



CURRICULUM VITAE

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PERSONAL:

Citizenship: Canada

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LICENSURES:

Medical License in the following countries:

Alberta, Canada, (inactive)

Pennsylvania, USA, (inactive)

Saudi Arabia (inactive)

Dubai, UAE (active)

Syria, (active)

China, (active)

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Medical Applications software systems analysis and design

LANGUAGES:

English, French, and Arabic: All fluent.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

1970-1976: Medical Doctor Degree
University of Aleppo, Syria

1979-1981: University Certificate in General Surgery
University Claude Bernard, Lyon, France

A total of five years of postgraduate surgical training is needed to prepare this certificate. Candidates are required to have a medical degree from a recognized medical school. They must show proof of three years of training in General Surgery in an approved French or foreign hospital prior to inscription. After inscription, university instruction is carried over two years during which the candidate should be intimately involved in operative surgery in an accredited French hospital. There is an examination at the end of each year with the final year examination held in Paris on a national level.

1981-1983: Diploma in Vascular Surgery
University Pierre and Marie Curie (Paris VI), Paris-France

This is a two-year study with an examination at the end of each year. Prior to inscription, candidates are required to have a French certificate in general surgery or a license to practice surgery in the country of origin. They are also required to show admission for training in an approved department of vascular surgery. In addition to passing the first and the second year examinations, candidates should produce evidence of doing or assisting as first assistant in a certain number of reconstructive vascular procedures before qualifying for the diploma.

1981-1984: Master of Human Biology in Anatomy
University Claude-Bernard, Lyon-France

This Master Degree is composed of three certificates of High Studies in General Human Anatomy, Biomechanics, and Medical Computing. Each of these certificates requires one academic year and is sanctioned by a final examination and submission of a research thesis.

1994-1996: Clinical Fellowship in Transplantation Surgery
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

This clinical fellowship is for duration of two years and it includes training in liver, kidney, and pancreas transplantation.

2006- 2008: Business Certificate- University of Wisconsin Eau Claire. A business certificate in preparation for a Master in Business Administration.

2008-2009: Endo-Vascular Surgery Inter-University Diploma. University Joseph Fourier of Grenoble

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Jan 77 - Sept 79: Resident in general surgery
Aleppo University Hospital in Aleppo, Syria

Sept 80 - Sept 82: Registrar
Tonkin Clinic, Department of Vascular Surgery, Lyon, France

Sept 82 - Sept 84: Senior Registrar in Surgery
Hospital of Annecy; Annecy, France; Clinical and Operative duties in the hospital and its emergency department

Sept 84 - Jan 88: Assistant Professor of Surgery
Aleppo University Hospital and Faculty of Medicine; Aleppo, Syria

Jan 88 - Jan 94: Senior Consultant of Vascular Surgery
Qatif Central Hospital, Saudi Arabia. This hospital is a tertiary referral health center, the largest in the Eastern Province. Medical Students are received and trained in assignment from the King Faisal Faculty of Medicine.

May 94 - Jun96: Clinical Fellow
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center; Transplantation Department, Hepatic, Renal and Pancreatic Transplantation surgery training

Nov 96 - Apr 00: Staff Surgeon, Assistant Professor of Surgery
University of Alberta Hospital
General, vascular, and Transplant Surgery: operative and clinical management of liver Transplant patients and Hepatobiliary Surgery, Resident/Fellow training. During this period was involved in the care of 300 liver transplant patients approximately and have operated personally more than a hundred fifty of them.

July 99 – Jul 07: Adjunct Assistant Professor
University of Alberta, Department of Surgery

Jul 00 – Feb 03: Acting Chairman of Hepatobiliary Sciences Department
King Fahad National s Hospital, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
This is the largest liver transplant program in the Middle East and the first to launch
living related liver transplantation in cooperation with Dr. K. Tanaka from Kyoto
University, Japan.

Feb 03-Jan 05: Head, Transplantation Surgery Division, University of Aleppo, and
Faculty of Medicine. Cross appointments as assistant professor in Vascular Surgery and
General Surgery.

Jan 05-Dec 07: Consultant, Hepatobiliary Surgery and Organ Transplantation (liver and
kidneys) in King Fahad National s Hospital, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Duties
included operative and clinical services in liver and renal transplantation.

Aug 08-11: Associate Professor
Al-Faisal Faculty of Medicine; Riaydh; KSA, this faculty is Harvard University affiliated

Jan 08-Apr 14: Consultant, Vascular Surgery,
Habib Medical Center, Riyadh, KSA; Consultant Vascular Surgeon: responsible for
vascular medicine and surgery consultations -vein surgery practice- and running the non-
invasive vascular laboratory. Practice included a very busy -more than 1500 cases over
the period- varicose vein non-invasive treatment by latest vein-closure techniques.

Apr 14-Current: Consultant, Vascular Surgery,
VenoCare Vascular Surgery Clinic, Jumeira, Dubai: Consultant Vascular Surgeon and
Medical Director. Responsible for directing clinical acitivities and providing medical
services of vascular surgery consultations, in-office vein closures, and skin vein
treatments.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICAITONS:

1. Effects of the lateral ligament of the ankle joint on the stability of the joint: Study of
20 Cadaveric Joints. Thesis presented to the University Claude Bernard, Lyon, France, to
obtain the certificate of high studies in Biomechanics and Kinesiology: 1984.
2. Issa S.: Programming of computer to analyze and report Doppler tracing of the arteries
of the lower limbs. Thesis presented to the University Claude Bernard, Lyon, France,
1984, to obtain the certificate of high studies in Medical Computing.
3. Streichenberger R, Issa S, Barbe R, Nedey C, Adeleine P, Penne M. Aorto-ilio-
femoral venous grafts. 66 cases. 60 surgically treated patients (French). Chirurgie.
111(2): 168-79,1985.
4. Dodson SF, Issa S, Araya V, Gayowski T, Pinna A, Eghtesad B, Iwatsuki S, Montalve
E, Rakela J, Fung JJ. Infectivity of hepatic allografts with antibodies to hepatitis B
virus.Transplantation. 64(11): 1582-4, 1997 Dec 15.

5. Shapiro AMJ, Bain VG, Preiksaitis JK, Ma MM, Issa S, Kneteman NM. Ogilvie's syndrome Associated with acute cytomegaloviral infection after liver transplantation. Transplantation submitted.

6. Dodson SF, Issa S, Bonham A. Liver transplantation for chronic viral hepatitis. *Surgical Clinics of North America*. 131-141, 1999 Feb.
7. Issa S, The Role of Liver Transplantation in Current Medical Practice. *Journal of Syrian Association of Gastroenterology*. July, 2003.
8. Issa S, Bishri S. The Role of the Superior Mesenteric Artery SMA in a Modified Technique of Abdominal Organs Retrieval for Transplantation. In print
9. Hajeer AH, Issa S, Fakhoury H, Huraib S, Al Ghamdi G, Flaiw A, Alabdulkareem A. A Database for the management of histocompatibility and immunogenetics results of renal transplantation patients. *Saudi Journal of Kidney Diseases and Transplantation* (2003) 14: 197-201.
10. Hajeer AH, Issa S, Abdullah K, Awad M, Tbakhi A, Alaskar A, Abdulkareem A. Neutrophils and lymphoid chimerism after adult living-related liver transplantation from a homozygous donor. *Transplantation Proceedings* 2005 Dec;37(10):4386-8.

ABSTRACTS

1. Kneteman NM, Bonar S, Bellerose D, Bain VG, Ma MM, Issa S, Babini R. Sirolimus Immunosuppression in Clinical Liver Transplantation. The International Congress on Immunosuppression.
2. S. Issa, S. Al-Bishri, AMJ. Shapiro, N.M. Kneteman. A Technique for Rapid Hepatectomy in Liver Transplantation: Canadian Society of Transplantation, 1999, Lake Louise.
3. Hajeer A., Issa S., Abdulkareem A., Neutrophils And Lymphoid Chimerism After Adult Living-Related Liver Transplantation From A Homozygous Donor: International HLA and Transplantation Meeting, Los Angeles 2004, Meeting Presentation.

RESEARCH FUNDINGS

Granting Agent: Fujisawa Canada Inc.

Project Title: An open-label, prospective, randomized, multicenter, clinical trial of corticosteroid discontinuation in Prograf or Neoral Cyclosporine A (Neoral) treated patients undergoing liver transplantation.

Type of Grant: Clinical Trials

Period of: 01Oct95-01Feb99

Amount: \$160,000

Granting Agent: Novartis

Project Title: An open-label study to assess the safety and efficacy of tapering steroids in patients who are receiving Neoral as primary immunotherapy

Type of Grant: Clinical Trials

Period of: 01Jun96-01Jun98

Amount: \$138,000

Granting Agent: Novartis

Project Title: A multicenter, randomized, open label parallel group study to compare the usefulness of peak vs trough cyclosporine monitoring in de novo liver transplant recipient treated with Neoral.

Type of Grant: Clinical Trials

Period of: 01May97-01Mar00

Amount: \$73,216

Granting Agent: Novartis

Project Title: A Multicenter, randomized, double-blind placebo controlled trial of Simulect in de novo liver transplant recipients

Type of Grant: Clinical Trials

Period of: 01Jun97-01Jul99

Amount: \$57,000

Granting Agent: Wyeth-Ayerst

Project Title: A randomized, open-label, two part Research study of tacrolimus versus Cyclosporine and Sirolimus followed by continued cyclosporine or cyclosporine withdrawal in recipients of orthotopic liver transplants

Type of Grant: Clinical Trials

Period of: 01Dec98-01Dec00

Amount: \$115,000

FULLY ALLOWED PATENT, USA: 2019, October:

Method of Data Capture, Storage and Retrieval Through User Created Form Templates and Data Item Templates by Executing

PROVISIONAL PATENT, USA, IN PROCESSING:

Unified Medical File.