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**CAREER OBJECTIVES**

*As a cardiac surgeon, looking to utilize my excellent skills and knowledge of advanced surgical procedures, obtained during my training in the States and later in my practice at an academic institution, to handle patient needs on time. In addition to establish the awareness of surgical cure of the under diagnosed patients with pulmonary hypertension secondary to chronic pulmonary embolism.*

**CAREER SUMMARY**

*I joined Jordan university faculty of medicine in 1987 , graduated in 1993, I spent the following 6 years at Jordan University Hospital as a rotating intern then a General Surgery resident to obtain the Higher Specialization Certificate from Jordan University and Jordanian Board in General Surgery in 2000. Then I joined the Cardiac Surgery Fellowship program at Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST), sponsored for 8 months at Queen Alia Heart Institute, Royal Medical Services, Jordan. After obtaining ECFMG certificate, I joined in 2001, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, USA, cardiac surgery fellowship program for 2 years where I had the opportunity to scrub in more than 500 cases. I was the primary surgeon in more than half. During that period I was exposed to a diversity of adult Cardiac surgery particularly harvesting skeletonized BIMAs, radial artery and performing off-pump total arterial revascularization, in addition to VAT biventricular pacemaker leads placement for patients with heart failure (I trained with pioneers in cardiac surgery including Professors; Robert A. Guyton, John D. Puskas and Omar Lattouf). In 2004 I joined the University of California at San Diego Cardiothoracic team headed by professor Stuart Jamieson, as senior clinical fellow, where I had the chance to gain a great experience in performing Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE) for chronic pulmonary hypertension secondary to chronic Pulmonary embolism (Professor Jamieson “performed PTEs more than the whole world combined”), in addition to performing general adult cardiac surgery. In August 2005 I passed the Jordanian Board in Cardiac Surgery and joined Jordan University of Science and Technology and King Abdullah University Hospital as a consultant cardiac surgeon. My main interest is off-pump CABG utilizing skeletonized BIMAs, radial artery in addition to valve surgery (replacement using mechanical/ biological valves or repair) and PTE.*

**EDUCATION**

* 1987 to 1993
  + Medical School: University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan
* 1994 to 2000
  + Residency: General Surgery, Jordan University Hospital, Amman, Jordan
* 2000 to 2001
  + Fellowship: Cardiac Surgery, Jordan University of Science and Technology/Queen Alia Heart Institute, Amman, Jordan
* 2001 to 2003
  + Clinical Fellowship: Adult Cardiac Surgery, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, USA
* 2004 to 2005
  + Clinical Fellowship: Adult Cardiac Surgery, University of California, San Diego, CA, USA

**CERTIFICATION**

* 1993 MBBS
* 1994 ECFMG Certificate
* 2000 Higher Specialization Certificate in General Surgery, Jordan University
* 2000 Jordanian Board in General Surgery
* 2003 Cardiothoracic Surgery Fellowship Certificate, Emory University,

Atlanta, GA, USA

* 2005 Cardiothoracic Surgery Fellowship Certificate, University of California at

San Diego, CA, USA

* 2005 Jordanian Board in Cardiac Surgery

**PROFESSIONAL EXPRIENCE**

* 2005 to Present Adult Cardiac Surgery Consultant, King Abdullah University

Hospital, Irbid, Jordan

* 2005 to Present Assistant Professor then Associate Professor, Department of General

Surgery, Faculty of Medicine, Jordan University of Science and

Technology, Irbid, Jordan

**AREAS of SPECIAL INTEREST**

* Off-pump Coronary Bypass Surgery
* Valve Surgery
* Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy

**COMMITTEES and POSITIONS**

* Present Member Scientific Committee and Examiner, Jordanian Board of

Cardiac Surgery

* 2018 to present Head, Division of Cardiac Surgery, Princess Muna Heart Center,

Dept. of General Surgery, Faculty of Medicine and King Abullah

University Hospital, Jordan

* 2005 to present Examiner; 4th and 6th year medical students and general surgery . residents
* 2013 Reviewer; Heart, Lung and Circulation Journal, Australia
* 2012 to 2013 General Surgery Department Representative in Faculty of

Medicine Council, Jordan University of Science and Technology,

Jordan

* 2007 to 2011 Scientific Committee, “Heart: from Bench to Clinical Practice”

Conference, Jordan University of Science and Technology,

Irbid, Jordan

* 2009 to 2011 General Surgery higher Education Committee, King Abdullah

University Hospital, Irbid, Jordan

* 2010 to 2011 Morbidity and Mortality Committee, King Abdullah University

Hospital, Irbid, Jordan

**PUBLICATIONS**

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