

# Country Advisors

## Middle East & North Africa

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### Egypt

**Dr Mohamed Elsammak**

**Professor of Chemical Pathology, Alexandria University of Egypt, Egypt**

Dr Mohamed Elsammak is both a Consultant Chemical Pathologist and Head of the metabolic unit at King Fahd Specialist Hospital Dammam, Saudi Arabia. He is also a Honorary Professor in Chemical Pathology at the Alexandria University of Egypt. His clinical interests include lipid disorders, recent advances in management of congenital metabolic disorders and the application of mass spectrometry in clinical laboratories.

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### Kurdistan

**Dr Sanaa Jalal (Sulaimani)**

**Assistant Professor of Haematology & Head of Pathology and Forensic Medicine Department, Sulaimani School of Medicine, University of Sulaimani, Iraq**

Dr Sanaa Jalal is the assistant professor of haematology and head of pathology & forensic medicine department at the Sulaimani School of Medicine – University of Sulaimani, Iraq. Whilst here she helped to establish the premarital screen clinic for thalassaemia and haemoglobinopathies in 2006 and later became the acting head of the molecular haematology department. In 2011 she established an immunophenotyping service in Sulaimani for leukaemia and lymphoma. Dr Jalal's main research interests are in thalassaemia and leukaemia and lymphoma.

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### Pakistan

**Dr Tahir Aziz Ahmed**

**Consultant Immunologist, Shifa International Hospital, Islamabad**

Dr Tahir Aziz Ahmed completed his fellowship at the Royal College of Pathologists in 1992 whilst working at John Radcliffe Hospital Oxford. He has helped establish the first immunology department at Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP), Rawalpindi, Pakistan and later assisted in establishment of immunology department at Sind Institute of Urology and Transplantation (SIUT), Karachi.

Dr Tahir has been engaged in teaching and development of diagnostic immunology at various institutions in Pakistan and conducts biannual short preparatory courses for immunology at CPSP for students taking the FCPS primary examination. These efforts resulted in the initiation of the FRC Path part I examination at AFIP Rawalpindi in 2010. Dr Tahir is currently developing a dedicated immunology department at the Shifa International Hospital, Islamabad, Pakistan. Dr Tahir's efforts have resulted in creating a widespread interest in achieving standards for training and assessment in various disciplines of pathology as laid down by The Royal College of Pathologists.

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**Dr Sajid Mushtaq**

**Consultant Pathologist & Head of Pathology Department, Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital, Lahore, Pakistan**

Dr Sajid Mushtaq is a Consultant Pathologist and Head of the Pathology Department at Shaukat Khanum Cancer Memorial Hospital in Lahore, Pakistan. He trained as a histopathologist at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Pakistan and St. Thomas Hospital, London. During 1990 to 2009, he worked as a Consultant Pathologist in the Pakistan Armed Forces, where he remained as Head of Histopathology for a combined period of nine years.

Dr Mushtaq has been responsible for training numerous histopathologists in Pakistan and has authored over one hundred publications. He is a Fellow of The Royal College of Pathologists as well as the College of Physicians and Surgeons Pakistan. He is President of the Histopathology & Cytology Society of Pakistan and also the Secretary of Pakistan Association of Pathologists. In 2012 he was bestowed a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Pakistan Association of Pathologists.

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### Qatar

**Dr Imad Ibrahim (Doha)**

**Consultant Medical Microbiologist and Virologist, Hamad Medical Corporation, Qatar**

Dr Ibrahim is a consultant medical microbiologist and virologist at Hamad Medical Corporation in Qatar and Chairperson of Infection prevention and control committee of the Heart Hospital. Prior to this he worked in the microbiology department at Ealing Hospital and as a consultant medical microbiologist at North Bristol Trust (antimicrobial reference unit). In addition he was an honorary clinical lecturer at the School of Cellular and Molecular Medicine, University of Bristol. He has helped organise numerous career events for doctors including national pathology week. Dr Ibrahim is an active member of the Southwest Regional Microbiology group and Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Countries network group for studying multidrug resistant in the region. In 2012, he joined Hamad Medical Corporation and in 2013 was appointed as assistant professor at Weil Cornell, Doha.

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### Saudi Arabia

**Dr Tahir Naeem Khan**

**Chairman of Pathology Directorate, King Saud Medical City**

Dr Khan has 30 years of experience in Diagnostic Histopathology, research and teaching. He trained in Pakistan as a Histopathologist and later completed his specialty training whilst at Leeds Deanery. Thereafter until February 2014 he worked as a Consultant Histopathologist in UK for approximately 6 years. During this period he was involved in lean management and was a senior leader in the Pathology Transformation Program of UK. His main research interest is in improving service delivery in Pathology. In 2014 he joined the King Saud Medical City (Riyadh) and KSA as Chairman of Pathology Directorate. Presently he's involved in upgrading pathology services and is leading a project to set up Total Lab Automation in this institute.

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### Sudan

**Professor Ahmed Abdalla Mohamedani (Gezira)**  
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Professor Mohamedani is a Professor of pathology at the University of Gezira, Wad Medani in Sudan. He was the Director of the Gezira National Medical Laboratory (1986-2003) and Consultant Histopathologist in the central region of Sudan. He was responsible for establishing the General Directorate of laboratories and blood Banks at the Gezira State Ministry of Health.

He is the Dean of the Faculty of Medical Laboratory Sciences at the University of Gezira and since 1993 has been the Coordinator for the University of Gezira's MD programme in Clinical pathology. He is also a member of the executive committee of the Sudanese Association of Pathologists and the Pathology Council (Arab Board for Medical Specialization).

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**Dr Anwaar Ahmed Yousif Kordofani (Khartoum)**  
**Professor, Department of Pathology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Khartoum**

Professor Anwaar Kordofani graduated from the University of Khartoum, Sudan and later obtained her DCP from the University of London in 1977. She was a founding member of the Sudanese MD in clinical pathology in 1986 and is currently the convenor of this degree. In 1993 she obtained her Fellowship of The Royal College of Pathologists. During 2009-2013 she was President of the Association of Pathologists and during this time she created links with the Arab Division of the IAP which resulted in a yearly conference held in Khartoum for the first time. This was an extremely successful gathering in which pathologists from UK, Germany, France and the United States of America participated.

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### United Arab Emirates

**Dr Mahir Al Hilali** (Dubai)

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Before joining Mediclinic Group as Director of Laboratory Services, Dr Hilali was a Consultant Haematologist in Dorset County Hospital, UK for more than 25 years. Since 2012 he served as Consultant Haemato-Oncologist in Mediclinic City Hospital and Medical Director of Population Health with GE Healthcare IT for the EAGM Region. Dr Hilali has extensive experience in healthcare management from his time as Clinical and Medical Director at the NHS, UK and in the private healthcare sector (GCC & the Middle East). In addition to Clinical Haematology and Laboratory Medicine, Dr Hilali's specialist areas of interest and expertise are in healthcare IT and population health management (including clinical risk and quality management). He is a World Health Organization expert in Haematology and Oncology and is a Fellow of The Royal College of Pathologists (FRCPath).

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**Dr Sreekala Sreehari** (Abu Dhabi)

**Histopathologist, NMC Hospital, Abudhabi**

Dr Sreekala Sreehari is a Histopathologist based at NMC Specialty Hospital, Abudhabi, UAE. Prior to this she served the NHS (UK) from 2006 to 2010. She later worked as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Pathology in India until 2013. She is a member of Emirates Pathology Society, Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland (PathSoc) and European Society of Pathology (ESUP) and is actively involved in conducting CPD activities in the region. In the past two years she was instrumental in standardising histopathology reports based on RCPATH datasets and tissue pathways, implementing and validating immunohistochemistry, frozen section and introducing tumour board meetings. Her key areas of interest include oncopathology related to breast, colon, endocrine, male and female genital tracts. She actively participates in the national cancer screening programmes related to breast, cervix and colon cancers.

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