the brain cells of epileptic patients.**

» A drug currently used to treat symptoms of multiple sclerosis theoretically could be adapted to treat epilepsy and other brain disorders characterized by unstable brain activity,

say researchers in the neuroscience laboratory of Prof. Inna Slutsky at Tel Aviv University.

Among those who could potentially benefit are children with Dravet Syndrome, a rare and severe form of epilepsy often triggered by hot temperatures or fever.

To read the full story, [click here](#).



# International Activities

## CONFEMEL (Confederación Médica Latino-Iberoamericana y del Caribe) - Latin American and Caribbean Medical Confederation.

» Dr. Shimshon Erdman (Central Committee & Executive Board Director, Relations with Latin America & Physicians Exchange Program), on behalf of the Israeli Medical Association participated in the General Assembly of CONFEMEL, the Latin American and Caribbean Medical Confederation (Confederación Médica Latino-Iberoamericana y del Caribe), on June 27th – 29th in Acapulco, Mexico. 26 countries from Latin America,

Central America, the Caribbean, Spain, Portugal and the Vatican City are members of CONFEMEL and during the General Assembly, members of CONFEMEL voted unanimously to invite Israel to join the Confederation. Professor Leonid Eidelman, President of the WMA, who attended alongside Dr. Shimshon Erdman were granted honorary membership of CONFEMEL and were presented with plaques in recognition of their support



for the Confederation.

## Health Professional Meeting (H20)

» The Health Professional Meeting (H20) 2019 Road to Universal Health Coverage, hosted by the Japan Medical Association and the World Medical Association took place on June 13th & 14th, 2019 at the Hilton Tokyo Odaiba. During his tenure as president of the World Medical Association, Dr. Yoshitake Yokokura, who currently serves as the

president of the JMA, considerably promoted this initiative. He deepened the WMA's relationship with the World Health Organization specifically in matters connected to Universal Health Coverage. Clearly, UHC will only be achieved via collaboration of all players throughout the healthcare sector. It is hard to believe, but over 50% of the world's

population DON'T have access to all the critical health services they need. The World Health Organization's Sustainable Development Goal 3 is to guarantee healthy lives for all. This includes a lofty target of achieving universal health coverage by 2030. Making sustainable Universal Health Coverage is a priority for global politics. The World Medical Association



supports all measures to foster Universal Health Coverage, all discussions and means on all levels and in all forums. Achieving Universal Health Coverage is one of their top priorities. Professor Leonid Eidelman, President of the World Medical Association attended

the meeting, which was a physician pre-conference to the G20 Summit 2019 in Japan. The meeting included fruitful debates about viable solutions so that physicians and their medical associations can foster affordable quality health care for all.



## Tenth Anniversary International Medical Congress of SEEMF, Sofia, Bulgaria 5-8th September, 2019.

» Following my visit to Moscow the previous year, I was invited together with leaders of the IMA to participate in the Tenth Anniversary International Medical Congress of Southeast European Medical Forum (SEEMF).

SEEMF was created ten years ago to unite physicians and medical associations from southeastern Europe because they have similar healthcare systems and experiences, similar problems in the fields of quality of care, similar professional approaches, medical standards, migration of health professionals and institutional co-operation.

Professor Leonid Eidelman, President of World Medical Association, welcomed participants and said that the WMA stalwartly supports physician associations that pursue their goals and

the WMA looks forward to continued co-operation with SEEMF.

Assoc. Professor Andrey Kehayov, President of SEEMF, said that he was proud to state that in ten years, SEEMF had become one of the most influential professional societies and a reputable partner to other European and International Associations.

Not only does SEEMF unite medical associations and representatives from 25 southeastern European countries, it also represents Switzerland, Germany, Ukraine, Russia, Georgia, Kazakhstan and other countries of the former Soviet Union.

The scientific agenda was rich with presentations and included addressing the issues of 'Challenges Before the Public Health in 21st Century', 'Global Medical Progress and Development over the next thirty years from

perspective of Climate change', 'Global Pollution', 'Demographic Changes and Technological development; Will shortage of GP's cause Permanent Crisis in healthcare and Unresolved Strategic Dilemmas in Healthcare'.

My presentation 'Quality Indicators in Community Care – Expectations versus Reality' was accepted with great interest and raised many questions.

Over the coming days, we enjoyed discussions in the fields of Neurology, Gastroenterology, Urology, Ophthalmology, Sexual Medicine and Reproductive System, Cardiology and an Aging Population.

The Cultural Program included visiting the historical museum of Bulgaria in Sofia, visiting Plovdiv, the second largest city in Bulgaria and one of the most beautiful cities in southern Europe and an evening at a folkloric restaurant.

The members of the SEEMF Committee expressed deep respect for Israeli Medicine and to the Israeli Medical Association and invited me to become a member of the Committee.

I believe that co-operation between the IMA and SEEMF will promote the interests of both sides and will help Israeli Physicians discover new opportunities.

Dr. Alex Levin,

World Fellowship Board Member



## Physicians' Exchange Program welcomes residents from Panama

» Dr. Shimshon Erdman (Central Committee & Executive Board Director, Relations with Latin America & Physicians Exchange Program) on behalf of the Israeli Medical Association, is proud to announce that five doctors from Panama will arrive in Israel at the end of October as part of the Physicians' Exchange Program.

Having been awarded full scholarships by the Panamanian government, the residents will begin an intensive Hebrew language course held at the Israeli Medical Association for three months, before taking up residencies in their respective fields at hospitals throughout Israel in early February 2020.

Dr. Mia Levy will be joining the Neurology Department in Soroka Medical Center, Beer Sheva, Dr. Diana Bolivar will join the Neurosurgery Department in Sheba Medical Center (Tel Hashomer), Tel Aviv. Dr. Isaac Sitton will join the General Surgery Department at Carmel Medical Center, Haifa and Dr. Katherine Matos will join the Ophthalmology Department at



■ Left to Right: Dr. Mia Levy, Dr. Diana Boliva, Dr. Reda Mansour - Ambassador of Israel to Panama, Dr. Rosario Turner - Minister of Health for Panama, Dr. Jorge Motta - Chief Scientist SENACYT, Dr. Katherine Matos, Dr. Isaac Sitton

Hadassah Medical Center, Jerusalem. Dr. Sergio Silva will begin his fellowship in Cardiac Surgery Anesthesiology.

The Panamanian Minister of Health, Dr. Rosario Turner has showed great interest and support for this program and will visit Israel in November 2019

for a full schedule of events centered around this project.

Due to the unprecedented support and interest received we expect the number of Panamanian doctors participating in this program to increase considerably for the 2020 intake.



## INTERVIEW with Professor Tzvi Dwolatzky

**Full Name:** Professor Tzvi Dwolatzky  
**Occupation:** Specialist Geriatrician  
**Date of Aliyah:** 10<sup>th</sup> July 1983

**Originally from:** Johannesburg South Africa  
**Made aliyah with:** Wife and two children

### From the City of Gold to caring for people at the Golden Age in Israel

As a young boy growing up in Johannesburg, the City of Gold, in South Africa, I had two dreams. To live in Israel. And to become a doctor. Well, in fact, regarding my second dream I was not that sure. It was true that the world of medicine and science fascinated me, and that I was a real people-person and could easily envision my self in a career devoted to working with people. But at the back of my mind I had another dream. To enter the world of statistics and finance and to study actuarial science. And mathematics was my favorite subject, so why not go in that direction? Throughout my schooling years I wrestled with these two options. And time would tell, as it did. But more about that later.

The Jewish Community in South Africa has very strong Zionist roots, and as a member of the Bnei Akiva Youth Movement I became committed to a future in Israel. Together with a strong group of friends we formed a core group planning our Aliyah. With regular meetings and activities, seminars and annual national youth camps, we planted strong roots in Judaism and Zionism. Many of us studied Hebrew and managed to become quite fluent in conversational Hebrew while still in South Africa.

It was at one of the National Bnei Akiva camps on the beautiful Cape Coast that my future was determined. Firstly, I met my wife and partner of a lifetime. Secondly, my dilemma as to which direction to take in my future career was solved. I had submitted applications to the Witwatersrand University in Johannesburg to be accepted as a student either in the Faculty of Medicine, or in Actuarial Science. While at camp I received my

acceptance to the Faculty of Medicine. I had to confirm my candidacy within a week. The decision regarding Actuarial Science would only be available in another two weeks. Quite a dilemma! So, I breathed deeply, consulted with my future wife, and decided that Medicine it would be. And I have never looked back!

My medical training was an amazing experience, with a wealth of hands-on clinical experience. And I was privileged



to receive personal training from global medical giants, such as Professor Phillip Tobias, the renowned anthropologist who studied the origins of mankind, and Professor John Barlow, the cardiologist who described mitral valve prolapse (Barlow's syndrome). After receiving my medical degree in 1979, I completed a two-year internship at the Johannesburg Academic Hospital, 6 months each of Internal Medicine, Surgery, Pediatrics and Obstetrics and Gynecology. And I was now ready to go out into the big world of medicine. By now I was married with two children, and my wife and I decided that we would go to Israel for my specialist training. In the meantime, my father-in-law, who was a general practitioner of the kind that looked after his patients "from cradle to grave", took ill. So, we decided to delay going to Israel and to look for a convenient place of employment in the meantime. I was offered to take a position at a large geriatric facility in Johannesburg as one of the physicians living on the premises and providing medical care to over 500 residents and nursing care patients. Quite a challenge for a young doctor, but it sounded interesting, living costs were low and the salary was reasonable. I decided to give it a try. I quickly discovered that I loved working with older people, who were warm, appreciative, and usually in need of help and care. And each person was a living testament to generations of history. I entered Geriatric Medicine by default and have never looked back since then. Indeed, I am privileged to have devoted

my entire medical career of almost 40 years to the care of older people.

But what happened with our plans to move to Israel? This is a story that some would term coincidence, I see it as Divine Providence. While I was working at the Geriatric Hospital in Johannesburg, one of my fellow classmates came to visit me and told me about his plans to move to Israel to take a position at a geriatric hospital in Jerusalem. He was rather uncertain about treating older people and wanted to spend some time with me to get some training in geriatric care. I happily hosted him for a few days before he left for Israel.

In the meantime, things were becoming complicated for me at work. I was a recently qualified young and energetic doctor, while the medical director of the hospital was a physician of rather advanced age from the "old school". And we reached a critical collision in opinions. I was convinced that our patients should receive influenza vaccines before the winter. This is what we had been taught. And the scientific evidence was clear. But the medical director refused, stating that they have never administered vaccines and that they had no intention to do so. So, our patients were not vaccinated.

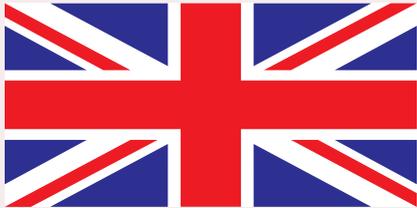
The results were disastrous. Influenza that year was virulent, and many of our patients died from complications of the disease. I was devastated. I asked for an urgent meeting of the Board of Directors

of the Hospital, where I presented the data and asked for a commitment to provide vaccinations in the following year. The reply was clear. No. And if you don't like it you can leave. So, I resigned. I walked out of the meeting to my residence on the hospital grounds to tell my wife the news.

We decided to spend the afternoon with the children at the Zoo Lake, a beautiful nature reserve in the heart of Johannesburg. When we returned home in the evening, the phone rang. It was my fellow classmate who had spent a few days with me before moving to Jerusalem. "Just calling to tell you that we are looking for another physician at our geriatric hospital in Jerusalem and wanted to know if you are interested. The only problem is that they need you to come within a few weeks." I replied: "Well, as of today I am unemployed, so this is perfect timing." And a few weeks later our family arrived in Jerusalem for me to take up the first of my positions in Geriatrics in Israel.

Since then I have had the privilege to work as a Geriatrician in Jerusalem, Beersheva and Haifa, in hospitals, clinics, nursing homes and home care, and to serve the older residents of Israel. My family and I have been provided the opportunity to serve our country and people with pride. We have found our gold in Israel.

## Chapter Tidbits



UK

» **The Jewish Medical Association UK's Annual General Meeting took place on 10th July 2019.**

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The Guest Speaker was Matthew Gould, CEO for NHSx, a new UK body set up to ensure that staff and patients have the technology they need. His address was entitled "NHSx - what we're trying to do, why we're trying to do it, and what we can learn from Israel".

For the past 3 years Matthew has been the Government's Director-General for Digital and Media Policy. Before that he was British Ambassador to Israel, where he set up the UK-Israel Tech Hub, and the UK Government's Director of Cyber Security. Besides Israel, he has had postings in Tehran, Islamabad, Washington and Manila. He is married with two daughters, and he is a keen but incompetent show-jumper.

After his talk a leading member of the Association, Dr Charlotte Benjamin proposed a vote of thanks.

She summarised Matthew's address, saying that in his whistle-stop tour of NHSx Matthew had described his five-point plan, which has evolved from a



tour across the UK viewing first hand an array of different IT systems in the NHS. This aimed to (1) Relieve the burden on clinicians, so they can focus on patients; (2) Put services & technology into the hands of citizens; (3) Ensuring that clinical information can be safely accessed anywhere in the system; (4) Improve patient safety across the NHS; and (5) Improve productivity with digital technology.

Dr Benjamin said that Matthew highlighted the current difficulties that he had observed as a result of his personal experience of a family member carrying around his medical notes in a suitcase to ensure that all clinicians in the system would

have all his relevant details. However, he shared that there are also some pockets of good practice.

His aim is to keep NHSx a small organisation setting standards and driving improvements across the health and social care systems. To do this, he drew on his inspirations from his time and experience of medical systems in Israel, namely in Clalit and Maccabi, where there is system interoperability and accessible data to support population health management.

On behalf of the Association, Dr Benjamin said that we applaud him for this work and look forward to being the recipients of this key enabler on behalf of all UK patients and citizens.



**CANADA**

» Dr. Rose Geist, President of the Canadian Chapter is pleased to announce the chapter’s continuing support for Canadian medical students wishing to study in Israel. Grants were awarded to three students Josh Harroch, Noa Mecica and Jesse Wolfsohn, who are

studying in Israeli medical schools this year.



**AUSTRALIA**

» **September 2019 – IMA Chapter report**

Rabbi Professor Avraham Steinberg, director of the Medical Ethics Unit at Shaare Zedek, recently visited Australia and the AJMF co-hosted functions in Melbourne and Sydney with the Australian Friends of Shaare Zedek. Victoria has become the first Australian state to pass legislation allowing assisted suicide, and a large audience attended the Melbourne event “The

Voluntary Assisted Dying Act: Ethical Considerations” in early September.

Dr Michelle Gold, head of the palliative care unit at the Alfred Hospital, gave an overview of the Victorian legislation, which came into effect in June 2019. Professor Steinberg then spoke about euthanasia, physician-assisted suicide, halacha and associated ethical considerations. Both gave interesting and thought-provoking perspectives on the complexities surrounding end of life decisions.



■ Left to right: Dr Allan Garfield (President, Australian Friends of Shaare Zedek), Dr Michelle Gold, Rabbi Professor Avraham Steinberg, Dr Jack Green, Dr Miriam Kuttner (AJMF VIC president)

The AJMF continues to sponsor Israeli physicians who have come to Australia to further develop their skills. We are currently providing scholarships to Israeli doctors undertaking further training in gynaecology, hand surgery and reproductive endocrinology.

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## Conference on Medical Education in Residency

The IMA Scientific Council and the IMA World Fellowship invite you to a conference to take place on the 11th November 2019 at the Dan Acadia Hotel in Herzliya.

An additional days programme for IMA World Fellowship members will be provided on the 12th November 2019.



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### **Key Note Speaker:**

**Prof. Richard Reznik**, Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences,  
Queen's University Canada and CEO,  
Southeastern Ontario Academic Medical Organization (SEAMO)

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# Conference on Medical Education in Residency



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11th November 2019, Dan Acadia Hotel, Herzliya

## Israeli Medical Association Scientific Council 2019 Conference Medical education in Residency

### Call for submission of abstracts for poster presentations

We invite researchers to submit abstracts of research papers in the field of medical education during residency, in the following areas:

- Competency-Based Medical Education
- Specialization in teaching and evaluation
- Education for ethics and professionalism
- Strength, burnout and quality of life during residency
- Education for leadership
- Manual skills in surgery - innate or acquired talent?
- Research in residency - duty or right?
- Innovation and technology in residency
- Medical simulation in teaching residents
- Evaluation and residency exams
- Presentation of initiatives and innovations created in the framework of hospitals / departments / scientific societies

Poster presentations will be chosen by the scientific committee of the conference based on quality and suitability

Proposals should be submitted to: [international@ima.org.il](mailto:international@ima.org.il)

Deadline for Submission of Abstracts: 1st September 2019

Notice of receipt of abstracts for presentation at the conference will be sent by email by 11th October 2019

The abstracts will be presented in the form of a poster presentation

Individuals whose abstracts are accepted for presentation will be asked to register for the conference

Guidelines for submission of abstracts:

- English or Hebrew
- Maximum 350 words
- Word file
- Charts and tables may be attached

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Israel is in constant need of doctors and medical professionals who can respond quickly and efficiently to the needs of all Israeli citizens in case of emergency or mass casualty incidents.

**This unique program will train and connect the participants from around the world with Israel.**

The seminar will include:

- Informative lectures about the history of Magen David Adom and its role in Israeli society
- How to respond to mass casualty events
- Disaster preparedness
- Meeting with senior Magen David Adom staff and volunteers
- Meeting with Israeli physicians and medical professionals
- A tour of Magen David Adom facilities: National Dispatch Center, National Blood Bank and National School for Paramedics
- Volunteering at a Magen David Adom station or on an ambulance

#### Registration details

- Flights to Israel and health insurance at the expense of the participant.
- The participation fee of the seminar includes accommodation.



For more information please contact: [vickia@mda.org.il](mailto:vickia@mda.org.il) Or your **local MDA Friends Society**

**"Whoever saves a single soul... is as though he has saved the whole world"**



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# Fall 2019 Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Course in Israel



November 2\* - 7, 2019 \* After Shabbat



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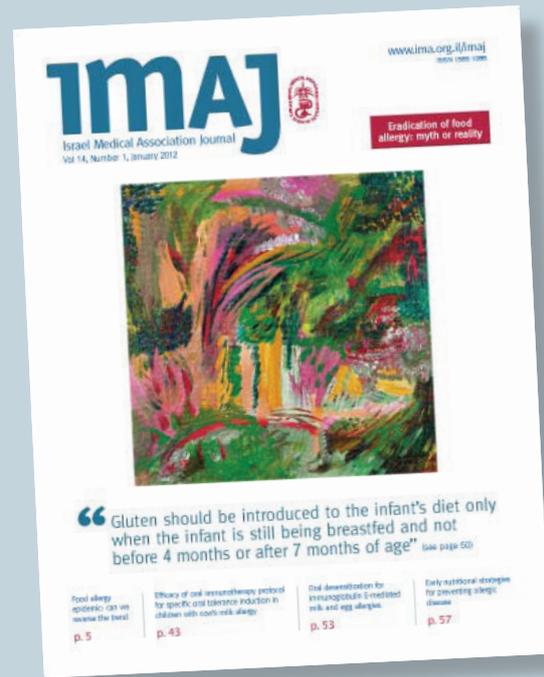
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