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Medical Briefs



Diabetes clinics at MoH hospitals

A PROJECT for the early detection of diabetes by the Ministry of Health and Population has started with 13 clinics at the ministry's hospitals in a number of governorates.

The project aims at raising awareness of diabetes and its complications and the early detection of pre-diabetic cases as well as those who are prone to affliction with the disease.

In addition to carrying out a survey to discover people who have already been affected with diabetes, it seeks to deal with the disease in its early stages in order to reduce its complications.

The project has diabetes clinics in Cairo, Alexandria, Suez, Ismailia, Gharbia, Suhag, Dakahlia and Arish. The clinics will look into the family history of the patients and test their blood every three months.

About 140,000 cases were examined a year ago. Fourteen per cent of them were pre-diabetics, according to the Official Spokesman of the Ministry, Dr Khaled Megahed, while 15 per cent had the disease but did not know.

To know more about psychiatric disease

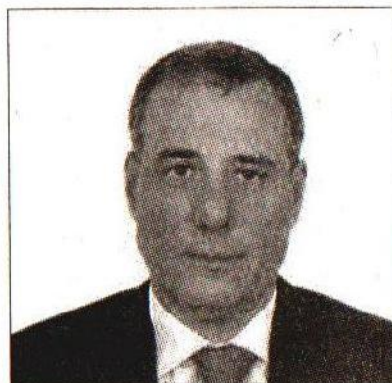
PSYCHIATRIC consultancy services are being provided by the General Mental Health and Addiction Treatment (GMHAT) organisation at the 47th session of the Cairo International Book Fair.

GMHAT is in Hall "2". The Fair opened on January 27 at the Exhibitions Ground, Nasr City.

The services cover the fields of addiction treatment, adolescent and infant psychological medicine and psychiatry for the elderly. In addition a number of films will be screened to raise awareness of mental diseases such as depres-

sion, bipolar disorders and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder in children.

The Book Fair activity is part of a GMHAT campaign entitled, "It is time to know more about psychiatric disorder." It aims at changing society's outlook on mental disease and how to deal with people who are suffering from psychiatric disorders.



Dr Wahid Doss

Bilharz Institute to organise HCV conf.

EGYPT will host its 8th conference on the hepatitis C virus. The conference will be organised by the Theodor Bilharz Institute, in collaboration with France's Dijon Hospital. It will open in Cairo on February 7th.

The conference will be attended by a number of French professors specialised in curing HCV.

Dr Ahmed Al Rae, coordinator of the conference, said that the event would include a lecture on methods of curing the disease. During the conference, Dr Wahid Doss, Head of the Egyptian National Committee of Hepatitis Viruses, will deliver a lecture on the national programme for controlling HCV. Another lecture on controlling infection during liver transplant surgeries will be delivered by Dr Mo'taz Seiam, Professor of liver diseases.