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About Us

Department of Infectious Diseases is located in Farhat Hached hospital in Sousse-Tunisia, the first University hospital of the region, built in 1942.

The staff of the department includes 2 professors, 3 assistants and an ID MD who provide medical care to hospitalized patients and in clinics.

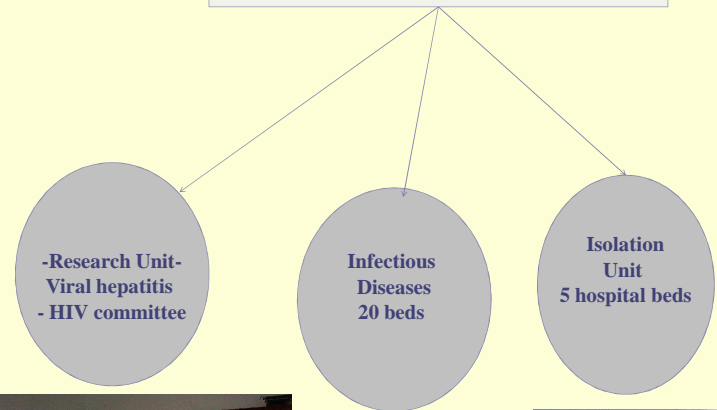
Our department is also actively involved in medical education, with the medical school at the University of Sousse-Tunisia. We have an active research program, participation in a large number of clinical trials and microbiology laboratory studies. Particular areas of expertise include viral hepatitis, Rickettsioses, HIV/AIDS, antibiotic use and resistance.

Division of Infectious Diseases is a national reference center for HIV, and Emergent and Re-emergent infections.

ESCMID Collaborative center since April 2009

Department Organization

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Scientific and medical activities

- Daily briefing meeting to discuss admissions
- Weekly meeting : Wednesday at 2pm : case reports and state-of-the-art presentations
- Weekly meeting: Monday at 1pm (summer) to discuss discharging patient's medical charts
- Grand round
- Daily clinics

Most frequent ID observed in our Department

- ✓ Community-acquired infections (UTI, Skin and soft tissue infections, Diabetic foot infection)
- ✓ Rickettsioses and tick borne diseases (in hot season)
- ✓ Chronic Hepatitis B and C (800 cohorte patients)
- ✓ HIV infection, and other I.depression
- ✓ Tuberculosis
- ✓ Meningitis and encephalitis



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