



HAWLER MEDICAL UNIVERSITY



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Hawler Medical University

Overview

Hawler Medical University is located in the city of Erbil (Hawler), the capital of Iraqi Kurdistan Region. Hawler Medical University was founded by the Council of Ministers of the Iraqi Kurdistan Regional Government in July 2005 and was endorsed by the Council of Ministers of the Iraqi Federal Government in March 2006.

The university was established to include in itself the four colleges that were belonging to Salahaddin University in Erbil; College of Medicine, College of Dentistry, College of Pharmacy and College of Nursing. The separation has come after a suggestion made by a number of academics from these colleges supported by the presidency of Salahaddin University as well as the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research.

The university was expanded later to include the College of Health Sciences and the Medical Research Center.

Aim of Hawler Medical University

The aim of establishment of Hawler Medical University is to improve the medical education in the Kurdistan region as well as to have a better management of the mentioned colleges. This did not mean that the colleges were newly founded, but a new management structure was adopted while the oldest college, the College of Medicine, was founded in 1977.

Establishment of a university for medical group colleges was by itself the first experience in Iraq.

Hawler Medical University provides undergraduate and graduate studies in different medical and health sciences. All the study programs in the university are in English language.

Hawler Medical University is progressing very well to establish itself as a modern and successful centre of medical and health education and research with the efforts of a committed and talented staff and the support of the Kurdistan Regional Government.

The success of Hawler Medical University is intended to promote its services to the community in Kurdistan region and Iraq as whole.

The ultimate goal of Hawler Medical University is to be an innovative centre of excellence in learning and research of medical and health sciences in the country and the region.





Vision and Mission

Hawler Medical University is intended to be an innovative centre of excellence in learning and research while supporting students and researchers committed to assist the community. The aim is to promote the development of students to reach their true potential in becoming competent, ethical, caring and inquiring doctors, dentists, pharmacists, nurses, midwives and laboratory technicians as well as visionary leaders.

Hawler Medical University is committed to academic freedom and the principles of equal opportunity with no discriminations in delivering its services and applying knowledge with high standards of intellectual, educational and research productivity. It is intended to become a learning institution that provides education and research services in all fields of health and education like a modern medical university in a well-developed country.

University Logo

The **straight lines** inside the emblem and the **upper short lines** refer to Erbil Citadel which is the symbol of Erbil city and its ancient history and civilization.

The **nail** and **snake**: the **nail** is the first symbol of writing by human being and it shows that the place is very ancient. The **snake** is a symbol of wisdom, health and medicine.

The **eagle** is a symbol of determination, proud, strive, and revolution of our nation.

The **lines** around the Citadel are symbols of scientific route and the way of university which goes with wisdom and preciseness. It is also a symbol of communication between the history, past, present and future.



Under-graduate Studies

Students are admitted to undergraduate studies through a central admission system and on an equal and competitive opportunity basis. Candidates for undergraduate studies must have completed the secondary school/scientific branch with high grades depending on the college. In addition to the grade of graduation, high grade is required in three subjects; Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Before admission and commencement of studies, the concerned colleges conduct individual interviews with the prospective students.

All undergraduate and postgraduate studies are free of charge for the local students who are admitted through the central admission. The university also provides accommodations for students coming from outside Erbil city. It also provides financial assistance to students in form of monthly stipends.

Each year around 10% of the students are admitted through the parallel system that involves tuition fees. Foreign students are welcomed to study at the university and participate in our academic learning experience through the parallel system.



Post-graduate Studies

MSc and Higher Diploma study programs

Postgraduate studies (MSc and Higher Diploma) require a university degree and certain period of experience depending on the specialty. Admission is through a competitive and equal opportunity basis. Candidates have to pass a special examination in the related subject. English language competency test is also necessary for admission to postgraduate studies.

The higher diploma program (professional degree) consists of 2 years. The first year program consists of taught courses in basic medical studies, biostatistics and the relevant fields. The second year is for research. The students will be engaged also in clinical practice during the 2 years. Admission to the program requires 2 year experience in the relevant fields for the medical and surgical specialties.

The MSc program consists of 2 years. The first year is composed of intensive taught courses in basic medical studies, biostatistics and the relevant field. The second year is for research and thesis of around 120 pages.

PhD study program

Students to be chosen for completing their PhD should have an MSc degree. Two years of experience after getting the MSc are required as well as a special exam in the related subject in order to be qualified for PhD study. Selection of candidates is also done on a competitive basis. The PhD program consists of 3 years of which 6 months are for taught courses in basic medical studies and the relevant fields, while the remained period is for research and writing thesis of around 200 pages.



Structure of Hawler Medical University

Hawler Medical University is composed of the following institutions:

- College of Medicine
- College of Dentistry
- College of Pharmacy
- College of Nursing
- College of Health Sciences
- Medical Research Center

University Council

The University Council is the highest governing body of the university. The council holds regular meetings to discuss the general strategy and plans of the university, make decisions on issues that are at authority of the Council and make suggestions to the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research. The University Council comprises the following members:

- Assistant Professor Dr. Dara Omer Meran, University President, Head of Council
- Assistant Professor Dr. Fareed Hanna Abdulahad, University Vice President for Scientific Affairs and Postgraduate Studies, Member of the Council
- Assistant Professor Dr. Kamaran Younis Mohammadamin, University Vice President for Students Affairs, Member of the Council (currently also holds the position of Acting Vice President for Admin and Financial Affairs)
- Professor Dr. Ali Abdulrazaq Al-Dabbagh, Dean of College of Medicine, Member of the Council
- Assistant Professor Dr. Dara Hama Rashid Saeed, Dean of College of Dentistry, Member of the Council
- Assistant Professor Dr. Alaadin Muhamad Naqishbandi, Dean of College of Pharmacy, Member of the Council
- Assistant Professor Dr. Yousif Younis Gardi, Dean of College of Nursing, Member of the Council
- Assistant Professor Dr. Maysoon Tahir Haidari, Dean of College of Health Sciences, Member of the Council
- Assistant Professor Dr. Yasin Karim Amin, Director General of Medical Research Center, Member of the Council





University President

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University President

The University President is responsible to oversee all activities and issues of the university and its colleges.

Specific activities include:

- Maintain high level relations with other universities and related governmental ministries and directorates
- Report to the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research and keep the communications well maintained
- Approve assignment and release of deans, assistant deans and heads of departments
- Approve recruitment of staff
- Supervise auditing activities
- Supervise planning and follow up activities
- Oversee the quality assurance activities
- Exchange of correspondences with other universities and medical departments and organizations in the region or outside the region
- Approve minutes of colleges councils' meetings
- Hold other admin and financial authorities delegated by the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research
- Member of the Ministerial Council of the Higher Education and Scientific Research
- Editor-in-chief of Zanco Journal of Medical Sciences

Vice President for Scientific Affairs and Postgraduate Studies

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The Vice President for Scientific Affairs and Postgraduate Studies oversees all activities related to scientific affairs, postgraduate studies, academic relations, quality assurance and continuing medical education.

Specific activities include:

- Prepare the yearly plan for postgraduate studies and manage its implementation through the colleges
- Manage the application for scholarships and recommend on granting financial assistance to students who obtain scholarships or study offers from international universities
- Manage and follow up approval process of degrees obtained outside the country
- Oversee academic title granting committees and recommend granting academic titles to faculty members
- Maintain high level relations and communications with the international universities
- Oversee the teaching methods training course and other continuing medical education and continuing professional development activities
- Oversees issues related to quality assurance and accreditation in the educational system
- Review and comment on minutes of colleges councils' meetings
- Build-up the libraries in the colleges and enrich them with resources and facilities





Vice President for Administration and Finance Affairs

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The Vice President for Administration and Finance Affairs oversees all activities related to administration, personnel, finance, warehousing, legal office, engineering and media.

Specific activities include:

- Approve the personnel issues related to recruitment of staff, promotion, increase of salaries, etc.
- Approve and follow-up of administrative, procurement and financial activities
- Review and comments on minutes of colleges councils' meetings
- Supervise the legal office and contractual matters
- Supervise the supply of equipment and furniture and manage the warehousing and logistics activities
- Supervise the university activities related to graduation ceremony, scientific trips, etc

Vice President for Students Affairs

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The Vice President for Students Affairs oversees all activities related to undergraduate studies, registration, students' representativeness, dormitories, sport and social activities and other students' affairs.

Specific activities include:

- Oversee the work of the university general registrar and the registrars at the colleges.
- Oversee the transfer and hosting of undergraduate students.
- Oversee preparing and implementation of the calendar year.
- Oversee the work of the directorate of dormitories and approve accepting students in the dormitories and ensure the supply of requirements and provision of services.
- Plan and implement sport and social activities.
- Act as key contact with the students' representatives and convey their concerns to the University President and the University Council.



Directorate of the International Academic Relations

The Directorate of Academic Relations is responsible for the following activities:

- Develop and maintain academic relationship and communication with other universities and academic institutions in and outside Iraq.
- Assist in management of the application for scholarships and processing of scholarships.
- Assist in organization of seminars, workshops and conferences within the university in cooperation with other departments of the university.
- Advise students about application process to the international universities and any other academic issues related to their study

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Directorate of Quality Assurance

The Directorate of Quality Assurance at Hawler Medical University was established in 2009. The directorate overlooks issues related to quality assurance and accreditation in the educational system.

Specific activities include:

- Develop an overall strategic plan for quality assurance, and accreditation to assist in improving the quality of the academic programs and that of their graduates.
- Oversee the continuing medical education, teacher portfolio and student feedback
- Ensure that the process and achievement of quality are within the national and international standards and that the quality of learning opportunity, research and community involvement are appropriate and fulfill the expectations of the range of stakeholders.

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Director of Scientific Affairs and Postgraduate Studies

The directorate is composed of 4 staff members. The directorate is responsible for the following activities:

- Assist in preparation of the yearly postgraduate studies plan
- Assist in implementation of postgraduate studies plan through the four colleges
- Assist in management of the application for scholarships and processing of scholarships
- Draft correspondence related to approval process of degrees obtained outside the country
- Statistical data collection from colleges
- Follow up of correspondences with the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research

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Directorate of General Registration

The Directorate of General Registration is responsible for undertaking the following major activities:

- Issuance of university orders related to admission of students to the colleges
- Relocation of students from and to other universities in and outside the region
- Relocation of students to other colleges
- Exchange of correspondences with colleges, Central Admission Office, all Iraqi universities and the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Researches about admission, transferring and graduation of students
- Provide and arrange all needs for issuance of graduates' certificates
- Preparation and issuance of certificates for the graduates
- Check authenticity of all graduates' certificates

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Directorate of Health and Safety

The Directorate of Health and Safety works to ensure that all environmental health and safety hazards are appropriately addressed. Through training and consultation with the university personnel and local officials, the department commits itself to the safety of the university facilities and the surrounding broader community.

The Directorate of Health and Safety is responsible for undertaking the following activities:

- Promote health and safety as a part of every classroom, laboratory and work site in order to enhance knowledge of safe and healthy practices.
- Provide the means by which each university member can take charge of his/her own personal health.
- Provide accessibility and advice on health and safety regulations, procedures and standards and helping ensure continued compliance.

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College of Medicine

The College of Medicine of Hawler Medical University is the oldest medical institution in the Kurdistan region of Iraq. It was founded in 1977 as part of Sulaimaniyah University; then became one of Salahaddin University's colleges in 1981. The College then came under the management of Hawler Medical University in 2005.

The period of study in the College is 6 years. Students will be awarded the degree of M.B.Ch.B (Bachelor in Medicine and General Surgery) upon completion of their study. English is the language of instruction throughout the period of study.

Admission to the College is through the Ministry of Higher Education's Central Admission Office. Each year an average of 140 students are admitted. Students get clinical training at 7 affiliated teaching hospitals in Erbil City.

The College of Medicine provides education and training for Higher Diploma students in majority of clinical specialties including some subspecialties. It is also a recognized center for MSc and PhD students in almost all basic and a number of clinical medical sciences.

Since the last couple of years, and as part of the quality assurance process, the college has started changing curriculum and adopted the recent methods of medical education including small group teaching for the 4th, 5th, and 6th year medical students. A new skills lab was also established and students started using it for training purposes. The college has recently initiated and adopted an outcome-based integrated spiral curriculum for medical education.

Students: 919 undergraduate students, 110 postgraduate students

Teaching staff: 13 professors, 44 assistant professors, 158 lecturers, 36 assistant lecturers

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Scientific Departments

The College of Medicine is comprised of the following scientific departments;

Department of Anatomy and Histology

Department of Biochemistry

Department of Community Medicine

Department of Medicine

Department of Microbiology

Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Department of Pathology

Department of Pharmacology and Biophysics

Department of Physiology

Department of Psychiatry

Department of Pediatrics

Department of Surgery

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College Facilities



College of Dentistry





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College of Dentistry

The College of Dentistry of Hawler Medical University was founded in 1995 at the University of Salahaddin-Erbil. Then, it has become under the management of Hawler Medical University when the university was established in 2005. The College receives up to 70 students each year. The study in the college is 5 years and the students get a B.D.S (Bachelor of Dental Surgery) degree. The college also provides opportunity of postgraduate studies including MSc and PhD degrees in different specialties of dentistry.

The college has 7 scientific departments. The college has good relation with the community as it provides best available treatment to patients attending the teaching clinics. The teaching clinics at the college offer all types of treatment to people by the 4th and 5th year students as well as the MSc and PhD candidates under the supervision of the university teaching staff.

Students: 427 undergraduate students, 84 postgraduate students

Teaching staff: 3 professors, 16 assistant professors, 41 lecturers, 56 assistant lecturers

Scientific Departments

Department of Conservative Dentistry
Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
Department of Periodontology
Department of Pedodontics, Orthodontics and Preventive Dentistry (POP)
Department of Prosthodontics
Department of Basic Sciences
Department of Oral Diagnosis and Oral Medicine

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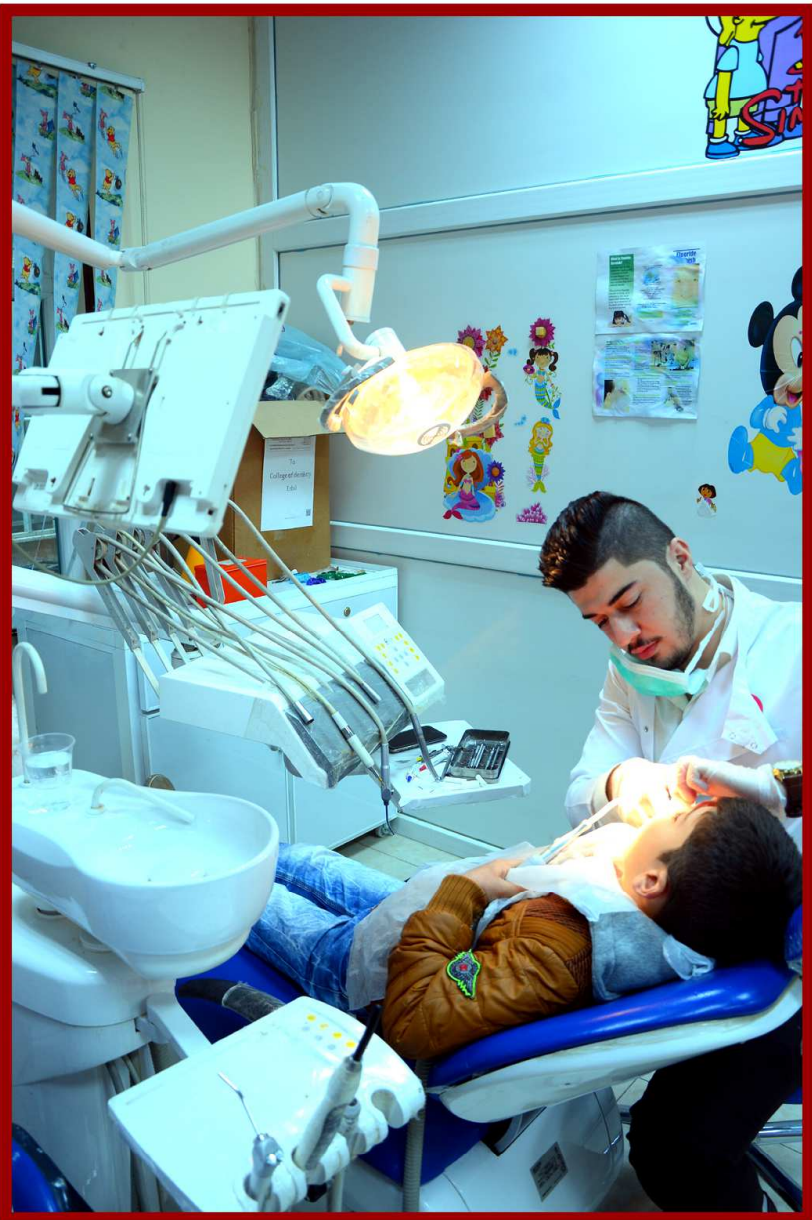
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College Facilities



College of Pharmacy





College of Pharmacy

The College of Pharmacy of Hawler Medical University was the first college of pharmacy established in the Kurdistan region, Iraq. The college was founded in 1997 at the University of Salahaddin-Erbil. Then, it has become under the management of Hawler Medical University when the university was established in 2005. The college offers BSc degree in Pharmacy. The college admits around 70 undergraduate students each year. The college also offers MSc degree in different topics of pharmacy in addition to PhD degree in a number of topics.

The College of Pharmacy is committed to the education of professional and graduate students who, upon graduation, can meet the public need for safe and effective pharmaceutical care. Students and college staff generate and disseminate knowledge contributing to the education and continual professional growth of pharmacists, educators, scientists, and other healthcare professionals. The characteristics of quality instruction, basic and applied research, community and professional service, and extensive instruction in all types of pharmacy practice settings contribute to making the College of Pharmacy programs rewarding and satisfying experiences.

Students: 453 undergraduate students, 39 postgraduate students

Teaching staff: 1 professor, 13 assistant professors, 17 lecturers, 37 assistant lecturers

Scientific Departments

Department of Pharmacognosy
Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry
Department of Pharmacology
Department of Pharmaceuticals
Department of Clinical Analysis

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College Facilities



College of Nursing





College of Nursing

The College of Nursing of Hawler Medical University is a dynamic center of educational excellence and a community of integrity and caring. The college was founded in 2002 at the University of Salahaddin-Erbil. Then, it has become under the management of Hawler Medical University when the university was established in 2005.

The faculty staff and administration of the college work together to prepare competent and caring professional nurses and midwives for leadership roles in the healthcare community.

The College of Nursing is one of the most comprehensive nursing schools in Iraq with undergraduate and graduate programs. It is one of the largest colleges of nursing in Iraq and Kurdistan Region. The college has a reputation for excellent academic performance, clinical knowledge, and leadership ability of its students and graduates.

The college offers BSc degree in Nursing and BSc degree in Midwifery. The college also offers MSc degree in different topics of nursing in addition to PhD degree in a number of topics.

Students: 606 undergraduate students, 40 postgraduate students

Teaching staff: 3 professors, 6 assistant professors, 12 lecturers, 43 assistant lecturers

Scientific Departments

Department of Nursing
Department of Midwifery

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College Facilities



College of Health Sciences



College of Health Sciences

The College of Health Sciences was founded in 2012 to include two departments; Department of Medical Microbiology and Department of Clinical Biochemistry.

The aim of the College of Health Sciences is to prepare highly qualified and trained medical laboratory technologists in healthcare system that become expertise in a wide range of disciplines including diagnosis of hospital-associated infections. The college aspires to be a recognized contributor in creating and applying new knowledge and technologies to improve health outcomes through a renowned college's program.

The college offers BSc degree in Medical Microbiology and BSc degree in Clinical Biochemistry.

Students: 405 undergraduate students

Teaching staff: 6 assistant professors, 7 lecturers, 13 assistant lecturers



Scientific Departments

Department of Medical Microbiology
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Medical Research Center



Medical Research Center

The Medical Research Center of Hawler Medical University was founded in 2008. The Medical Research Center is a governmental, non-profit institute. The center is intended to become a pioneer research center in Erbil and the Kurdistan region.

The center provides training on various stages of research and supports the university researchers to undertake high quality research in different areas of interest.

Training is provided on research methodology, biostatistics, research writing and reference management, use laboratory equipment such as conventional and real time PCR machines, gel electrophoresis and DNA testing.

Equipment and facilities are available to the researchers from the different colleges of Hawler Medical University as well as the other universities of Kurdistan to undertake research in different fields.

Researchers: 1 assistant professor, 3 lecturers, 5 assistant lecturers



Scientific Departments

Department of Epidemiology and Environmental Health
Department of Molecular Medicine
Department of Cancer Research and Drug Development
Department of Nutrition
Department of Women's Health

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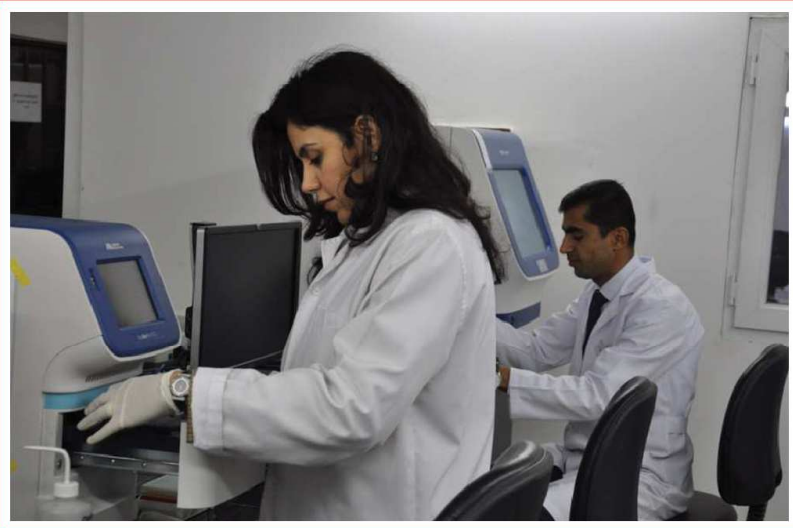
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Facilities at the Medical Research Center



Teaching Hospitals

Hawler Medical University is connected to 7 teaching hospitals that provide facilities for practical training of students from the five colleges:

Rizgary Teaching Hospital – 400 beds
Erbil Teaching Hospital – 500 beds
Maternity Hospital – 200 beds

Raparin Paediatrics Hospital – 150 beds
Rojawa Emergency Hospital – 85 beds
Rojhalat Emergency Hospital – 60 beds
Emergency Medical Center – 40 beds





Zanco Journal of Medical Sciences

Zanco Journal of Medical Sciences considers for publication manuscripts of interest to readers in Iraq, Middle East, and around the World. The journal aims to publish peer-reviewed manuscripts of international interest. Submissions on clinical, basic, scientific or laboratory investigations of relevance to medicine, dentistry, pharmacy and nursing come within the scope of its publication. Original articles, case reports, brief communications, insights and letters to the editor are all considered.

The journal is issued in both printed and electronic formats. Zanco Journal of Medical Sciences is registered with Crossref and has DOI linked to the published articles. The Journal is one of the few medical journals in Iraq that are active in the WHO list of journals.

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Social & Cultural Activities



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