

General Information about

# Research at Hamad Medical Corporation



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This leaflet is designed to offer some general information about research at HMC and where you can find more information, if you would like it.

Most advances in health and treatment of illness have come about as a result of research. Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC) is committed to ensuring that you always receive the best care possible. This is why HMC is committed to supporting research.

Health Research is a way of finding out new information about how to keep people healthy and help prevent them from becoming ill. It also shows better ways to discover illness, when it occurs and how best to treat it.

Research can also help us find out how people feel about their health and illness and how their illness affects their life and family. We can use this information to develop better ways to care for our patients.

### Health Research at Hamad Medical Corporation

All research at HMC is approved by a group of experts, who make sure the research is safe and meets high standards set by the Ministry of Public Health and international research experts. All research at HMC must be approved before it can begin.

Being involved in research at HMC is always voluntary. You will always be asked if you want to be involved.

You can choose to take part in research or choose not to. It will not affect your treatment or care in anyway. You never have to give a reason for your decision. Even if you agree to take part in a research project, you can change your mind at any time. Again, it will not affect your treatment and care in any way.

There are lots of different research projects taking place at HMC. If you wish to know more about research at HMC, please speak to one of the clinical team looking after you.

We also have another leaflet which gives more details. It is called "Understanding Research at Hamad Medical Corporation". Please ask for this.

You can also visit our website for further information at <http://www.hamad.qa>