



# Gulf Health Council



The background features a low-angle shot of several flags on poles against a clear blue sky. The flags include the national flag of the United Arab Emirates (green, white, black, and red) and the national flag of Saudi Arabia (green and white with Arabic calligraphy). The image is overlaid with a large, semi-transparent red shape on the left side. The right side of the image has a white background with a subtle, repeating geometric pattern of interconnected lines forming a honeycomb-like structure. A dark grey curved shape is visible in the top right corner.

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The Gulf Health Council was established in 1976. It is organizationally linked to the General Secretariat of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf. It aims to Cooperate and coordinate in the field of preventive, curative, and rehabilitative health among the Member States. His mission is to unify the efforts of the members to achieve a unified Gulf Health strategy and provide the highest levels of health services for the GCC citizens and residents in the GCC countries.

# GHC Overview



## **Vision**

The Council is dedicated to achieving sustainable and good health for all GCC citizens.

## **Mission**

To promote and improve the health sector for all Member States. This is achieved by providing proactive initiatives and responding to regional and global health challenges.

## Council Functions

- To unified drug policy for the GCC countries.
- To establish and develop health strategies, policies and systems.
- To Achieve coordination, integration, and cooperation in the various health field.
- To Coordinate and implement joint studies and research and providing recommendations and technical advice in health fields.
- To protect member states from diseases and standardizing health information.
- To control and eliminate infectious and communicable diseases in the GCC countries.
- To Make decisions on the formation of technical committees to conduct studies, research and implementation of health programs.
- To Achieve coordination and integration in the field of standardized procurement and central registration.
- To Organize the exchange of experiences in the fields of health education and training.
- To Unify common health attitudes in international forums.

## Objectives



Utilization of international experiences and strengthening collaboration with Arab, regional and international organizations working in the health field.



Ensure that all Member States benefit from current health care practices and strategies and support successful medical experiments in GCC Member States.



Spread health awareness of among GCC Member States citizens within the context of unique environmental conditions, customs, and social and Islamic traditions.



Via the GCC Central Drug Registration Program for pharmaceutical companies, provide safe, effective and high-quality medicine through a unified procurement program for medicines and medical equipment and pricing of its products.



Identify relevant health and scientific concepts & issues, and work towards unification and prioritization & adoption and implementation of joint programs across GCC Member States.



Cooperation and coordination in the field of preventive, curative and rehabilitative health among Member States



Raise the capability of national medical staff in Member States.



Conduction of joint health research among Member States.



### Awareness

The Council is launching several quarterly campaigns to raise awareness of a public health phenomenon at the GCC level. The Council also publishes health information on its social media accounts about recent health events. In addition to producing and publishing interactive healthy content through its health programs such as Salamatak and Concept Correction Program.



### Prevention

The Council contributes an important role in the proactive prevention of infectious diseases and some other diseases that threaten the security and safety of the GCC countries by supervising and accrediting the centers for the examination of arrivals by the terms and regulations of medical examination of GCC.



### Development

The Council organizes a group of conferences and workshops that contribute to the support and development of the Gulf health sector as well as the development of Gulf health cadres through a range of advanced programs such as the Capacity Building Program and the Future Leaders Building Program. In addition to establishing a joint health research unit and working to build a joint Gulf health strategy.



### Health support

The Gulf Health Council aims to support the health sector in the Gulf countries by contributing to the unification of joint health policies for integration among countries, building a homogeneity plan to raise control in GCC countries, working to increase the number of centrally registered companies and products, in addition to activating the role of joint committees and transferring leading experiences and practices to GCC countries.

# Council Programs



## Central Recording Program

It is a unified GCC Health Council system for the registration of medicines (Human and veterinary), devices, and medical suppliers. Its aim is to ensure the quality, effectiveness and safety of drugs, as well as the accuracy of information through several sub-programs:

- Central Drug Registration
- Registration of medical devices and supplies
- Veterinary registration
- Pricing of medicines and pharmaceutical products
- Post-marketing follow-up (drugs, medical devices and supplies)
- Product classification



## Gulf Joint Procurement Program

The Gulf Health Council seeks to standardize the directory of pharmaceuticals, devices and medical supplies through the Gulf Joint Procurement Program, with controls in place across GCC Member States to achieve the following:

- High quality
- Fair prices
- Quantities that cover the requirement
- Timely delivery
- Supply in the correct location
- Sourced from credible manufacturers
- Adequate after-sales service



## Expatriate program

It is a program concerned with accrediting health centers to examine expatriates in their countries to find out their health fitness for the nature of work, and to ensure that they are fit and do not suffering from diseases, especially infectious diseases or some other diseases that may threaten the security and safety of Gulf society.

The importance of the program is to limit the entry of inappropriate cases to GCC countries through examining all applicants, and appropriate cases are re-examined again in the GCC countries to ensure the validity of the examination results in the country of origin and the re-examination of certain cases in order to seek validation of the results from the individuals' country of origin.



## The Gulf Center for Disease Prevention

A regional public health center aimed at strengthening public health coordination, capacity building and evidence generation across the seven member states of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC); A semi-autonomous body governed by the GHC and advised by a council with equal representation from member states; and Led by a GHC-appointed Chief Executive Officer that operates with sufficient autonomy.

### **Vision:**

A Gulf community where all individuals are as healthy as possible at every stage of life.

### **Mission:**

To foster harmonization, build knowledge and generate evidence to enable the prevention of communicable and non-communicable diseases, mitigation of public health emergencies and promotion of healthy communities across the Gulf.

### **The Gulf-CDC objectives:**

- Support the development of collaborative public health programs, policies and practices.
- Strengthen regional public health training and capability building.
- Enable the collection, integration and utilization of public health data across key indicators through surveillance and research.

## Council Achievements

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Joint procurement tender for veterinary medicines and vaccines

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Joint procurement tender for medical devices

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Unified Gulf strategic stock directory

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Central Drug Registration Program

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Establishment of the Gulf Committee for the Registration of Medical Devices and Accessories

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Establishment of the Gulf Committee for the Pricing of Pharmaceuticals

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The Expatriate Inspection Program

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Accomplishment of four stages of "Salamatak" radio and television program

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Issuance of several Gulf plans and strategies in various health fields

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Launch of the Gulf Infection Control Program and the Quality and Patient Safety Program

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Implementation of the World Health Survey project in five GCC states and other joint Gulf projects

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Formation of the Gulf Technical Committee for Nursing

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Issuance of a variety of awareness-raising publications

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Obtained several awards and certificates of appreciation from various regional and international organizations

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launch the first electronic tender for the purchase of medicines and medical supplies

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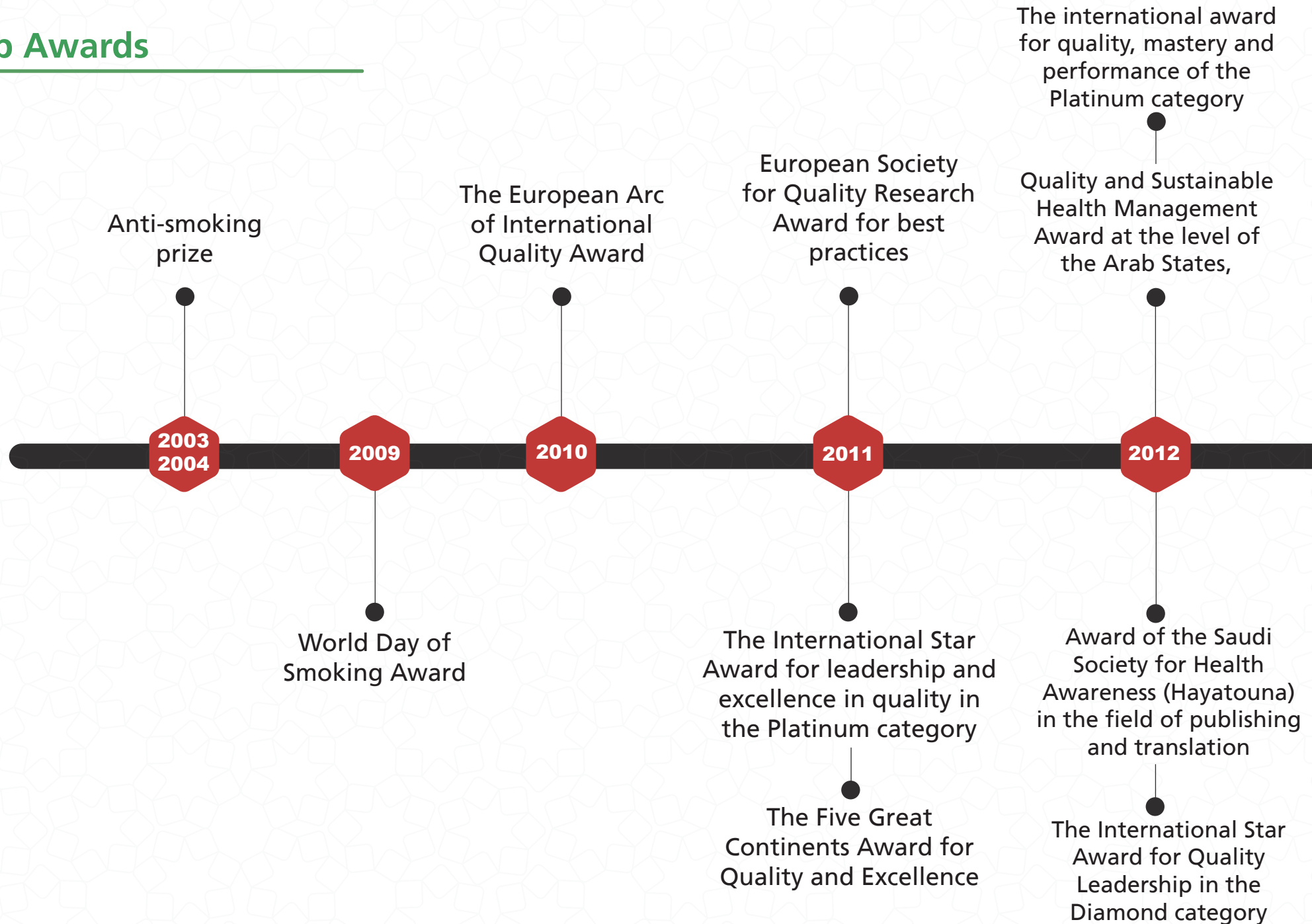
Work to launch the Gulf Center for Disease Prevention

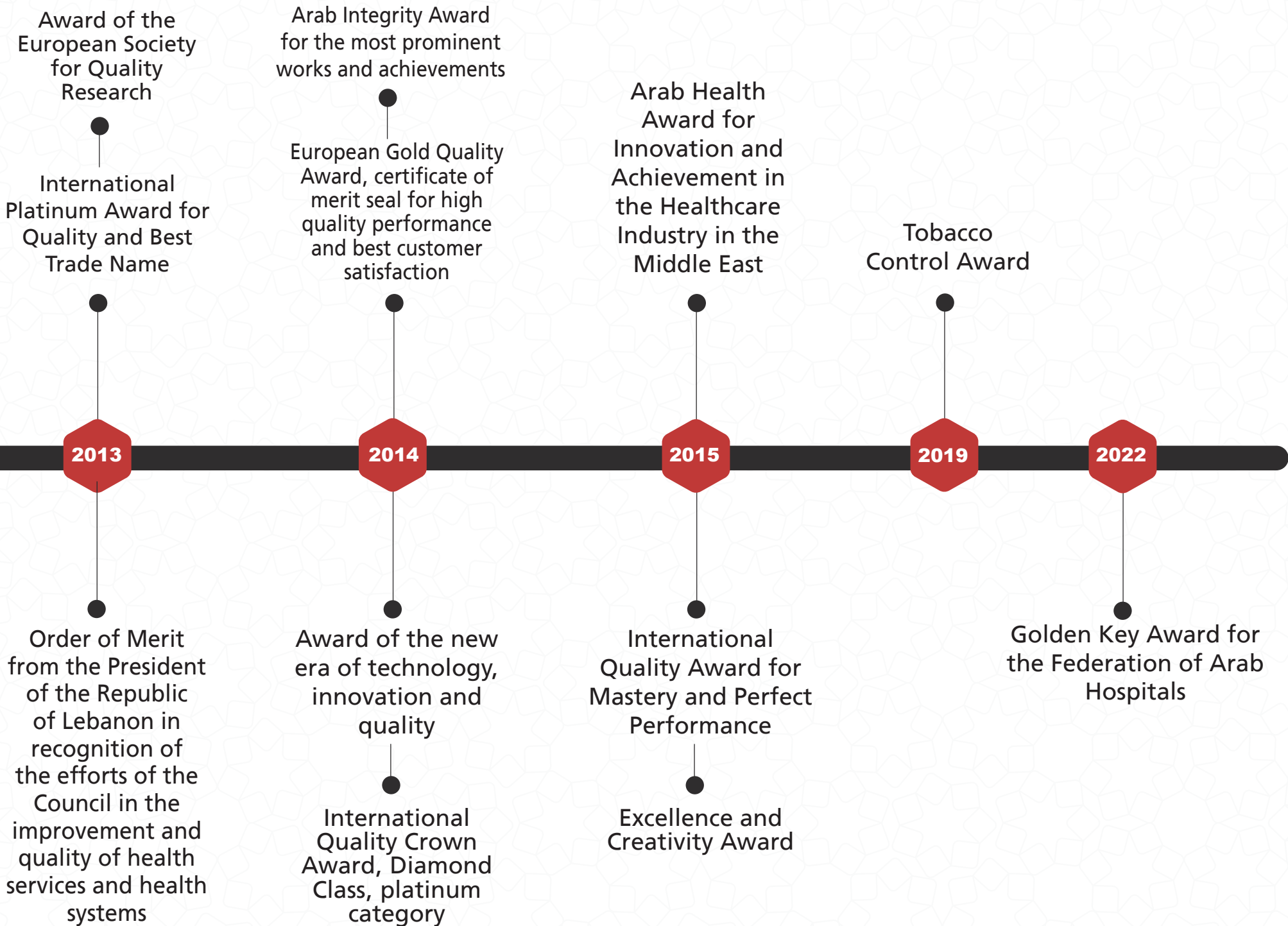
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