

IMFE

7ème conférence sur l'amélioration de la qualité et la sécurité des patients

“Celebrating Everyday Leadership”

I am pleased to be attending the Seventh **FMIC Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Convention** and on behalf of the French Government and the French Embassy in Kabul I congratulate FMIC on arranging this meeting.

All around the planet, **World Quality Day** is giving opportunity to celebrate the achievements of all kinds of team and organization, and to encourage their efforts to sustain and improve performance every day of the year. This year, we are celebrating everyday leaders who exhibit the values of the quality profession –which means a clarity of purpose, a commitment to do things properly and to objectively evaluate outcomes, along with a commitment for continuous improvement.

This is particularly **important in Afghanistan** where the level of care, related to the basic needs of the population is still showing clear way to the necessity of huge and valuable improvements. This requires **quality professionals at all levels**, displaying leadership behaviors – from advocating why quality is important to using specific methods and tools to enhance the implementation and the follow-up of dedicated procedures. Each institution has the duty to build its own system, and to give all the opportunities to all professional to share and discuss it. A strong and responsible leadership is a key factor to such improvements. It requires as well a specific sense of dialogue, time for feed-back and appropriation given to all members of the organization.

Through the **long-term cooperation with La Chaîne de l'espoir**, supported by the French embassy, FMIC has the possibility to share experiences and good practices, covering all the state of the art from basic care to sophisticated and complex situations. The French doctor's missions have trained thousands of nurses, midwives and medical staff since 2003 and have helped improving the knowledge, skills and quality of care. The French government feels proud supporting improving the health status of the people of Afghanistan.

I believe this environment, and focus given on continuous improvements through cooperation is a good example, serving as a quality platform for FMIC, which is the first ISO certificated hospital in Afghanistan.

I am happy to see, once again, that **FMIC is serving a country wild purpose** in giving the opportunity to many of you to propose and discuss projects on quality and quality improvement issues in the field of health-care. I am convinced also that the current conference will be an excellent opportunity to foster dialogue between researchers, professionals and public health actors. This is always a great event to bring together specialists of different fields and positions and to encourage them to share results, statements, ideas, knowledge, experiences.

I congratulate all organizers and participants and wish you all a productive and thoughtful work.

Merci à tous et bon travail.