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**ICLDC PUTS DIABETES UNDER SPOTLIGHT
AT PRIMARY HEALTH FORUM & HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT FORUM**

**THREE-DAY EVENT IN CAPITAL BRINGS SPECIALISTS TOGETHER TO
DEBATE THE ISSUES, CHALLENGES AND TRENDS IN PRIMARY HEALTH
& HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT**

Abu Dhabi – September 2007: Leading voices in healthcare research, management and treatment, including two experts representing Abu Dhabi's Imperial College London Diabetes Centre (ICLDC), are scheduled to attend a three-day PRIMARY HEALTH FORUM & HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT FORUM, (Sunday September 2 - 4, 2007 in Abu Dhabi) to discuss and debate the issues, challenges and trends in the healthcare sector.

Professor Philippe Froguel, Chair in Genomic Medicine, Division of Medicine, Imperial College London, will share cutting-edge research results on the genetic susceptibility to the metabolic syndrome, and thus disease.

"New research has revealed how genetic makeup of a disease can be shown as a detailed gene map.

"Scientists have developed a genetic test that shows individual predisposition to diseases, including diabetes mellitus type 2," said Professor Froguel.

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

Also speaking at Healthcare Management Forum, is ICLDC's Stephen Baker, General Manager at the Centre.



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Baker observes: "The healthcare sector in the Middle East and in the UAE specifically, is growing rapidly in response to demographic shifts and burgeoning economic development.

"Regional hospitals and clinics have realized that they must strive for A-Z excellence, quality and constantly improved standards of specialist treatment as demand grows year-on-year."

Baker will highlight that detection of and prompt management of chronic conditions are just two ways of ensuring healthcare costs are controlled.

"Our thrust at ICLDC is on prevention, early detection and long term management of diabetes, specifically. Of course, prevention and early disease detection are best for the patient, but also they bring positive results to the cost of healthcare," he concluded.

The event, at Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre, is hosted by the Institute for International Research (IIR) supported by Health Authority Abu Dhabi and UAE Ministry of Health.

For further information, please visit: www.icldc.ae; www.iirme.com/healthmgmt

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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 specialised out-patient clinic dedicated to help detect, prevent and treat diabetes. The centre is a one-stop-facility that specialises 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

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