

Italian Medical Delegation visits Duhok to Cure Congenital Heart Diseases and Adult Cardiac Diseases children from 2 till 9 May, 2014



Invited by Heevie Org , the support of KRG Prime Minister His Excellency Nechirvan Barzani, in cooperation with the Italian Organizations SIA and Directorate General of Health / Duhok , an Italian medical team from A.R.N.A.S Garibaldi hospital from Catania- Sicily to Duhok to conduct operations for Congenital Heart Disease children , Adult Cardiac Diseases in Azadi Heart Center in Duhok and to contribute to promote health sector through training local medical staff and Doctors in Italy and on the job in Kurdistan for the period 2-9 May 2014

Miss Bakhshan Ali, Heevie Manager, accompanied the Italian delegation that consists of SIA President Dr.Iole Pinto, Dr.Innocenzo Bianca and Dr. Salvatore Garibaldi to meet with Dr. Nezar Esmat the Director General of Health in Duhok. During the meeting the Italian team explained the main goal of his visit to Kurdistan Region that is assist the local patients to get proper treatment locally.

Dr.Nezar Esmat expressed his thanks to the efforts of the Italian medical efforts which are invested to help local population and promoting health services levels through conducting operations at local hospitals and training local doctors, technicians and nurses on the job.

The Italian medical delegation consists of (2) doctors, the team had used newly invented techniques and expertise to treat newly patients affiliated with heart diseases. The importances of such new techniques are for the benefit of local staff under training by such professional Italian team.

The Catheterization intervention team for Congenital Heart Diseases, conduct (9) Catheterization interventions, (1) Diagnostics in Azadi Heart Center in Duhok also examined and evaluated (58) patient children and (21) Local medical Staff trained on the job.

The Catheterization intervention team for Adult Cardiac Diseases, conduct (11) Catheterization interventions, (5) Diagnostics in Azadi Heart Center in Duhok also (17) Local medical Staff trained on the job.

The Italian team consists of (3) Italian medical staff and Doctors, as shown in the table below:

No.	Name	Profession	Gender	Nationality
1	Dr.Iole Pinto	President SIA – Solidarity Initiatives Association	F	Italian
2	Dr.Innocenzo Bianca	Cardiologist- Director A.R.N.A.S Garibaldi hospital from Catania- M Sicily	M	Italian
3	Dr. Salvatore Garibaldi	Cardiologist -Adult Cardiac Diseases	M	Italian



On the last day, the Directorate General of Health distributed certificate and appreciation letters for the Italian team

Activities of the Team:

➤ The Catheterization intervention team for Congenital Heart Diseases 1- Examination and evaluation



Examination and evaluation

The examination and evaluation team made to the patient children to find out about the type of the diseases they are affiliated with, then and evaluation was made for the possibility of conducting Catheterization or open-heart surgeries and some patients will be selected to be treated in Italy also to prepare next group of patient children to be operated when the next mission is prepared to conduct operations. In this mission (58) patient children are examined and evaluated.

2- The Catheterization intervention for Congenital Heart Diseases Children



The Catheterization intervention for Congenital Heart Diseases Children

The team conduct (10) Catheterization interventions, one (1) of them Diagnostics in Azadi Heart Center in Duhok and (21) Local medical Staff trained on the job by the Italian Medical Teams.

➤ The Catheterization intervention team for Adult Cardiac Diseases



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The team conduct (11) Catheterization interventions, (5) of them Diagnostics in Azadi Heart Center in Duhok and (17) Local medical Staff trained on the job by the Italian Medical Teams.

Meeting with the Italian Consul in Erbil, 2.5.2014 and visits Heevie in Duhok, 5.5.2014



The Italian Consul in Erbil Dr.Carmelo Ficarra

On May 2, The Italian team paid a visit to Italian Consulate in Erbil. They met with the Consul Dr.Carmelo Ficarra who warmly welcomed the medical team. They have discussed the mechanism of their visits and the needs of local communities for such kind of help.

The medical team illustrated a précised clarification on their recent activities and the kinds of cases they are dealing with. Dr.Carmelo Ficarra was impressed by the efforts of medical teams and Heevie, he expressed the readiness of the Consulate to offer all the possible kinds of help and support to help medical teams and their partners offer better health assistance to local community and authorities.

On May 5, the Italian Republic Consul in Erbil Dr.Carmelo Ficarra paid a visit to Heevie in Duhok, during the meeting the Italian consul expressed his happiness to visit the organization and praised the importance of continued cooperation with organizations, hospitals and Italian institutions in all areas.

At the end of the meeting, Miss Bakhshan Ali accompanied the Italian consul on a tour to visit the sections of the Organization, explaining the projects and achievements of the organization.

Italian Medical Delegation visits Duhok to Cure Congenital Heart Diseases children from 17 till 24 May, 2014



Heevie with the support of KRG Government Prime Minister His Excellency Nechirvan Barzani, Signed a cooperation agreement with the Italian Organizations SIA, European Heart for Children, Children's Heart Organization – Italy, Directorate General of Health / Duhok , to conduct operations in Azadi Heart Center - Duhok for Congenital Heart Disease children and contribute to promote health sector through training local medical staff and Doctors in Italy and on the job in Kurdistan for three years from the period April 2013-April 2016.

The Italian medical delegation conducted heart surgeries in the province of Duhok in Azadi Heart Center for the second visit this year's for the period from 17 till 24 May, 2014, 2014. Mr. Carmelo Ficarra , Italian Consul in Erbil received the delegation at the airport in Erbil, and expressed his pleasure for the efforts and thanked all the parties involved in the project.

The Italian medical delegations consist of (20) doctors and medical staff, the team had used newly invented techniques and expertise to treat newly born children affiliated with heart diseases. The importance of such new techniques are for the benefit of local staff under training by such professional team which may after three years will run full operations of the heart center self-sufficiently. In this mission (37) Operations has been conduct (19) Catheterization interventions, (6) Diagnostic Catheterization and (12) Open Heart Surgery, also (189) patients were been examined in this mission and (52) local medical Staff trained on the job.

The Italian team consists of (20) Italian medical staff and Doctors, as shown in the table below:

No.	Name	Profession	Gender	Nationality
1	Prof.Alessandro Frigiola	Heart surgeon	M	Italian
2	Dr. Halkawt Nuri Ali Nuri	Heart surgeon	M	Iraqi
3	Dr. Matteo Reali	Heart surgeon	M	Italian
4	Dr. Marco Ranucci	Anesthetist	M	Italian
5	Dr. Tommaso Aloisio	Anesthesiologist/Intensivist	M	Italian
6	Dr. Giuseppe Isgrò	Intensivist	M	Italian
7	Dr. Daniele Marianello	Anesthesiologist	M	Italian
8	Dr.Vincenzo Mancini	Cath lab Anesthesiologist	M	Italian
9	Dr.Giuseppe Santoro	Cath lab Cardiologist	M	Italian
10	Dr. Carmelo Marco Arcidiacono	Cardiologist	M	Italian
11	Antonio Lorenzo Ditta	Perfusionist	M	Italian
12	Malcisi Marinella	OR Nurse	M	Italian
13	Ferrarini Carlo	OR Nurse	M	Italian
14	Daniela Damian	Ward Nurse	F	Romania
15	Katarina Sujanska	Ward Nurse	F	Slovakia
16	Chiara Graglia	ICU Nurse	F	Italian
17	Sarah Agrati	ICU Nurse	F	Italian
18	Anna Fiorani	ICU Nurse	F	Italian
19	Julia Kempe	ICU Nurse	F	Germany
20	Bettina Britsche	ICU Nurse	F	Germany

Activities of the Team:

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2-Catheterization Intervention Team



Catheterization Intervention Team

The second team was Catheterization intervention one, which had taken care of conducting Catheterization interventions to the patient children affiliated with heart diseases that can be treated through Catheterization. This team conduct (19) Catheterization interventions, (6) Diagnostics in Azadi Heart Center in Duhok and (18) Local medical Staff trained on the job by the Italian Medical Teams.



Catheterization Intervention Team

3-Open Heart Surgery Team



Open Heart Surgery Team

The team of the open heart surgeries conducted surgery for extremely difficult complex cases in Duhok; Supervised by Prof. Alessandro Frigiola the Italian team accompanied by local doctors conducted the open heart surgery. The open heart surgeries conducted (12) operations in Azadi Heart Center and (30) Local medical Staff trained on the job by the Italian Medical Teams.



Open Heart Surgery Team



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21.5.2014 Prof. Alessandro Frigiola visits the new Hospital (Kurdistan Children's) in Erbil and Meet the Italian Consul.



Prof. Alessandro Frigiola paid a visit to the Italian Consulate in Erbil who warmly welcomed by the Consul Dr.Carmelo Ficarra. They have discussed the mechanism of their visits and illustrated a précised clarification on their recent activities and the kinds of cases they are dealing with.

Also Prof. Alessandro Frigiola visited the new Hospital (Kurdistan Children's) in Erbil and watched the construction of the new department of cardiac surgery; also he discussed the future plans for this type of operation and opportunities for cooperation. Prof. Alessandro Frigiola expressed his Appreciation for the new hospital and readiness to conduct operations in as well as training.