



Despite the many obstacles facing our country, the Syrian Cardiovascular Association and its Heart Failure Working Group could participate for its second time in the heart failure awareness days. Our activities took place during the first two weeks of May 2022.

Our activities were per the following outline:





- We organized stands at the main hospitals in Damascus and tried to make people aware of heart failure disease by measuring the blood pressure, blood glucose and giving flyers. We also distributed our official poster to increase the awareness that it's critical to recognize and treat heart failure as soon as it occurs













- We also proudly organized a patient educational event at the beginning of May in a suburbal area outside Damascus. During this session, the most pressing cardiological topics were addressed, especially heart failure. We also tried to focus on the most important changes in medical management of this critical disease. Additionally, we discussed ways to provide our best medical care despite the limited resources in our country. The event was well attended and patients were exceptionally engaged despite lack of electricity in that area (we had to rely on special batteries to power up lights and presentation equipment).









- Using Arabic educational materials, and with help from medical offices and pharmacies, we educated patients on the importance of quickly recognizing heart failure symptoms and seeking urgent medical help.























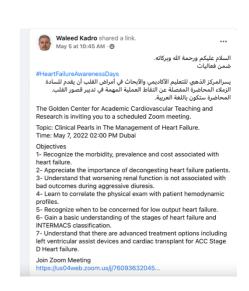
- Many medical articles and educational videos in Arabic were shared using the social media which made them easy to access by every person. These martials focused on patient's education about heart failure and its risk factors (obesity, smoking...). We tried to cover many important topics in heart failure and how to prevent this rising problem (symptoms, ischemia, blood pressure...)







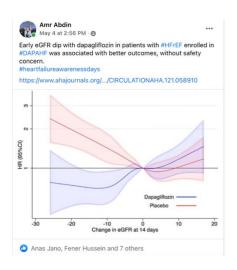




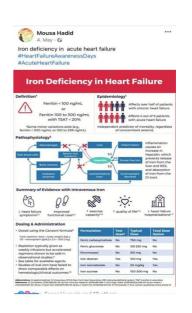




- Furthermore, to over-ride the obstacles and difficulties at our country, we utilized social media as an important platform to deliver the ideas and information using the hashtag #heartfailureawarenessdays. Between 2-8 May we had daily posts on our Syrian young cardiovascular association group (more than 600 young Syrian Cardiologists) on important publications or information about heart failure. We also had daily posts on our public Syrian Heart Society (more than 1000 members) about heart failure.

























- In cooperation with the Syrian Young Cardiovascular Association we organized an educational meeting for the young physicians where important issues in heart failure were addressed, including diagnosis, management, follow-up and prevention. More than 100 young cardiologists participated in this educational meeting. It was wonderful to discover the collective power that comes from our young colleagues inside Syria













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