

## **Hussania Imam al- Asr Clinic in Kerbala – A brief overview**

Hussania Imam al-Asr Clinic was opened in 2009. The Clinic is located just few minutes from the haram of Imam Hussain AS and serves not only the Zawar of Imam Hussain AS but also the workers of both the shrine of Imam Hussain AS and Hazrat Abbas AS. The local residents have also benefitted greatly by the presence of this Clinic.

When the clinic opened it was operating only from one room with only one doctor attending to patients. Alhamdulillah in a span of only 18 months the Clinic has progressed and now has got a nurse and lab technician.

With the increase in the popularity of the Clinic and increase in the number of health professionals, the clinic started to attract complicated and serious cases, which could not be managed without the help of modern equipments and technology.

1. **Digital ECG Machine:** Many patients present with chest pain and it was felt that with the help of an ECG machine we can manage the patient more appropriately by diagnosing patient with heart condition from those presenting with muscle pain from exertion and 'Matam'. The ECG machine has reduced unnecessary referral of patients to hospital to rule out cardiac cause of pain
2. **Laboratory Unit:** To provide patients with best care a laboratory was opened and now the patient no more have to travel to hospital to have test done, all basic test are done with the clinic in the dedicated laboratory. This has benefitted the Zawar and local people immensely, as they no more have to travel far to get these test done and therefore saving time, which they are using by spending more time in the Haram of Imam Hussain AS and Hazrat Abbas AS. All test are done at no cost to the patient
3. **Pharmacy Unit:** A clinic cannot be complete without a pharmacy. Al-Asr Hussainia Clinic has a dedicated pharmacy which has various type of medicine. All medicine are provided free of cost to patient
4. **Minor Surgery Unit:** There is a dedicated minor surgery unit which has got basic surgical equipment to perform minor surgery. Many minor operations are being carried out in this unit like incision and drainage of abscess, excision of lipoma and sebaceous cyst, wound suturing, in growing toe nail etc

## **Some Statistics on Hussania Imam al-Asr Clinic**

1. 3920 patients have been since in the last 16 months from the 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2009 to 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2011
2. 825 patients have received injections for various illness
3. 387 patients have had their blood sugar done to rule out diabetes
4. 256 patients have had test done at the laboratory in 5 months since its opening on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November 2010 to 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2011-04-22
5. 90 patients have had dressing done for various injuries and cuts
6. 50 patients were nebulised who presented with shortness of breath from asthma
7. 32 patients have had ECG taken to rule out cardiac cause of chest pain

8. 14 patients have had minor surgery done.

**Health Professionals at Hussania Imam al-Asr Clinic**

1. Dr Ahmed Mohamed Ali Al-Hajj- General Surgeon and over all in charge of the clinic
2. Mr Raqeeb Lateef Makee – Nurse, who manages the pharmacy and minor surgical unit
3. Need name here – laboratory technician who analyses bloods and urine for patients