

## **Hamad Medical Corporation Physiotherapy Department Celebrates World Physiotherapy Day**

The Physiotherapy department of Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC) celebrated World Physiotherapy Day by Honoring Physiotherapists for the work carried during the pandemic. The challenges faced by Physiotherapists was not only on the frontline but also in extending the services online as there was a rapid transition to adapt telerehabilitation. The Physiotherapy department of HMC with their multitasking and multifaceted task force worked from all fronts to keep delivering Health care and continuing to care for the patients during the pandemic.

As a mark of appreciation, these Physiotherapists were honored on this day and congratulated for their tireless efforts. The entire event was designed 'contactless' and with strict adherence of infection control and social distancing measures.

The day also marked the launch of another milestone in the history of development of Physiotherapy in HMC; creation of Online exercise patient portal and launch of its interactive and informative website.

The challenges to communicate and yet maintain social distance led Physiotherapy Department to look for innovative solutions by developing a large database of online exercise program to enable patients to use them through a secure channel, maintaining patient confidentiality and keeping in consideration the safety of the patients.

The event witnessed the presence of esteemed dignitaries from health care. The team of Physiotherapists from Hamad General Hospital which is a part of Hamad Medical Corporation took the lead in organizing the world Physiotherapy day event adhering to the infection control measures and social distancing.

Presenting the incredible work done by Physiotherapists since the beginning of the pandemic, Ms. Noora Al Mudahka, Chief of Physiotherapy elaborated on various measures implemented to handle the challenges posed by Covid situation. It involved delegating the Physiotherapists to Covid centers, reassigning job responsibilities and utilizing resources in an effective manner. She explained about the best care practices algorithm, and various guidelines developed during the pandemic. She thanked all the Physiotherapy supervisors and other associated team members in their support and implementation of various measures as advised by Ministry of Health and Hospital administration on this world Physiotherapy Day.

The presence of Ms. Emma Stokes, President of World Physiotherapy was a significant point of the entire event. She was amazed by witnessing the history of Physiotherapy in Qatar, that was displayed and said in her inaugural speech that Physiotherapy has changed over the years and will continue to change. She valued the association of Qatar University and the HMC Physiotherapy department for clinical education of students. She congratulated the team of Physiotherapists for their achievement and wished all Physiotherapists on the World Physiotherapy Day .