

**DIABETES COMES UNDER SPOTLIGHT  
AT DIABETES 2007 CONFERENCE IN ABU DHABI;  
FAMILY FORUM and ONE-DAY CONFERENCE BRINGS  
SPECIALISTS TOGETHER FOR LEARNING AND DEBATE**

**HAAD, ICLDC AND CLEVELAND CLINIC JOIN FORCES  
TO DRIVE DIABETES AWARENESS AMONG THE UAE PUBLIC AND HEALTH  
PROFESSIONALS ALIKE**



**Abu Dhabi, May 3 2007:** The leading voices in the UAE's fight against diabetes are expected to attend a one-day specialist conference, **DIABETES 2007**, (Saturday May 5 2007) to discuss and debate just how best to fight and treat the world's fastest growing debilitating disease.

Meanwhile, a pre-conference 'Friday Family Forum' especially for public attendance is being held (today, Friday May 4 2007 from 6pm to 8pm).

Both events are hosted by the Abu Dhabi Health Authority, along with the Cleveland Clinic and the Imperial College of London Diabetes Centre (ICLDC), at Abu Dhabi's Beach Rotana Hotel and form part of the recently launched public health awareness campaign, 'DIABETES. KNOWLEDGE. ACTION.'

Nation-wide support for the drive against diabetes has been secured across the emirates, including from the UAE's 18<sup>th</sup> Gulf Cup football stars who pledged to play a continued role in raising awareness. Members of the team will be at the 'Friday Family Forum' in advance of the Diabetes 2007 conference.

The Diabetes 2007 'kick off' session by the football stars is just one of many public awareness activities designed to help spread knowledge on diabetes and encourage the public to adopt and maintain healthy lifestyle.

It is estimated this year that 246 million people worldwide have diabetes. Meanwhile, the United Arab Emirates ranks number two worldwide with a 19.5 per cent prevalence rate second only to the pacific island of Nauru.

However, research confirms that by maintaining a healthy lifestyle not only can (type 2) diabetes be managed, but it is possible to prevent it.

For further information, please visit: [www.icldc.ae](http://www.icldc.ae); [www.emiratesfoundation.ae](http://www.emiratesfoundation.ae);  
[www.clevelandclinic.org](http://www.clevelandclinic.org); [www.health.ae](http://www.health.ae)

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### **Notes to the Editor**

#### **About Imperial College London Diabetes Centre**

The Imperial College London Diabetes Centre is a state-of-the-art specialized out-patient clinic dedicated to help detect, prevent and treat diabetes. The centre is a one-stop-facility that specializes in Diabetes Treatment, Research, Training and Public Health. Located in Abu Dhabi (next to the Zayed Military Hospital), ICLDC allows the highest level of specialized patient care, from first diagnosis to the continued management of all complications associated with diabetes.

Imperial College London holds a renowned history and expertise in the study of diabetes, bringing one of the leading medical academic institutions in the world to Abu Dhabi as a core working partner. Under ICLDC practices, one of the Centre's primary objectives will be to provide continuing education for health professionals and the general public. For more details visit: [www.icldc.ae](http://www.icldc.ae).

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