Long-Term Care facilities and Long-Term Care services in hospitals during COVID-19 pandemic in the State of Qatar

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COVID-19 And Long-Term Care

- Massive outbreaks being reported in care facilities all over the world
- Disproportionate effect on the elderly and LTC residents has been well evidenced in countries with large numbers of deaths from COVID-19.
- First case of COVID-19 in Qatar reported on 29th February 2020
- Department of Geriatrics and Long-term Care in Hamad Medical Corporation, had to quickly adapt and implement responses to two of the most vulnerable groups in the population i.e., Geriatric and Long-term care
Response of Geriatric and LTC Services to pandemic in Qatar
Long-Term Care Facilities under Geriatrics Department

• 5 Long-Term Care facilities
• Rumailah Hospital - Main
• Enaya 1 Specialized Care Centre
• Enaya 2 Specialized Care Centre
• Daam Specialized Care Centre
• RCC1
Comprehensive Geriatric Care in Long-Term Care Facilities

- Every Geriatrics and Long-Term Care facilities have a team of doctors and nurses on site.
- Every patient has an assigned nurse
- Daily review of patients by the Geriatrics MDT
- On call doctors available for management of emergencies or crisis during out of hours
- Easy accessibility to various investigations for early identification and management of Geriatric syndromes within the facility during pre COVID-19 and COVID-19 pandemic
- All the facilities are Planetree Certified and JCI accredited
Prompt and Safe Measures taken in the Long-Term Care Units

- Prioritized the emotional well-being of people receiving and providing LTC services
- Implementing and monitoring appropriate use of PPE
- Temporary halt in Family Visitors Except End-of-Life care Patients / replaced by Video calls
- Cancellation of All Non-Essential Meetings and activities
- Screening of staff/Visitors/ Patients at screening desks on entrance for Covid-19 signs & Symptoms
- Management and surveillance of staff and patients exposed to Covid-19
- Enable WHO recommended infection, Prevention and control standards was implemented in LTC services
- Prioritized testing, tracing and monitoring the spread of Covid-19 among people receiving and providing LTC
- Reallocation of resource as per demand
- Staff Education and Training
- Ensuring food safety
- Specialized Staff accommodation and transport
- Terminal Cleaning
Patients received by the Long-Term Care Units during the Pandemic

- Elderly and Long-Term Rehabilitation patients from Abroad - safe transfer from Geriatric Quarantine Units through specialized pathways
- Long Stay patients from Acute General Hospital to create bed capacity in Acute Hospitals
- Respite beds for patients from Community through Geriatric Day Care services
- Patients from Acute Geriatric Inpatient units needing rehabilitation
New Horizons to support the Elderly during this pandemic

- National Geriatric Helpline
- Geriatric Clinics - Telemedicine
- Geriatric Daycare Unit
- Geriatric Observation unit & Weaning unit
- Acute Geriatric Assessment Unit
- Geriatric Clinics - Tele pharmacy
- Telephone Reassurance Program
We wish and pray Qatar and the Global Humanity – stay safe and well all times.