



In late 2013, the WONCA East Mediterranean region (EMR) formed a group specifically for young and future general practitioners/ family physicians in their region. The movement is called Al Razi. It has been officially endorsed by the Wonca EMR council and officially launched at the region after the Wonca EMR executive board meeting Razi was the preeminent pharmacist and physician of his time. Muhammad ibn Zakariyā Rāzī. Al Razi mission is contributing in the improvement of family medicine specialty in our region by promoting leadership, medical education, training & research among young physicians.

The main movement objectives are:

1. Providing a forum, support and information for trainees and new GPs through access to WONCA / EMR regional conferences.
2. Establishing a communication network among EMR trainees and new GPs and identifying their concerns, doubts and needs and helping to address them.
3. Establishing a communication network among EMR trainees, new GPs and senior GPs to share experience.
4. Promote research skills.
5. Raising Community awareness of the importance of the family doctor and the role of this discipline in the improvement of health care provided to people.
6. Collaborating with national colleges and associations in general practice, and actively participation in the seminars& conferences.



On October 1, 2017, Al Razi Movement – Lebanon organized an interactive round table discussion entitled “Young Family Physicians; Hidden Opportunities and Challenges Faced”. During the session, Family Physicians met and shared their experiences in starting their careers. This activity took place as part of the Annual Conference of the Lebanese Society of Family Medicine at the Hilton Metropolitan Hotel – Beirut.

After briefly introducing Al Razi movement mission and objectives to the audience, various opportunities and fields of practice for junior Family Physicians were presented and discussed. These included starting a private practice, working in academic institutions, in-patient based clinical practice, pursuing a higher education degree and doing a fellowship training.

Attendees agreed on the importance of maintaining a good communication network between residents, junior, and senior Family Physicians.



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