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Dr Shaikha Alnaimi is a licensed clinical pharmacist who is currently working at the Women's Wellness and Research Center at Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC). She started her career as an active member of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and its dynamic interprofessional team. Dr. Shaikha is currently an Assistant Executive Director at the Corporate Pharmacy Office and Co-Head of the Pharmacy Research Center at HMC. Her role at the Pharmacy Research Center is to plan and execute research training, education and support for pharmacists, with the aim of improving the quality of pharmacist contribution to research in HMC. The center has a strong team with member from across HMC facilities who work together to deliver research leadership and support. The vision of the center is to have pharmacists as leaders in biomedical research at HMC and as principal investigators of pivotal clinical trials.

Dr. Shaikha graduated from the College of Pharmacy (CPH), Qatar University with an BSc in Pharmacy then with a Doctor of Pharmacy. When we asked Dr. Shaikha why she chose CPH, QU she replied: "CPH has full accreditation by the Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs for the BSc and PharmD programs which validated the high quality education and training that I would receive without the need to leave Qatar. Furthermore, I and many of my fellow students, were greatly influenced by Dr. Peter Jewesson, the founder and the first dean of CPH. His dedication to improving the profession of pharmacy in Qatar has always empowered us from day one. This has also become our vision as we started our career".

Dr. Shaikha commented that the structured undergraduate training and PharmD rotations had prepared her for her career. "CPH works hand in hand with HMC from day one to ensure a smooth transition of students into the workplace. Also, having our preceptors as our colleagues greatly minimizes the workplace culture shock that students may face as fresh graduates".

Dr. Shaikha has recently graduated with distinction from a master's program in clinical research and translational medicine from Imperial College London, ranked as one of the top 10 universities in the world. "When I was studying abroad, I was proud to say that I graduated from CPH, QU. Being a CPH graduate is an advantage, I was prepared for my job, I was prepared for my postgraduate studies. Maybe it has also prepared me for a future opportunity that is yet to come".