

DR. AHMED ALI ALJARALLAH, MD

1958 - 2005

Dr. Aljarallah was a highly respected and loved pediatric neurologist at the King Khalid University Hospital in Riyadh who spent most of his short career treating children with neurologic disorders and disabilities while researching and teaching about them at the school of medicine in King Saud University. The few years before his premature demise, he took on his shoulders a heavy responsibility of helping patients with Autism and Autism spectrum disorders, which was, at that time, almost unknown among both the public and medical professionals. He was passionate about that task which consumed of his time and energy. In his 40s, he was diagnosed with cancer while leading a large nationwide study aiming to establish the prevalence and characteristics of Saudi children with Autism spectrum disorders. In the last stages of cancer, Dr. Aljarallah was organizing the 1st international conference on Autism and related disorders in Riyadh while working on the blue prints and preliminary plans to establish an academic center for the research and treatment of Autism at the King Saud University. Unfortunately, cancer did not wait and took his life few months before the conference inaugural speech and few years before the completion of the nationwide autism study and the establishment of a research center at KKUH.



His death was a shock to everyone who knew him, from his family, to his colleagues and also patients and their families. He was an inspiration to students he taught at the college of medicine, neurologists who took care of autistic children and patient families who became advocates to improve the care of their loved ones.

PERSONAL

Born Jan 22, 1958

Residence Riyadh, SA

Married to Ms. Modhi Almansour

Father of Arwa, Salman, Omar, Ghadah, Leenah, Mohammed and Ali

Died Jun 28, 2004

ADMINISTRATIVE WORK

1983	Demonstrator, Department of Pediatrics at KCUH
1986-1988	Representative of Resident Research Committee
1988	Pediatric Consultant Suleimaniah Children's Hospital
1990	Consultant Pediatrician, Deputy Chairman King Saud Hospital, Unaizah, Alqassim
1990	Consultant-In-Charge Pediatric Ambulatory and Emergency Care KCUH, Riyadh
1995	Chief of Pediatrics Al Fanateer Hospital Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu Al Jubail Industrial City
1989-2005	Examiner, Pediatrics Department, KSU, Riyadh
1990-1996	Member, Health Education Committee
1998-2005	Consultant Pediatrician (Neurology), KCUH

NATIONAL COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

1983	Member, Pilgrimage Annual Health Committee
1990	Consultant Pediatrician, King Khalid International Airport Ministry of Defense and Aviation
1992	Member, Medical Care Committee Saudi Association for Disabled Children
1992-1995	Member, Board of Directors Saudi Association for Disabled Children
1993-1995	Supervisor, Rehabilitation Centre for Disabled Children, KAUH, KSU
1995-1996	Member, Board of Directors, King Saud Social Solidity Fund
1996-1997	Deputy Chairman, King Saud Social Solidity Fund
1992-1996	Part time consultant Ministry of Work and Social Affairs Member of Saudi Society for Autism
2005	Organizer and Chairman of Organizing Committee for the 1 st International Conference on Autism and Related Disorders held in Riyadh 2005.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

1997-2005	Standards and Therapeutics and Technology Assessments Subcommittees, American Academy of Neurology
1997-2005	Stroke Council – American Heart Association
2001-2005	Polio Eradication Committee, WHO Chairman Experts Committees for Polio Eradication

HONORS, AWARDS AND GRANTS

1980	King Saud University Cultural and Social Activity Medal
1991	Ministry of Health Shield, General Directorate of Health in Western Region
1998	Included in Who's Who Book Series Publish by Marquis USA International Book: Who's Who in Science and Technology, Who is Who in the Work 1998 and Who is Who in Medicine and Health Sciences
1997-2000	Co-investigator, National Research Project on Studying Disability in Saudi Children sponsored by KACST
2003	Principal Investigator of a study examining <i>Autism and Related Developmental Disorders in Saudi Arabia</i> . Supported by a grant from KACST

BOARD CERTIFICATION

1998	Fellowship in Pediatric Neurology King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Centre
1997	Arab Board Certificate in Pediatrics
1997	Fellowships in Pediatrics in Child health (FRCPH) Royal College of Pediatrics and Child Health London, UK
1989	Board Certificate in Pediatrics (Jordanian Medical Council)
1985	Diploma in Child Health (Dublin, Ireland)
1983	MBBS College of Medicine, King Saud University Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

EDUCATION

1976-1982	Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery College of Medicine, King Saud University
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POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING

1982-1983	Internship King Khalid University Hospital, King Saud University
1984-1988	Pediatric Residency King Khalid University Hospital, King Saud University
1991-1993	Child Neurology Fellowship King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre
1997-1998	Postdoctoral Pediatric Neurology Fellowship University of Texas Southwestern Medical Centre Dallas, Texas, USA

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

1995	Saudi Pediatric Association
1997	American Academy of Neurology New York Academy of Science
1991	Epilepsy Foundation of America
1996	Royal College of Pediatrics and Child Health (London, UK)
1996	Saudi Sports Medicine Association
1987	Saudi Association of Disabled Children
1992	Saudi Ophthalmology Association
1993	Asian and Oceanic Child Neurology Association (AOCNA)
1994	Stroke Council – American Heart Association
1991	Riyadh Neuroscience Club

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