

Training and Services at the Gastroenterology & Hepatology Center in the Present Circumstances in Iraq

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Dear colleagues...

There is no doubt that the teaching, practical training of our young trainees as well as the medical and the surgical services to our patients at the Gastroenterology & Hepatology Center has been affected to certain extent as a result of many factors such as ;

- Lack of proper protection and security, the risk of kidnapping and assassination of the medical staff had forced many of the pioneer physicians and surgeons in the field of GIT & Hepatology and others to leave the Country for one reason or another...

-The damage to the Center during the War, poor maintenance , minimal new supplies of equipments and spare parts....

-Traffic congestion, road blocks ,poor communication resulted in irregular attendance of the staff, trainees and their teachers....

- Destruction to the infrastructure of the country has led to shortage in water, electric and fuel supply etc....

The remaining staff at all grades despite all the above difficulties and others, continued their medical duties toward the patients, teaching and training the junior staff to best they could with genuine spirit and determination, on the other side the ambition and desire by the trainees to learn irrespective of the risks and difficulties they meet encouraged their seniors to spend additional effort to comply to their requirements.

I am fully confident that potential will among our young generation of Iraqi doctors had

Led us feel that the future of our medical services will be promising and bright.

I take this opportunity to send a plea to our brothers Arabs, Moslem and other International GIT & Hepatology societies for any help to enable us to overcome this difficult time, praying the Mighty God to save Iraq and its nation.

Editorial

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