**1st Iranian Shared Decision Making Workshop (“no decision about me without me”)**

**Background:**Shared decision making (SDM) is a collaborative process that allows patients and clinicians to make difficult decisions together, taking into account the best evidence available as well as the patient’s values and preferences. Patients who participate in decisions about their health have better experiences, better outcomes and get better value for money. However, for clinicians to engage patients in SDM, they need new skills and thus SDM training is needed. Therefore, this workshop is critical, and could be the first step in improvement of Iranian health provider’s knowledge in this important aspect.

**Description and Objectives:** The Iranian Shared decision making (ISDM) workshop curriculum is a new initiative for Iranian medical society with the goal of having a set of introductory-level core program in foundational aspects of medical decision making, patients’ engagement and development of decision aids. This effort will servethe health providers’ need in being trained in SDM and will be the first step in improvement of health providers’ training in SDM in Iran and will be beginning of the knowledge transfer in this important aspect in international level.

This workshop will be highly interactive,Dr. Rahimi will describe core concepts of shared decision making using a seminar format and group based activities to ensure transmission of the needed information, she will also provide hands-on for participants for improving quality of learning. For example, participants will have the opportunity to evaluate a sample decision support intervention using standard internationally recognized criteria.

**Who may benefit:** ISDM workshop will be beneficial for all health providers including medical specialists, medical students, nurses, and any other specialists who assist patients to make health related decisions.

***When:*** *December 22nd, 2016, 9:00-12:45*

***Where:****Tabriz University of Medical Sciences, Room will be defined*

***Registration fee:*** *will be defined*

***Registration closes December 15, 2016***

***Space is limited and expected to fill up fast then the registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.***

**Short Biography:**

Dr. Samira Abbasgholizadeh Rahimi is postdoctoral fellow in Family Medicine at Laval University, Canada. She achieved her BEng. in 2011, and direct admission to PhD was granted to her in 2012. Her PhD studies had been supported by graduate funding from Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), and doctorate scholarship from IRDPQ Québec Rehabilitation Hospital.

She has multiple book chapters and research papers in different topics including medical decision making. Dr. Rahimi is founder and president of Québec Women in Engineering (WIE), and Canadian Operational Research Society (CORS) Québec student chapter. She is the winner of the 2015 Canada Women In Engineering (WIE) Award. Her research interests focus on medical decision making, andclinical implementation of shared decision making. She is currently leading different international projects related to medical decision making with top researchers and medical experts in the USA, Europe, the Middle East and Canada.