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APPOINTMENT OF DR. ABDULAZIZ AL AJLAN AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DEPARTMENT



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Dr Abdulaziz Al Ajlan, Chairman

Dr. Abdulaziz Al Ajlan has been appointed as the Chairman of the Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, King Abdulaziz Medical City, Riyadh effective 29th March 2009. He is one of the unique pathologists around the Kingdom and the Middle East.

Dr. Ajlan, Consultant Dermatopathologist, obtained his Bachelor Degree in Medicine from King Saud University, College of Medicine, Riyadh in 1989. He completed his fellowship in Pathology at King Saud University in 1997. He had a specialty training fellowship in Dermatopathology from Ackerman Academy, USA in 2000. He also has obtained Fellowship from British Royal College, UK. He is an outstanding Dermatologist and experienced in Lab Administration. His subspecialty is the reference for Gulf Area and Middle East.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Abdulaziz Al Ajlan on his new appointment and extend to him your usual support. We would like also to thank Dr. Ashraf Ali for his outstanding contributions during his tenure as Chairman from 2003-2009.

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H.E. Dr. Bandar Al Knawy visited the department on 30th March 2009 at 0945hrs to honour Dr. Abdulaziz Al Ajlan on his new appointment to Chairman of the department. His Excellency spent two hours in the department to visit all laboratories and conversed directly with the laboratory individuals.



SUMMARY OF SERVICE OF DR. M. ASHRAF ALI AZIZ IN THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA



Dr. Muhammad Ashraf Ali, an accomplished Anatomical Pathologist joined our Department on 15 December 2002 as a Consultant Anatomical Pathologist and Head, Division of Anatomical Pathology, KAMC. He was appointed as Acting Chairman, Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine from 1st June 2004 to January 2005. He was then appointed Chairman of the Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine in January 2005 till 28 March 2009. Dr. Ashraf Ali worked in King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Center for a period of 27^{1/2} years and has been with us for a little over six (6) years. He continues as Divisional Head, Anatomic Pathology.

Dr. Ashraf Ali is a Fellow of the College of American Pathologists, Member of the International Academy of Pathology (US, Canadian and Arab Division), Member of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists, Fellow of the Royal college of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, Member of the society of Pediatric Pathology, Secretary of the Riyadh Pathology Group (10 years) and past President of the Riyadh Pakistani Doctor's Group.

He has been a member of a number of important Hospital Committees and made valuable contributions. Furthermore, he has contributed to various journals, publications, abstracts and presentations.

Under the leadership of Dr. M. Ashraf Ali as Chairman of the Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine the following achievements have been accomplished:

1. The Department has successfully been accredited with **distinction** for three (3) successive CAP (College of American Pathologists) and AABB (American Association of Blood Banks). This distinction makes this department amongst a few in the Kingdom, and amongst the well-reputed laboratories in the world. During the JCI Inspections in 2006 as well, the department was accredited.
2. KAMC has been authorized as a regional center for ASCPi throughout the Kingdom - The International Academy of Cytology examinations were held for the second time at the King Abdulaziz Medical City in January 2009.
3. Saudi Board of Pathology was initiated and accomplished by the efforts from the Anatomic Pathology division and is chaired by Dr. Hanaa Bamefleh.
4. Molecular Lab made the most extensive Molecular testing menu in Saudi Arabia.
5. The staff of the department got a salary increase.
6. He was instrumental for the plans for the new Lab building including the design.
7. Approximately, 32 additional positions were approved to cope with the increased workload.
8. Electron Microscopy Service was re-commissioned is running well and the number of specimens has increased from within and outside the Hospital through the Business Center.
9. Additional capital equipment which has made the Lab State of the Art.
10. Post Baccalaureate Certification Program in Laboratory Technology (Clinical Chemistry & Molecular Pathology) had the successful completion of its second batch of graduates.
11. Additional new tests / procedures and services have been introduced.
12. New logo designed, lab test guide and Lab information booklet and website accomplished.

We acknowledge our esteemed appreciation for the devotion to excellence, in all Dr. Ashraf's endeavours for the department and the patients of the King Abdulaziz Medical City and the National Guard.

This year, Dr. Muhammad Ashraf Ali will complete 34 years of uninterrupted service in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This is in itself a memorable achievement.

CYTOLOGY

Dr. Hanna Bamefleh, Ms. Sara Al Qahrani and Ms. Ghadeer Al Muhaini have obtained the professional certification by the International Academy of Cytology. Cytopathology has recently conducted one-day refresher seminar with guest speakers, and attendees were from the entire kingdom and abroad. The division welcomed Ms. Maisa Al Rejayae as new SCDP candidate.

TRANSFUSION MEDICINE SERVICES:

DONOR CENTER:

THE 24th JANADRIYAH CULTURE & HERITAGE FESTIVAL-TRANSFUSION MEDICINE SERVICES TMS ACTIVITIES

The Janadriyah festival was held from 4-18 March 2009 at 0700-1600hrs. Transfusion Medicine Services' new mobile donor collection vehicles known as bloodmobiles were used for the first time in the Festival. The first week was for male donors with the last three days were for female donors and families only. Hundreds of whole blood units were collected for use at our Medical City.

TMS is participating in a new quality probe Q-Probe this quarter. Four divisional members attended the Regional European and Middle Eastern Section of the International Society for Blood Transfusion ISBT in Cairo, Egypt from 21-25 March 2009. Dr. Merenkov, Head, TMS, served as a moderator for a session on Pathogen Inactivation of Platelets and Plasma.

TMS has been selected to develop and operate the new Stem Cell Processing Laboratory and is actively recruiting staff for this section of the Division

HEMATOLOGY

Ms. Amal Abu Shaqaif is the acting Supervisor of the division of Hematology lab since the promotion of Mr. Khalid Al Zahrani to the Deputy Operations Administrator of the department. The division had given Masalama party for Mr. Abdulwahaab Davids, Senior Medical Technologist who left the department in February 2009. Mr. Emad Bader had a newborn baby on 10th January 2009. New internship trainees joined the division in March 2009 for six months.

CAP INTERIM INSPECTION:

The CAP Interim Inspection in the department has started on 4th April 2009 for one week. The aim of this inspection is to ensure that the laboratory prepares for the biannual outside accreditation due in 2010.

