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Editorial

Tabriz Clinical Governance Movement

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Clinical governance is a high priority strategy to improve the quality of the services and increase the responsiveness level. In line with a national policy, Tabriz University of Medical Sciences, as the organization responsible for promoting the health for a large population of about four million people in East Azerbaijan Province of Iran, has started the Clinical Governance Movement in order to improve accountability, responsiveness and quality of the care provided in 41 hospitals run by various sectors (teaching, public and private hospitals).

As the chancellor of Tabriz University of Medical Sciences, it is my pleasure to see that our researchers, in parallel with clinicians and health care staff, have tightly been engaged in this movement trying to supply the knowledge needed to continue the movement as effective as possible. Along with other research being conducted in this field, Tabriz Clinical Governance Project (TCGP) was a comprehensive research initiated in Tabriz Health Services Management Research Center and WHO Collaborating Center for Research and Training on Health Management and National Public Health Management Center (NPMC) in Tabriz to scientifically monitor and support this big movement in Iran. Here, I take the opportunity to show my gratitude to Journal of Clinical Research and Governance for announcing a supplementary issue which I'm sure will aid promoting activities related to clinical governance both in Iran and other low and middle income countries.

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