

## SIU Scholarship: Dr. Naser Sabeh Hussein

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As part of updating my clinical and academic training in preparation for the European Board Examination in Urology, I received an SIU scholarship to attend Al-Mansoura University Urology and Nephrology Center (UNC), one of the few fascinating urology centers in the world and the best in the Middle East. I had planned to attend this SIU scholarship for 6 months, after which I would return home.

The UNC was like a urology museum where everything was organized and arranged for the benefit of people like me. I started my work in the Department of Pediatric Urology, UNC; the team here was so cooperative, helpful, and sociable that I decided to stay with them for 4-5 months more. During my training I participated in most of the operations, in addition to ward work.

At the end of my first 6 months, I went home. This visit greatly influenced my career regarding the services that I could provide to Iraqi patients, and the clinical information that I could share with my colleagues. The visit changed my way of managing pediatric urology cases, and I started to perform proper hypospadias repair, management of neurogenic bladder, and also vesicoureteric reflux. I had learned new procedures at UNC, such as continent urinary diversion and injection therapy for reflux.

Upon my return we started laparoscopic urologic surgery in my hospital, so I sent a letter to Professor Thuroff, requesting him to extend my SIU scholarship for another 3 months so that I might receive an opportunity to improve my endourologic and laparoscopic skills and PCNL. There was a good animal



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laboratory at the center, where I started my training in laparoscopic surgery; after this I began working as an assistant in surgeries conducted on humans. At the end of the 3 months, I extended my training for another 3 months on my own, because it is difficult to imagine the benefit of working in such a place, where there is so much that is new in the field of urology to learn every day and every hour.

The SIU scholarship enabled my colleagues and me to provide new urology services to Iraqi patients with regard to many aspects—management, operative procedures, pediatric urology, renal transplantation, endourology, laparoscopy, and follow-up of patients. Also, the SIU scholarship opened the door for the treatment of urologic diseases, which previously were difficult to treat, for example, neuropathic bladder dysfunction, bladder cancer, PCNL, and laparoscopic surgery. This training has improved many things and was of great benefit to us. Please accept my best regards.

**Abbreviated CV.** Dr. Naser Sabah Hussein studied at Baghdad Medical College in Iraq and received the de-

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