#Safe_Care Initiative
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Safe Technology … #Safe_Care

#Safe_Care is an initiative launched in 2012 jointly by the Kuwait Association for Biomedical Engineers & IEEE Engineering in Medicine & Biology Society Kuwait Chapter to promote the use of safe healthcare technology in Kuwait.

The initiative aims to establish an independent regulatory & learning body for healthcare technology in the country, the Kuwait Authority for Healthcare Technology.

Promoting #Safe_Care

Since 2012, we have promoted #Safe_Care in +50 scientific and non-scientific functions in Kuwait and abroad.

Our social media campaign has driven various medical companies in Kuwait to initiate their voluntary medical device recall programs.

In 2015, we partnered with Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences and Kuwait Public Policy Center to contribute to the Kuwait Vision 2035 – Healthcare white paper.

In 2016, we started translating medical device recalls by the US FDA & the EU into Arabic. Our service is, now, a major pan-Arab resource for medical device safety.

In 2019, we developed, in collaboration with Kuwait’s Ministry of Health, the country’s first Medical Device Vigilance Program.

Our proposed ‘We Learn’ approach for regulating medical devices including emerging healthcare technologies (e.g. 3D-printed medical devices, AI-technologies, e- and m-health products, etc.) remains the only call for knowledge based regulations worldwide.

Why #Safe_Care?

Absence of medical device regulations in Kuwait.

Counterfeit medical devices are widely spread across the country, especially home health devices.

Today’s innovations in healthcare technology demand a non-traditional regulatory approach. Our proposed approach ‘We Learn’ is based on collaborative learning and knowledge sharing.

#Safe_Care … Everyone Wins

#Safe_Care Reaches the World

US FDA & EU Medical Device Recalls in Arabic @SafeHealthTech

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Regulatory Duties

FDA-like

R&D

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Professional Development

Patent Education

Media

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