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DEAN'S MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and students of the College of Medicine, we extend our deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy on the passing of the Vice Chancellor of the Colleges of Medicine and Health Sciences, Professor Qutayba Hamid.



We mourn the loss of a distinguished leader whose dedication and contributions have left a lasting impact. May Allah grant him mercy and bless him with eternal peace in Jannah.

I would like to welcome everyone back after the exams. I would also like to thank the faculty and staff for their efforts in preparing and conducting the examinations.

The Sharjah-Ohio symposium and other events are lined up in our college and I look forward to seeing participation from all to keep our college active.



إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ

بقلوب مؤمنة بقضاء الله وقدره تتقدم أسرة كلية الطب البشري
بصادق العزاء و المواساة لوفاة



الأستاذ الدكتور قتيبة حامد

سائلين المولى عز وجل أن يتغمد الفقيد بواسع رحمته وأن يسكنه فسيح جناته
ويلهم أهله وذويه الصبر والسلوان

The College of Medicine family expresses our profound grief and sympathy at
the passing of a remarkable leader, researcher, educator and role model:

Prof. Qutayba Hamid

Vice Chancellor of the Colleges of Medicine and Health Sciences

Former Dean of the College of Medicine

His contributions will remain a lasting testament to his extraordinary life.
Our heartfelt condolences go to his family, colleagues, students, and all those
who had the privilege of learning from him.

May Allah rest his soul in eternal peace.



Adjunct Professor Appointment

Dr. Reem Langhe has been appointed as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Benghazi, effective 1st January 2026.



Book Launch

*On 10th January 2026, Dr. Hamid Alhaj launched his latest novel, *The Naked Descent* (الهبوط العاري), during a signing ceremony at the Sharjah Literature Festival. The novel follows the journey of Majd, a journalism graduate from Damascus who rebuilds his life after wrongful imprisonment. It explores themes of identity, resilience, and memory, offering a psychologically layered meditation on loss and moral survival.*



Al Amal Research Award Day

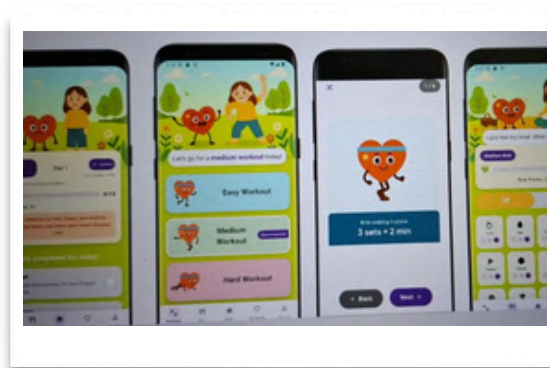
Dr. Hamid Alhaj served as a judge at the Third Al Amal Research Award Day, held on 15th January 2026. The event showcased mental health research from academics, clinicians, and students, recognizing excellence and encouraging collaboration in the field.





SYHHA App Launch

Prof. Sulafa Ali, Dr. Mohamed Taha, Dr. Rabah Mahmoud, Dr. Sara Shorbagi, Dr. Balsam Qubais, and Dr. Ibrahim Eltayeb, in collaboration with the College of Computer Sciences, launched the first version of the SYHHA (Smart Young Hearts for Healthy Adults) app. Designed by students under the supervision of Dr. Ibrahim Adam, the initiative aims to raise awareness about heart disease and mitigate cardiovascular risks in children and adolescents using artificial intelligence.



EOGS Appointment

Dr. Ghada Mohammed has been elected by the Emirates Medical Society (EMA) as a board member of the Emirates Obstetrics and Gynecology Society (EOGS) and is appointed as the General Secretary for the society. The EOGS serves as a leading national forum for the advancement of clinical practice, education, and professional collaboration in women’s health.



Appointment to UAE Research Map

Dr. Noha Elemam has been selected as an invited member of the Mohammed bin Rashid Academy of Scientists (MBRAS) and is now a recognized expert on the UAE Research Map.

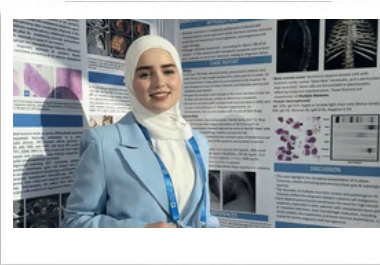
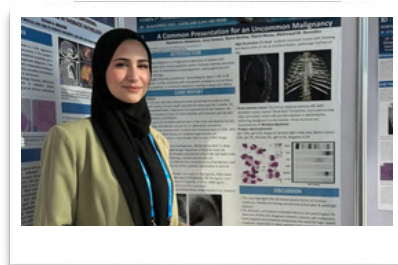




Student NEWS

1st Thoracic Oncology Symposium 2025

On 28th and 29th November 2025, Year 4 students Jana Samara, Alyamama Alnamous, and Rama Karima presented their clinical poster titled “A Common Presentation for an Uncommon Malignancy” at the 1st Thoracic Oncology Symposium 2025, held at Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi. The poster was co-authored by Year 4 student Shahd Mutaz, under the supervision of Dr. Mahmoud Ramadan.



EIGHC 2025

On 6th December 2025, Year 4 student Samiullah Haroon delivered an oral presentation at the Emirates International Gastroenterology and Hepatology Conference (EIGHC), where he presented his group’s research project titled “Assessing Colorectal Cancer Awareness and Preventive Lifestyle Practices in the United Arab Emirates: A Comparative Study of Risk Groups.” The project was co-authored by Year 4 students Lamees Mohamedali, Mohammed Abu Obaida, Shahem Alhaj Ahmad, and Daniah Mohammed, under the supervision of Prof. Iman Talaat.





Gateway to Research 2026

The Gateway to Research event, organized by the Research Institute of Medical and Health Sciences (RIMHS), was held on 14th January 2026, bringing together medical students for a showcase of research, innovation, and discussion.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Year 3 students Nada Medhat, Lilian Fuad, Abdullah Al Aswad, Ahmad Darawcha, Ghena Abusalameh, Hala Sahli, and Hamda Faisal, under the supervision of Dr. Hamid Aldeen Alhaj and Dr. Amal Hussein, won third place for Best Poster with their study “The Association Between Clinical Experience and Empathy Scores Among Medical and Healthcare Undergraduate Students.”



Year 3 students Adam Ali, Jana Al Shouha, Jana Eissa, Naya Alrefai, and Omar Asad, supervised by Dr. Hiba Barqawi, presented their poster “Level of Knowledge, Attitudes, and Perception of Surgical Site Infections (SSIs) among the General Adult Population in the UAE.”



Year 2 student Yasser Abbas, also under the supervision of Dr. Hiba Barqawi, presented his poster “Parental Knowledge, Attitude, and Management Practices of Childhood Diarrhoea in the UAE.”





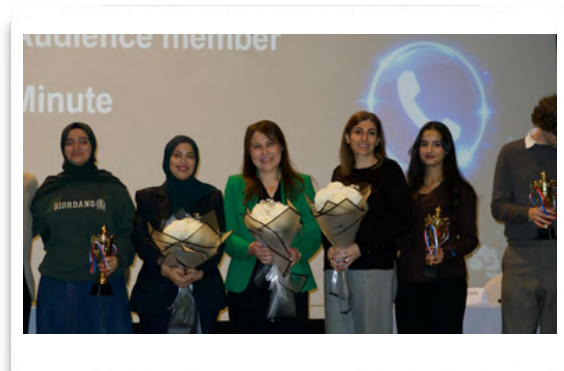
INNOVATE COMPETITION

Year 3 students Rand Mohammad, Hana Eldib, Jana Eissa, Naya Al Refai, Mohammed Ali, Omar Layth, Tariq Chawich, and Yousif Al Rubaye, supervised by Dr. Tamer Shousha and Dr. Wafa Alnakhi, won first place for their project “Investigating the Effect of Multi-Modal Stimulations on Induced Phantom Limb Sensation Using EEG and Sensory Perception.”



DEBATE SESSION

The event also featured a debate organized by the Medical Students Association (MSA) in collaboration with the Debate Club on the motion “This house believes that patients should be financially compensated for the use of their medical data to train Artificial Intelligence (AI) models,” encouraging active audience participation and discussion on ethical considerations in AI.





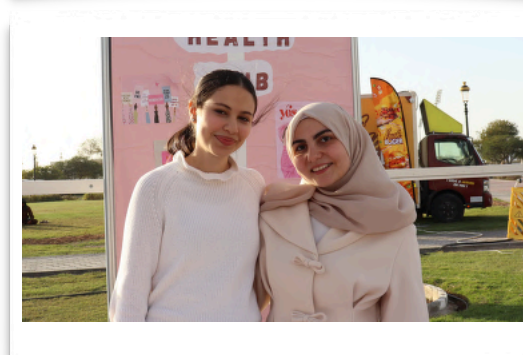
MEHFC 2026

On 18th January 2026, Year 2 student Mohamed Almuzainy presented his group's research project, "Efficacy of continuous positive airway pressure in the prevention of cardiovascular events in patients with obstructive sleep apnea: A Systematic review and meta-analysis," at the Middle East Heart Failure Conference (MEHFC) 2026 in Dubai. The project was co-authored by Year 4 students Saif Almuzainy, Mohamad Lemine, Rayan Aljubeih, Ahmad Alilo, Mariam Altaher, and Sami Alsalem, under the supervision of Dr. Mohamed Dawdi.



Medical Club Fair

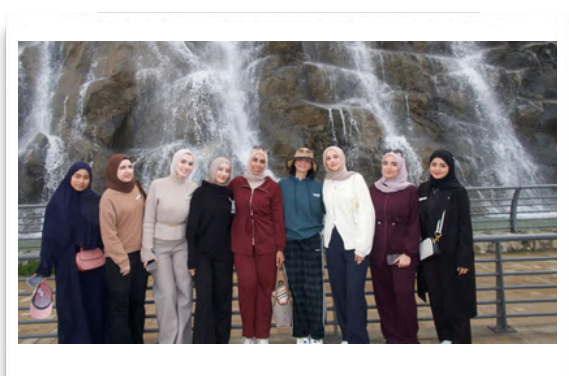
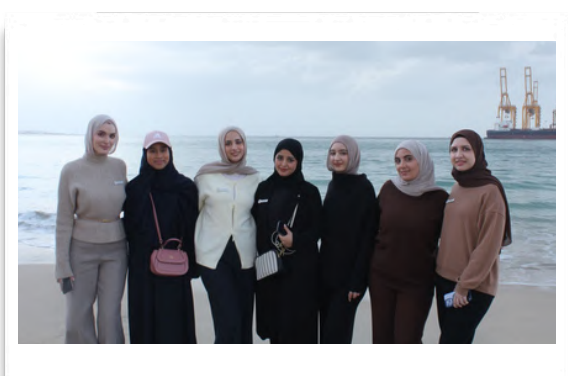
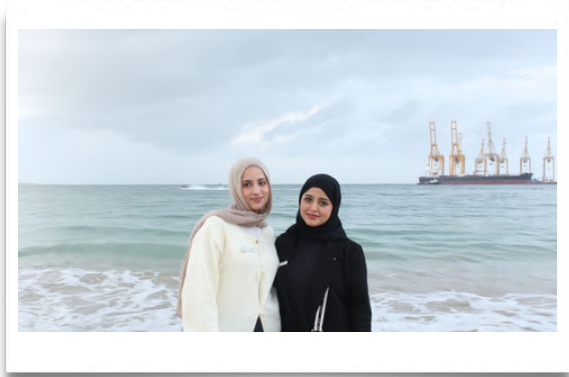
On 22nd January 2026, the Medical Students Association (MSA), through its Scientific Committee, held its inaugural Medical Club Fair. The event featured 10 student-led clubs, including Dermatology, Surgery, Orthopedics and Trauma, Women's Health, Student Collective, Neuroscience, Internal Medicine, Debate, Emergency Medicine, and Cardiology Clubs. The event provided a platform for students to showcase their initiatives and celebrate their diverse interests.





Khorfakkan Girls' Trip

On 25th January 2026, the Medical Students' Association (MSA) organized its first-ever girls' road trip to Khorfakkan. The outing featured kayaking and sightseeing, offering students a refreshing break and an opportunity to connect beyond the academic setting while fostering friendship and a sense of community.

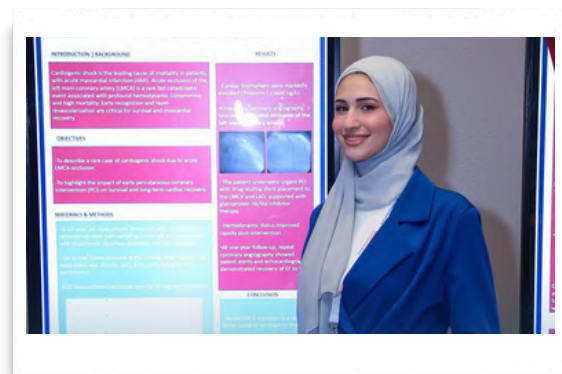
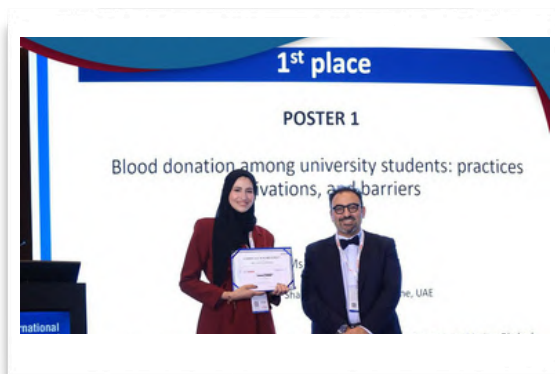




1st Cardiogenic Shock Congress

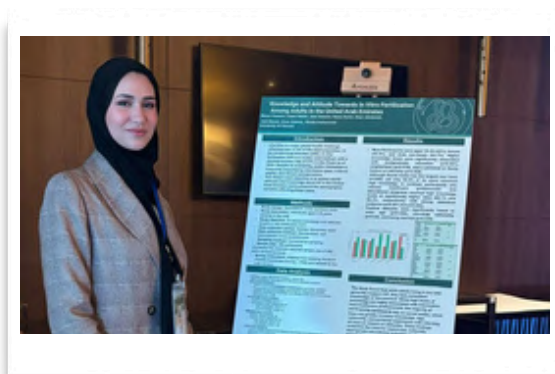
From 22nd–25th January 2026, Year 4 student Jana Samara presented two research posters at the 1st Cardiogenic Shock Congress in Abu Dhabi. Her poster “Blood Donation Among University Students: Practices, Motivations, and Barriers,” co-authored by Year 4 students Mariam Dhahrabi, Mohammed Al-Khalidi, Rania Fayez, Shahed Hamdan, and Ahmad Kasab, under the supervision of Prof. Basema Saddik and Dr. Amal Hussein, won first place.

She also presented a poster titled “Left Main STEMI Presenting with Cardiogenic Shock: A Case Report of Rapid Hemodynamic Recovery after Emergency PCI,” co-authored by Year 4 students Rama Karima and Alyamama Alnamous, under the supervision of Dr. Mahmoud M. Ramadan.



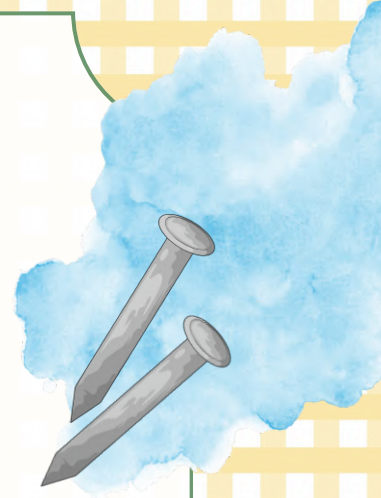
2nd International FertiClinic Fertility & IVF Conference

From 23rd–25th January 2026, Year 4 student Jana Samara presented a poster at the 2nd International FertiClinic Fertility & IVF Conference in Abu Dhabi titled “Knowledge and Attitude Towards In Vitro Fertilization Among Adults in the United Arab Emirates.” The poster was co-authored by Dr. Manar Hussein, Layan Hakim, Jana Samara, Rama Karima, Dr. Noor Alhaboobi, Ahd Elmahi, and Snds Salama, under the supervision of Dr. Ghada Mohammed.





based on a **TRUE STORY**



NAILED IT!

A psych patient arrived in the ER late one afternoon. The reason for his visit was delivered casually: he had swallowed nineteen nails. Yes, exactly nineteen whole nails.

As we walked, the doctor laid it all out—history, plan, risks, complications. He finished, paused, and looked over.

“Any questions?”

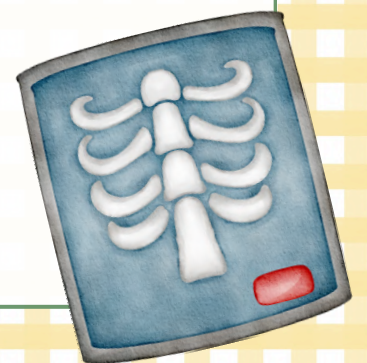
“Why not twenty?”

The hallway stopped. So did the doctor.

I realized too late that the thought had escaped. I immediately wished I could rewind time by about six seconds.

Since I was clearly invested, the decision was easy. I was assigned to follow the patient around for the rest of the day. Vitals. Labs. Serial exams.

It was a day well spent. But maybe next time I will keep my questions to myself.





Prescription: Perspective

Autism Spectrum Disorder



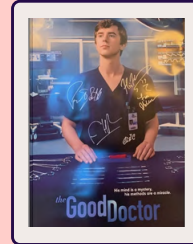
By: Jana Eissa

A different rhythm of communication, perception, and connection.

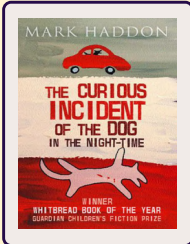
Rx1: Series

The Good Doctor (2017) – American medical drama following Dr. Shaun Murphy, a young surgeon with autism and savant syndrome. The show explores sensory overload, communication barriers, and the tension between extraordinary ability and social misunderstanding.

DOSE: 1 EPISODE WEEKLY



Rx2: Book



The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon (2003) – A novel narrated by Christopher Boone, a 15-year-old boy with autism whose logical mind and sensory sensitivities shape how he navigates a family mystery. The book offers an intimate, interior perspective on autistic cognition.

DOSE: 15 PAGES DAILY

[Link to
Trailer](#)

Rx3: Film

Temple Grandin (2010) – biographical film about Dr. Temple Grandin, one of the most influential autistic thinkers. It portrays her sensory world, her struggles with communication, and her groundbreaking work in animal science.

DOSE: ONE-TIME PRESCRIPTION



[Link to
Documentary](#)

Rx4: Documentary



Life, Animated (2016) – An intimate documentary following Owen Suskind, a young man with autism who learned to communicate and make sense of the world through Disney films. It reframes autistic connection through imagination, storytelling, and family devotion.

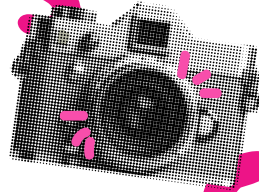
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DISCHARGE NOTE:

Autism stands as a reminder that there is no single template for perception, communication, or intelligence.



STUDENTS' CORNER



Mohammed Aldulaimi Foundation Year

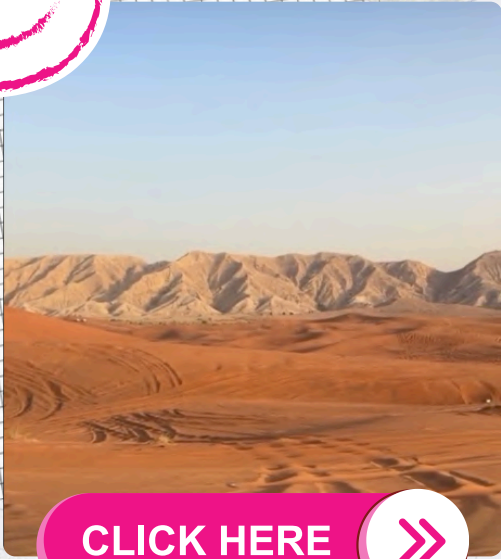
Sunrise in the beautiful gulf of Oman

Dana Haj Mohammed Year 2

*The higher you climb, the better
the view 🏔️*

-Bloudan, Syria





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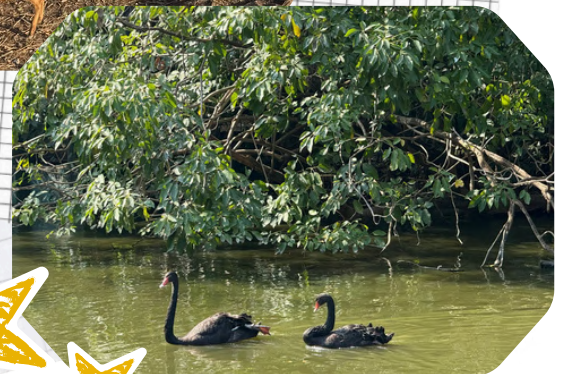
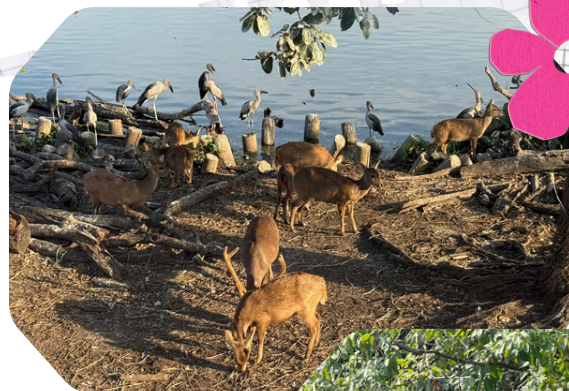


Monassar Alajmi Year 3

لا شيء افضل من العزلة مع النفس
بعيدا عن ضجيج الحياة

Samiullah Haroon Year 4

*Safari World, Bangkok,
Thailand*





Rashid Robari Year 4

Views like these make you forget you have 1000 review cards waiting for you at home.

Jana Eissa Year 3

Rainbow Valley, where colors learn to breathe.





Anam Riyaz Year 2

*Where stone meets water,
stories cascade layer by layer,
reminding me that growth is
always a beautiful process.*

Hind Fairooz Year 2

*His greenhouse proves love
outlives life; his hands are
gone, yet everything he
touched still grows.*





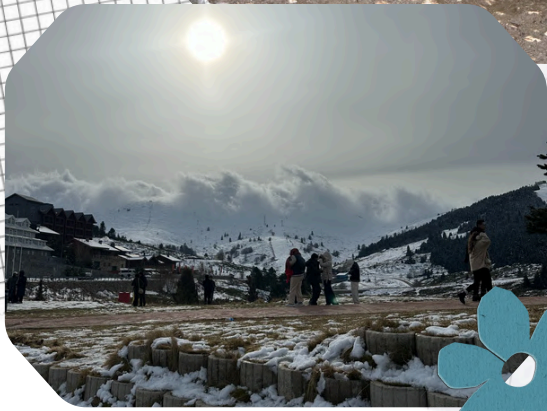
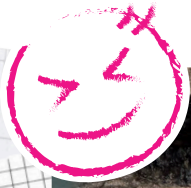
Saber Albloushi Year 3

Serenity peak

Shazia Anam Year 1

Perhaps one of the only kinds where the male, the peacock, is more beautiful than the female, the peahen.





Emad Zak Year 1

Traveled to Turkey, explored new places, experienced rich culture, amazing food, and unforgettable memories along the way 🇹🇷

Moustafa Allaf Year 2

The Mighty Citadel of Aleppo





CLINICALS ASK



ALUMNI ANSWER

By Yasser Abbas



@j3fer_al_shareef

If you were to go back in time and not enter medicine, would you and why?

❤️ 🗨️ #clinicals #advice #y4

@Enad.haddad

Batch 2k22



I wouldn't. I don't think there's a better career choice for me than medicine, particularly clinical medicine. The fact that you get to be part of someone's journey when they are most vulnerable, and get to contribute to improving their life, is just an irreplaceable feeling.

❤️ 🗨️ #internalmedicine #resident #pennsylvania #USA



@Jumana Mustafa

Batch 2k21



Egoistically speaking, I think I would still enter medical school but would probably do a whole lot of things differently. Why? I wish I had a more altruistic backing for my claim, but I'll leave you with this and bid my hypothetical chance at a more relaxed lifestyle farewell. <https://de.pinterest.com/pin/336573772144775311/> Also, I met my husband in medical school, so one more reason 😊

❤️ 🗨️ #resident #anaesthesia #clevelandclinic #UAE



@saryia.a

Batch 2k21



?????

❤️ 🗨️ #husband #newyork #IM #resident

— Hide replies

@Abdulla_nidal

Batch 2k21



Definitely yes 😊 It's an amazing career but it may not be worth the while. It's not well compensated for the amount of work you put in. And it definitely lost a lot of recognition/status it used to have. Even if you're only in it for helping people. I believe I can have a much larger impact on a much bigger volume of people in any other career.

❤️ 🗨️ #orthopedicsurgery #resident #dubai #UAE





@Drishti Kampani

Batch 2k22



I've contemplated this question more times than I'd like to admit. Surely, there must be an easier way to live, one that doesn't involve destroying your sleep cycles, evaporate your social life, and trading your twenties for work. I think it eventually comes down to what you want from your job. If it's money, prestige, or networking, there are options that don't require this level of sacrifice. Medicine gives you transferable skills, so most of us would do just fine in other careers, and yet, here we are, masochists choosing to put themselves through this exhausting grind. For me, it boils down to spiritual satisfaction. When I finally leave that 24-hour shift, I leave with the satisfaction of having done "something", even if it's as small as bringing a smile to a kid's face. The adrenaline of the highs, the crash of the lows - it keeps me hooked in a way I wouldn't find anywhere else. So, for now, I'm staying. Maybe when I'm older and my priorities shift, I'll revisit this question. I hope when I do, I'll be able to say I made the right choice for who I was at the time

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@Heba Walid

Batch 2k15



The human body continues to fascinate me, even now. Studying medicine is a constant reminder of Allah's creation and His power. It humbles you and reinforces the idea that no matter how much you learn, there is always far more left to discover. That awareness drives you to keep improving, not only as a physician/surgeon, but to provide better treatment and achieve better outcomes.

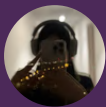
♥ 📖 #orthopedics #resident #hamburg #germany



@Thefatimatic_

Med school trained me for the Krebs cycle and cranial nerves, but not for the 3 AM existential spiral. So, be honest: do we merely misplace our sanity for a few years, or is it gone for good?

♥ 📖 #clinicals #advice #y4



@suhaibhajali

Batch 2k19



It is not gone forever, just held hostage by sleep deprivation, exams, and pagers/calls. Good news is, some of it comes back when you sleep like a human again. You might as well embrace a little bit of baseline insanity along the way!

♥ 📖 #gastroenterology #fellow #michigan #USA





@meena_alhadithi

Batch 2k18



Oh boy. Well let me put it this way. You basically get a 'Residency Premium Anxiety Package'. You will be spiralling during residency, and it is very important to have a good support system. This does not apply to everyone, but it is an issue 80% of residents go through and do not verbalize enough. Don't get me wrong, you can definitely enjoy your time as it is not all bad or all good, but I am just saying this is an issue almost everyone faces but do not discuss. That is why we are trying to raise awareness with this regard. On a lighter note, life starts looking much better after finishing residency and becoming a specialist.

❤️ 📄 #aljalila #pediatrics #specialist #UAE



@Jumana Mustafa

Batch 2k21



In the words of a certain Cheshire Cat: we're all mad here. Hang in there, choose your future career wisely and ask for help and input from others whenever you're unsure. You don't necessarily have to have solid plans early on, but don't just follow the tide into something you don't want to be doing for the rest of your life. A few (or more than few) existential crises and lapses of uncertainty are part of the deal.

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@Drishti Kampani

Batch 2k22



Simply put, I think it's gone for good. Most of us in medicine deal with this feeling of being "behind." Our friends are getting their first paychecks, promotions, taking holidays, settling down. Meanwhile, we're still in training, waiting for our life to start. But here's what we don't realize. Through our patients, we're living so many lives at once. You meet people at their lowest in the emergency room and at their highest outside the delivery room. You hear stories of war, of families falling apart, of poverty, of people fighting to stay alive. Your heart breaks. Then another moment puts it back together, like those Japanese pottery pieces repaired with gold. You see people navigating work and insurance nightmares just to be with someone they love. You see miracles, people making it when they shouldn't have, narrow misses that science can't explain. Sometimes, it will occur that it must be something bigger than us. So yes, you lose your sanity, but you gain this different lens on life. It's more cynical maybe, but also weirdly more hopeful and definitely more devoted to whatever this is we're doing. The old sanity isn't coming back. But honestly? I don't think I'd want it to.

❤️ 📄 #aljalila #pediatrics #resident #UAE





@mohfah_22

Is UOS a well-known university globally? Especially in the US and Germany? And do you feel underqualified as a resident compared to those who graduated abroad?

♥ 📖 #clinicals #advice #y4

@Alhendasi96

Batch 2k20



I did my residency in the UAE, and I was proud to be trained by UOS graduates, be a colleague to UOS graduates and supervise juniors from UOS as well, and the cherry on top is that I used to hear from my academic affairs supervisors that UOS graduates are one of the top trainees in programs. As for abroad, I can name at least 10 people who are currently in the US, Canada and the UK doing great in their residencies and publishing a lot of research.

♥ 📖 #internalmedicine #specialist #SSMC #abudhabi #UAE



@suhaibhajali

Batch 2k19



There is definitely increasing recognition for UOS in the US (where I am based) given its progressively higher rankings and alumni output. Our alumni are spread all over the US and many of them hold impressive positions. I honestly felt very qualified and well-equipped compared to other residents right from day one. No doubt, our university prepares us quite well for the real world.

♥ 📖 #gastroenterology #fellow #michigan #USA



@Jumana Mustafa

Batch 2k21



The people make the place more than the place makes the people (I added that last part). Point is, any place where UOS gets a good reputation internationally is because of its graduates' calibre in said place, which paves the way for future graduates. Remember, the program is interviewing you, not your college. I would say we have a pretty robust academic base and are not lacking in knowledge but integrating that into individuals with independent clinical application compared to international medical schools is... well...a work in progress.

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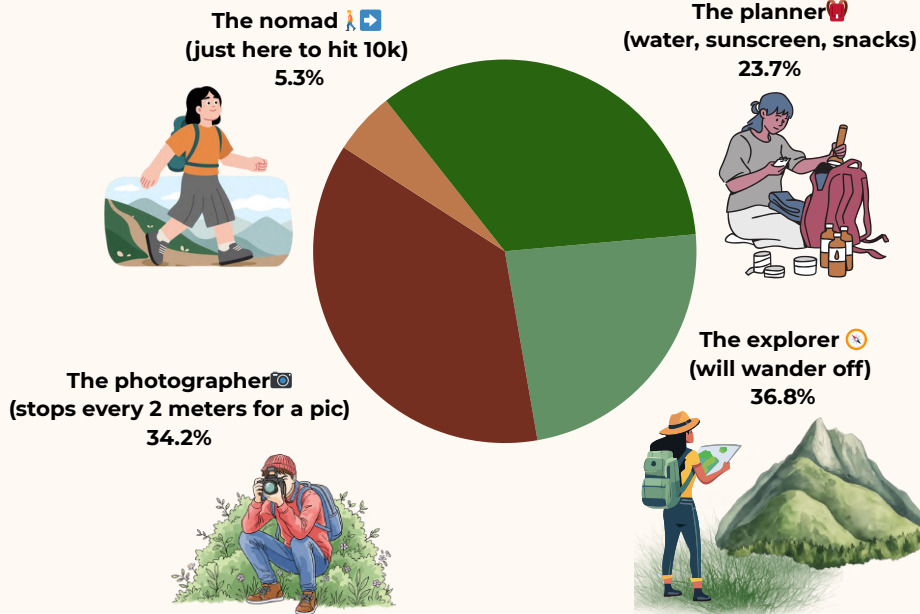
In Germany, UOS is mainly known in departments where students have completed their electives. Beyond that, it is largely unfamiliar. That said, I do not feel disadvantaged at all; in fact, I believe I performed better than some of my German peers who joined the department at the same time as I did.

♥ 📖 #orthopedics #resident #hamburg #germany

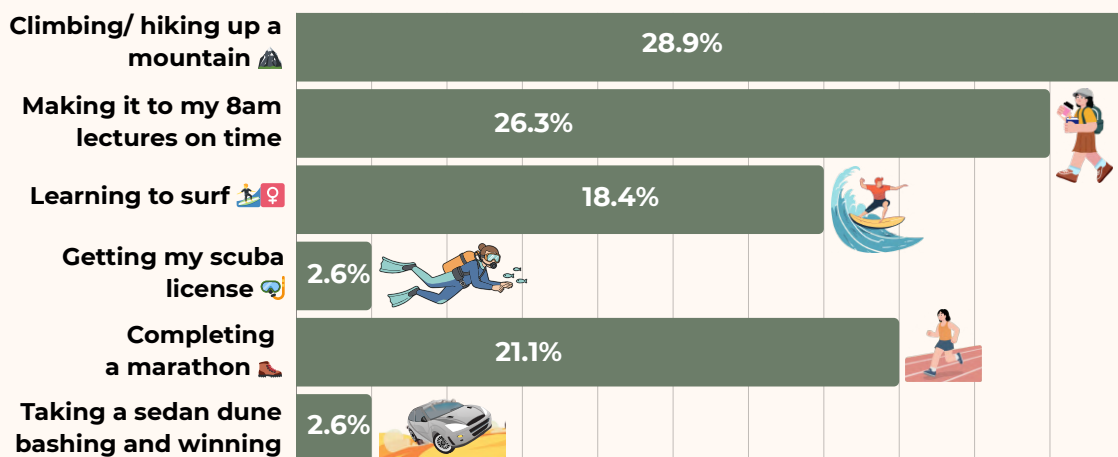


STUDENT SELECTED

Pick your outdoor personality 🧑‍🎒



Which outdoor “achievement” is on your bucket list?





Your ideal outdoor hangout is...

Sitting around a fire in the desert 🏕️🔥
34.2%



A hike I will complain about but enjoy later 🧗
13.2%



Sitting on the Corniche pretending life is a movie 🎬
23.7%



A picnic that turns into sunset watching 🌅
23.7%



Watching other people go outside through Instagram 📱
5.3%



What's the worst thing you experienced in the outdoors?

Got chased by a stray dog 🐕

28.9%



Running into my professor outside campus 🏫

21.1%



Got mosquito bites while camping 🦟

38.8%



Friends throwing a gas tank into a fire and police getting called on us 🚒👮

Got chased and bit by a dog in the glutes 🐕

Being hit by a car 🚗

The said sedan getting stuck, multiple times 🚗

Forgetting the tea equipment 🍵



JUMBLE!



HOW TO PLAY?

UN-JUMBLE THE LETTERS BELOW TO FORM A WORD. FINALLY, RE-ARRANGE THE HIGHLIGHTED LETTERS FROM EACH OF THESE ANSWERS AND USE THE HINT TO SOLVE THE FINAL BONUS JUMBLE!

R A T S E M



P N I I E Z L



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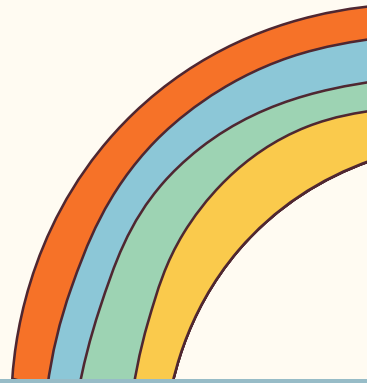
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Student Letterbox

ON THE FIG TREE OF MEDICAL SCHOOL

A thousand things to do and far too few lifetimes. The fig tree grows at our feet and our preceptors advised gluttony. Get as many figs as you can and pray, they're the right ones. Extracurriculars, research, impress the doctors on rounds. Be everywhere, at once, all the time. As we deliberate exactly how, the figs fall at our feet. As Sylvia Plath predicted, they rot. Too soon. Too late.

But there is a shortcut. You can buy the figs.

Being everywhere, at once, all the time comes with a price. Luckily, destiny allows you choose the currency. Sleep. A weak currency; no matter how much I pushed, I still needed more. Time, there was never enough of it. When sleep does not cover the bill, you request a loan from your health; mental, physical. Any. All.

But even that is not enough.

Then, on my rotations I met a kind and passionate physician. His perseverance was the ice-cold water that snapped me out of the chase, the ever-rotting figs. I would start my shift at 6 AM, and he would already be there. Eight hours later, I go to my car and he goes to another patient. I come in the next morning and he had never left at all.

Despite all these hours, all the debt and the hefty price he must have paid, he had not yielded. He has yet to ration his humanity to pay the price of ambition. He reminded me: The choice is yours. You don't need every fig. You don't need that one fig everyone is clamoring for. You don't need to worry about rotting figs.

I don't have a perfect answer. I don't think the doctor does either. What I do know is that I refuse to become the easily irritated friend, the student with a dry personality, or the doctor who the nurses hate approaching. I want to be human: imperfect, passionate, alive. And just maybe, one day I can inspire an exhausted soul to reclaim their passion again.

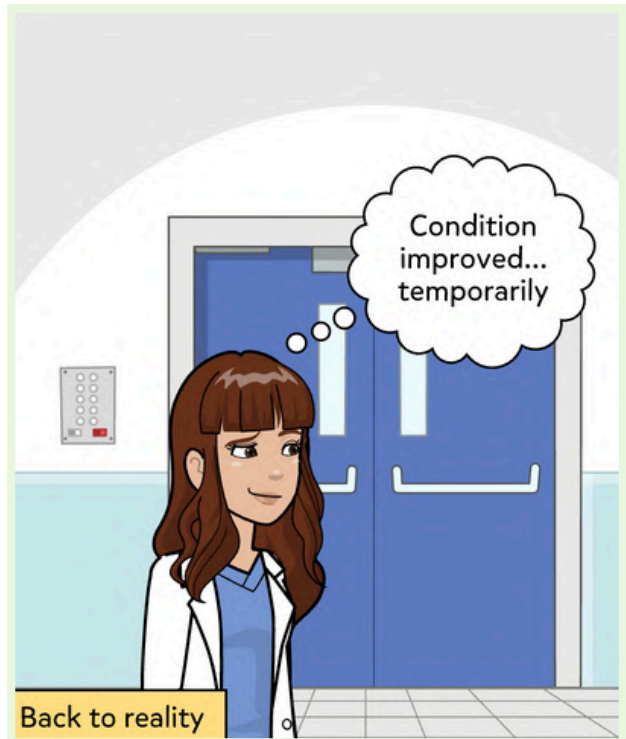
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By: Dana Haj Mohammed



*In loving
memory of
Prof. Qutayba*



Letter from the Editor

I first met Prof. Qutayba in September of 2015, shortly after he joined the college. He had asked to meet each faculty member one-on-one; not as a formality, but with genuine curiosity. Two sentences into telling him about myself, he stopped me and said, “Your English is excellent, where did you study?” After we discovered we had both studied at the same university in London, he smiled and said, “I want to start a newsletter for this college, and I want you to lead it. Can you do that?” That conversation marked the beginning of what the College of Medicine Newsletter would become.



Every month, without fail, he reserved a block of his schedule for the newsletter. He would insist, “No visitors. No calls. This is important.” Month after month, we sat together reviewing every issue, line by line. For Prof. Qutayba, the newsletter was more than just a publication; it was his way of turning our college into a family. And that he did. The newsletter was only one of the many initiatives he started.

It is difficult to put into words the impact Prof. Qutayba had on the lives of the faculty, staff, student body, and on me personally. He was not only a leader and mentor, but he also became a friend and even a second father, and I was beyond blessed to receive his guidance. Over the years, I worked closely with him and gained much wisdom and life experience; I learned how to navigate difficult situations, how to be diplomatic, and how to find joy and pride in the work that I do. His continuous support and spontaneous messages of encouragement kept me going.

He was a natural storyteller. And his door was always open. Anyone who would visit his office for a brief conversation would stay for hours, listening, conversing, and learning. He also had a brilliant sense of humour- he would joke with us in meetings, during his speeches, in the corridor- when he came to our side for coffee and the ‘good chocolates.’ It felt like everyone shared a special bond with him.

He cared deeply about his students, not only as future doctors, but as people. From the annual dinner with the dean to his poetry recitations at Open Mic, he was a huge part of the students’ lives. He made sure to attend and participate in almost all the student events, and when he missed any, he would record a video or voicenote to be played at the event. He would then call afterwards to personally check on how it all went.

Grieving the loss of a man who dedicated so much to others is difficult. And while there is no true way to capture in words the man that he was, this tribute booklet is a small glimpse into his legacy, the work he has done, the people he has mentored, and the community he has built.

رحمك الله وجزاك عنا خير الجزاء، و جعل مثواك الفردوس الأعلى

Hiba Barqawi
Editor-in-Chief



مِنَ أَجْمَلِ الْآيَاتِ وَأَشْفَاهَا لِلْقُلُوبِ وَالرُّوحِ قَوْلُ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ: {اللَّهُ نُورُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ مِثْلُ نُورِهِ كَمِشْكَاةٍ فِيهَا مِصْبَاحٌ الْمِصْبَاحُ فِي رُجَاةٍ الرَّجَاةُ كَأَنَّهَا كَوْكَبٌ دُرِّيٌّ يُوقَدُ مِنْ شَجَرَةٍ مُبَارَكَةٍ زَيْتُونَةٍ لَا شَرْقِيَّةٍ وَلَا غَرْبِيَّةٍ يَكَادُ زَيْتُهَا يُضِيءُ وَلَوْ لَمْ تَمْسَسْهُ نَارٌ نُورٌ عَلَى نُورٍ يَهْدِي اللَّهُ لِنُورِهِ مَن يَشَاءُ وَيَضْرِبُ اللَّهُ الْأَمْثَالَ لِلنَّاسِ وَاللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ}.



وإلى جانبِ النورِ الحسي ونورِ الهدايةِ والقرآن، يرى أهلُ العلمِ أنَّ في الآيةِ إشارةً إلى "نورِ العلمِ والمعرفة". فاللهُ تعالى هو مصدرُ العلمِ، ومن كريمةِ فضله أنْ خصَّ العلماءَ بأنْ جعلَ هذا النورَ يسري على أيديهم، ليكونوا سبباً في هدايةِ الناسِ ونفعِهِم. ولقد كان البروفيسور قتيبة -بشهادةِ أهلِ الاختصاص- علماً من أعلامِ المعرفة، وأبرزَ مَنْ أضافَ في مجالِ فهمِ مرضِ الربو وعلاجه، مساهماً في التخفيفِ عن المرضى الآلهم. نسألُ اللهَ أنْ يجعلَ علمَهُ نوراً له في قبرِهِ، وشفيعاً له عندَ رَبِّهِ.

تجسّدَ في الفقيهِ حديثُ رسولِ الله ﷺ: "إذا ماتَ ابنُ آدمَ انقطعَ عملهُ إلا من ثلاثٍ: صدقةٌ جاريةٌ، أو علمٌ ينتفعُ به، أو ولدٌ صالحٌ يدعو له".



فعلمه وإياديه البيضاء مشهود لها، وكلنا ذلك الولد الذي ما بخل علينا يوماً بتوجيهه و نصحه ودعمه و تشجيعه حتى زرع فينا كثيراً من خصاله في حب العلم والخير والعطاء والتميز. اولاده وطلابه في اقطار العالم كافة، ولا اعلم احدا من علماء المناعة في العالم العربي الا تلمذ على يديه او تاثر به. وقد كنت ذلك الولد والاخ الاصغر لبروف قتيبة للعشرين سنة الماضية. فكان لي العالم والقائد والملمهم والناصح والصديق والاخ الاكبر الحبيب. تتدفق الى الازهان ذكريات عديدة ومواقف لا تنسى وستبقى ذكراه العطرة حاضرة في حياتنا ودعائنا. لا نزيكه على الله ولكن نرجوه بفضله وكرمه ان يتغمده بواسع رحمته وان يجزيه عنا وعن امتنا خير الجزاء.

– Prof. Rabih Halwani
Adjunct Faculty





As a member of the COVID batch, much of our journey through medical school was shaped by distance and uncertainty. Yet, despite limited in-person interaction, Prof. Qutayba made us feel seen, supported, and deeply cared for. As the Creative Director of the College of Medicine Newsletter, I will always remember how he appreciated our work and encouraged our creativity with genuine pride. His words meant more than he knew. During a College Council meeting, he noticed my accent and happily said it resembled that of his homeland, a simple moment that reflected his warmth and closeness to his students. In our very first year, a year filled with fear, he promised us a beautiful library. He fulfilled that promise before his passing, leaving behind a living legacy of hope and vision. May Allah grant him mercy, forgive his shortcomings, and grant him the highest place in Jannah. He will forever remain in our hearts. 🙏



– **Dr. Hanae Qousae Al Chame**
Batch of 2024



In the three years I had the pleasure of knowing Prof. Qutayba, I witnessed his dedication, kindness, and genuine care for everyone around him. He would often drop by my sessions to check on the students and offer guidance and support. MashAllah, he always remembered to ask about things in my professional and personal life, including my doggy 🐶, which meant so much to me, and I have to say he always had an amazing taste in style. My daughter Deema also met him twice, and in her own words, "He felt like part of the family". His guidance and example will continue to influence all of us who had the honor of knowing him. May Allah have mercy on him and grant him the highest rank in Paradise.

اللهم ارحمه واغفر له واسكنه فسيح جناتك

– **Dr. Suha Al-Naimi**
Faculty



كان البروفيسور قتيبة من أولئك النادرين الذين يتركون أثرًا إنسانيًا عميقًا قبل أن تُحصى إنجازاتهم. لم يكن حضوره صاحبًا، لكنه كان مطمئنًا، يمنح من حوله وضوحًا وثقة، ويقودهم بهدوء إلى الأمام. قاد بالقدوة، وعلم بالفعل قبل القول، وجعل من حوله يشعرون بقدرتهم الحقيقية على النمو والنجاح.

لم يكن العلم عنده لقبًا أو إنجازًا، بل أمانة ومسؤولية. بذل من وقته وجهده بسخاء، فامتد أثره إلى أجيالٍ من الأطباء والعلماء. بقي علمه حيًّا في عقولهم، وقيمته حاضرة في ممارساتهم، وأثره قائمًا حيثما وُجد تلميذٌ أو مريضٌ أو زميلٌ حمل شيئًا مما تعلمه منه.

وعلى المستوى الإنساني، كان أكثر من عالم وقائد؛ كان سندًا حقيقيًا، وناصحًا صادقًا، وحضورًا ثابتًا يُلجأ إليه بثقة. في كلماته ومواقفه قبولٌ خاص، يفتح الآفاق قبل الأبواب، ويزرع يقينًا بأن العلم حين يقترن بالأخلاق والإنسانية يصبح نورًا لا ينطفئ.

رحل الجسد، وبقي الأثر. وبقي الدعاء شاهدًا على تقديرٍ عميق وامتنانٍ لا ينقطع.

نسأل الله أن يتغمّده بواسع رحمته، وأن يجعل علمه وعطاءه نورًا له، ورفعته في درجاته، وأن يجزيه عنا خير الجزاء.

– Prof. Eman Abu-Gharbieh
Faculty



رحل عميدنا البروفيسور قتيبة حميد، لكنه ترك في قلوبنا أثرًا لا يرحل. لم يكن مجرد مسؤول أو قائد، بل كان أبا حقيقيًا لنا جميعًا، حاضرًا بقلبه قبل منصبه.

لن أنسى وقفته الصادقة معي في وفاة والدي، حين كان سندًا وداعمًا، بكلمة طيبة واحتواء خفف عني ألم الفقد. مواقفه الإنسانية وتوجيهاته الدائمة كانت نابعة حرص حقيقي علينا، وكان دائمًا قريبًا منا، يشاركنا همومنا وتحديات العمل والحياة التي تواجهنا. فقدناه جسدًا، لكن ذكراه ستبقى، وستبقى أخلاقه ومواقفه الطيبة شاهدة على إنسانٍ نادر.

رحمه الله رحمة واسعة، وجعل ما قدمه لنا في ميزان حسناته، وأسكنه فسيح جناته، وألهم أهله ومحبيه الصبر والسلوان.

– Dr. Ghada Mohammed
Faculty





We will always remember the 11th of January 2026 as one of the saddest moments at the College of Medicine (COM), which was marked by the profound loss of Prof. Qutayba Hamid, who joined the COM in 2015 as an international leader, renowned educator, and esteemed scholar in respiratory medicine and asthma research. From his very first speech at the COM, he emphasized the core values of collaboration, professionalism, hard work, unconditional support, and the creation of a friendly working environment.

Throughout the years at the COM, his long-term vision of advancing high-quality research, achieving excellence in education, diversifying collaborations, and strengthening global connections was recognized at the national and international levels.

His contributions and humility have left an enduring legacy that will continue to inspire us, students, and the scientific and medical communities for years to come.

Dearest Prof. Qutayba, you will be deeply missed, but your impact, values, and dedication will remain forever - May Your Kind Soul Rest in Jannah.

**– Dr. Bashair M Mussa
Faculty**



Prof. Qutayba Hamid was our former Dean, but to me, he was my father. His kindness wrapped around me quietly and completely. Even when his words were firm, they never lacked love. He taught through strength, through honesty, and through presence.

When I was hurt or overwhelmed, he would smile, laugh softly, and say, “*You are like my daughter. You must accept everything.*” At the time, I didn’t always understand. Now, I hear his voice everywhere, guiding me, steadying me, reminding me to stand tall.

I miss him in every place. In every corridor. In every moment when I wish I could ask his opinion or hear his voice one more time. His absence is heavy, but his love remains deep, alive, and unbroken.

May his soul rest in peace. 💔💔

**– Dr. Balsam Qubais Saeed
Faculty**





How do you pay tribute to a man as great as Prof. Qutayba in just a few words? How do you describe his legacy, his greatness, and the man he truly was? To those of us who were lucky enough to know him, he was a leader, a scholar, a visionary, a role model, and a father figure. Prof. Qutayba gave us hope. He made us believe in ourselves and never stopped cheering us on.

When I first joined UOS, I remember walking into his office one day, confused, frustrated, and annoyed because I did not know where to start in building my career at UOS. His response was, *“Good...I’m glad you’re confused, because this will be your road to success”*. He was right. But my road to success was not only because I was confused, it was also because he believed in what I could achieve and supported me along the way. His words, *“You’re doing great Basema”*, continue to ring in my ears.

His humor preceded his wisdom. He never missed an opportunity to tell people, *“Basema thinks I can’t speak English,”* or to tease me about my Arabic “ق” or to joke about how I always warned him not to exceed his *“five minutes”* during a presentation. How do you describe a man who would make time to pass by and say hello, or stop by our offices for a coffee to chat, who took a genuine interest in asking about our daily lives and families? He cared, in a way that was real and consistent. How do you pay tribute to a man whose legacy will live on and whose presence will remain with us in everything we do? May your soul rest in peace, Prof. Qutayba, and may Allah SWT grant you the highest level of Jannat Al-Firdous. You will always be remembered and deeply missed. I will forever remain grateful to you simply for being you.

– **Prof. Basema Saddik**
Former Faculty





Prof. Qutayba was a unique clinician/scientist. He had the unique ability to translate key results from basic to clinical science. He also had the unique ability to create functional scientific groups, research centers, and colleges from very little resources, and allowed the individuals within these groups to grow the work and flourish it. I will always remember his stories on how he came to Canada with little and eventually led the research center, and how he established the College of Medicine at the University of Sharjah and helped it to grow to be in the top 200 colleges worldwide. In addition, he was a great mentor with the ability to listen to any person, and very quickly understand the problem and help to resolve it. We hope to carry on with what he established and help to grow the college to become even better in research and education.

– **Prof. Rifat Hamoudi**
Faculty



We mourn the passing of an exceptional leader, physician, and mentor, who devoted his life to medicine, academics, and, above all, to his students. As Vice Chancellor of Medical Colleges and Health Sciences, he was a father figure to us all. He led with care, integrity, and wisdom, always placing students' well-being, education, and ethical values first.

He listened, protected, and stood up for his students with unwavering commitment. His concern was genuine, his guidance sincere, and his presence reassuring. Even while courageously facing terminal illness, his journey ended too soon.

We were deeply honored to be the last batch to recite the Hippocratic Oath after him—an unforgettable moment that reflects the trust and legacy he placed in us. We miss him greatly, love him dearly, and remain forever grateful for everything he gave. His spirit lives on in every student he shaped. A fire kindled by his memory as a torch for knowledge, and a beacon for future physicians.

– **Dr. Said Obied**
Batch of 2025





Prof. Qutayba was a remarkable academic leader and a mentor whose influence left a lasting mark on my career as a scientist. I still vividly remember the first day I met him. Equally memorable was our final meeting, where his kindness and thoughtful words reflected the same generosity of spirit that defined his leadership throughout the years.

At key milestones in my career, he consistently offered sincere appreciation and encouragement, celebrating my achievements. His support went beyond professional guidance; it was deeply personal and profoundly motivating. He believed in nurturing people, not just building institutions. His legacy lives on through the many careers he shaped and the values he embodied—integrity, excellence, and compassion. I remain deeply grateful for his impact on my career. May Allah grant him the highest rank in Jannah and eternal peace.



– **Dr. Jibran Sualeh Muhammad**
Former Faculty

Prof. Qutayba was a truly distinguished leader, mentor, and guiding force behind the College of Medicine. In 2020, he was among the first to welcome us with a warm and heartfelt message. I clearly remember his words during our white coat ceremony, when he remarked, “*I may not be here when you graduate.*” What felt lighthearted at the time now carries a much deeper meaning, as we never imagined that moment would arrive so soon.

It is deeply unfortunate that he will not be with us when we take our oath later this year. Nevertheless, his legacy will live on through the values he instilled and the institution he helped shape. Prof. Qutayba carried himself with remarkable presence and dignity, leaving a lasting impression even through brief interactions. He consistently expressed pride in the college and reminded us of our responsibility to uphold its standards and strive for excellence.

I was fortunate to meet him through the college newsletter - a brief encounter that left a profound impact. His unwavering support and belief in our work were always evident. Today, as the Creative Director, I am proud to have contributed to a newsletter founded under his leadership.

His passing is a tremendous loss to the medical community. May Allah bless him and grant him the highest rank in Jannah.

– **Rehab Mohd Jamali**
Year 5





I will always remember Professor Qutayba as a great, inspiring leader who has taught us how to be successful, ambitious, with a clear vision, and most importantly, how to treat people with humanity. He was a real source of support, whenever it was needed, and left a lasting mark on many people. Since he joined our college, he was keen to create a loving family spirit. Prof Qutayba, thank you for everything. You will be greatly missed, yet you will always be remembered, and your spirit will keep guiding us. May your soul rest in peace!

– **Dr. Amal Hussein**
Faculty



It is difficult to put into words the impact Professor Qutayba Hamid had on all of us. He was more than a dean — he was the heart and father of our medical campus, a constant source of wisdom, guidance, and quiet strength. From the very first day, he believed in his students. Whether it was signing our MSA approvals, supporting our ideas, or simply offering a reassuring smile in the hallway, he made each of us feel seen, heard, and capable of becoming more than we thought possible. His door was always open, and so was his heart. He taught us that medicine is not only about knowledge and skill, but about compassion, integrity, and service. Through his leadership, he shaped not just a campus but generations of future doctors. He was the role model we all looked up to — firm yet kind, accomplished yet humble, a true mentor and guide. The moments we shared with him — the conversations, the encouragement, the photographs, the small acts of support — are memories we will forever cherish. His legacy lives on in every student he inspired and every life we will touch as physicians. May we continue to carry his message forward, to lead with empathy, and to serve with excellence, just as he taught us. Though he is no longer with us, he remains forever in our hearts.

– **Dr. Maryam Mohanad Al Ansari**
Batch of 2025





We shared more than a name, there was a quiet bridge between our souls. Once he told me, gently, without ceremony: you are the son I always wished for. I carry those words like a lantern. He walked among us as a scientist, measuring the world with reason, yet his heart moved in verses. A leader whose authority came with charm. People followed because they had trust. When he learned I read my poems to students, his eyes lit with pride and then, smiling, he warned me: Be careful, even beauty has its critics. Someone had once faulted him for daring to recite a love poem. He laughed when he told it, as if to say: never apologise for tenderness. Now the corridors hold an echo... where his voice used to rest. His absence is a silence, that still speaks. I miss you, Prof. Qutayba Hamid, teacher, poet, father in spirit. Your words remain in the air, like chalk dust in sunlight, impossible to gather, impossible to forget.



– Prof. Hamid Alhaj
Faculty



We mourn the passing of our Dean, whose leadership and genuine care left a lasting impact on our college community. He believed in supporting students beyond academics, encouraging them to pursue their passions with confidence. On a personal level, he consistently supported and motivated me throughout my sports journey in college, and his encouragement meant a great deal to me. His kindness, belief in students, and dedication to their growth will always be remembered. May he rest in peace, and may his legacy continue through the lives he touched.

– Dr. Raghad Abbas
Batch of 2024





للعين دموع منهمة وللقلب زفرات حري اجتمعت بكاء في رحيل العالم الطبيب القائد والوالد بروفسير قتيبة حميد. فقد كان له من النظر الثاقب والارادة القوية مما ترجمه نجاحات مضيئة وانجازات تتحدث عن نفسها وأجيال تحمل الامتنان و الوصايا .

لقد ترحل عن الدنيا بعد ما حفر عميق الاثر والانطباع الثابت بالجدارة والمسئولية فكان ضياء للطريق عند ضبابية الخيارات وجدارا معينا عند اختلاف الآراء وعندما يلزم الأمر أبا وناصحا مجردا للنفع ، وكأنه هو الكلمة التي تبحث عنها في قانون الأنجاز .

وقد فقدنا بغيابه رحمه الله افقا من الرؤي وعمقا من النهي قل الزمان ان يوجد بهما.

نسال الله القدير أن يرحمه بقدر ما نفع الناس بالخير وأحسن اليهم وأن يسكنه الفردوس الأعلى بما انفق من علمه ومعروفه وأن يجبر كسر أهله ومحبيه فيه.

إن القلب ليحزن وإن العين لتدمع وإنا لفراقك يا أستاذنا قتيبة لمحزونون وما نقول إلا ما يرضي رب العالمين إنا لله وإنا إليه راجعون.



– Dr. Rania Salaheldien Ahmed
Faculty

Prof. Qutayba has always been my role model ever since I read about him & his endless contributions to medical literature while applying to medical school, and seeing him for the first time in our white coat ceremony is a memory I'll never forget; I will always treasure the moments where we got to speak to him and hear his anecdotes and words of wisdom. He was the best poet, the most compassionate and gentle soul, and he had a heart of gold — I can proudly say I got to see him reading lines of his written poetry at the last open mic ceremony back in 2023, during which he jokingly told us not to record — and his love for his daughters and wife was very evident. Even after his passing, he will continue to inspire me and so many others, and my greatest wish is that we continue his legacy & pave the way for a brighter future in medicine.



الله يرحمه و يغفر له و يجعل مثواه الجنة

– Salma Nazar Abdullah
Year 4





I remember the very first day Prof. Qutayba met with the faculty at COM. It felt as if energy and oxygen filled the space. I felt hopeful, motivated, and inspired.

Prof. Qutayba used to call me *“the black-and-white faculty,”* and he often advised me to allow myself a grey zone sometimes. At the time, I struggled to fully digest this advice. But now, I have truly come to understand the importance of embracing a grey zone in a professional environment. It has helped me react and interact with decisions and colleagues in a more balanced way. This realisation has been a milestone in my professional growth, and I am grateful every day for Prof. Qutayba’s guidance.

He also made a point of giving junior staff the opportunity to speak in meetings and contribute to discussions, something that is rare in many institutions. I strongly believe this shaped the person I am today. I now speak up in meetings, express my opinions with confidence, and do so with the reassuring feeling that I am surrounded by support.

At the time, I was an early-career researcher. I approached my research in a very mechanistic and highly detailed way, which often made publishing challenging. His advice was to step back and look at what I was trying to achieve more holistically and broadly, allowing myself more freedom to move forward. I followed this advice when writing a PhD grant, which was successful. I aligned my research strategically and broadly, and it worked remarkably well.

I wish I could tell him that I now have a PhD student and another successful application that may soon be funded, all because of his invaluable advice.

May your soul rest in peace, Prof. Qutayba. With the impact you have made on each one of us, you will never be forgotten. Your advice is kept in a golden place in our hearts, continuing to guide and positively shape us. Your impact is truly long-lasting.

– **Dr. Samrein Ahmed**
Former Faculty





Prof. Qutayba has always helped us and LEAF to move forward and make many initiatives happen. I remember him joining us during the black wheat harvesting event, even though he was ill at the time and was not in his best condition. He was present there, for us. He was also with us during our graduation ceremony, including when taking the oath. You will be missed, dear Prof.

الله يرحمه ويغفر له ويدخله فسيح جناته

– Dr. Yazan Mazen
Batch of 2024



As much as I wanted to begin writing about Professor Qutayba, the truth is I kept delaying it because speaking of him in itself feels like a responsibility I was afraid I could never fully do justice. How do you begin to speak about someone who was so many things at once? A visionary, a leader, a professor, a scientist, a mentor.

After much thought, I chose to speak of Professor Qutayba as I knew him best. I speak of the example he set and the support I will always carry with me. During my years at the college, he stood by me not only as a student but as part of the student leadership as a whole. He did not simply allow opportunities beyond academics; he believed in them. He believed that student life should be rich, meaningful, and complete, one that allowed room for creativity, initiative, and real connections. The number of times I personally went to him with ideas that felt ambitious, unconventional, or even unrealistic is more than I can count. Yet every single time, he listened with openness, encouraged us, and trusted us. He never made us feel small for dreaming big. Instead, he gave us the confidence to try, to lead, and to grow. In every sense, he was with us.

One conversation with him has stayed with me to this day. He told me never to limit myself when it comes to medicine and science; there is no halt, no finish line, no ceiling. All you need, he said, is a vision. Today, I say this to him: I hold you as my example, and I hope one day I can reach even a fraction of the standard you set for us. Thank you for shaping my school years into what they became. Thank you for standing by us, especially when we needed it most. Thank you for being the fair and just voice we always returned to. Thank you for being the kind father who never turned a student away. Thank you for believing in our dreams, our ideas, and our creativity. And thank you for shaping the University of Sharjah medical colleges into what they are today. Your legacy lives on not only in buildings or titles, but in the people you believed in, the confidence you gave, and the vision you taught us to carry forward.

– Dr. Rita Alkhatib
Batch of 2024





On the opening of the open mic in February 22, 2023, he shared poetry and a story of seeing an alumni at his daughter's wedding who became an oud player, making everyone laugh and setting a warm tone to the rest of the evening. He was both brilliant and also always added his benevolence to whatever place he was in; one of the few whom everyone looked forward to getting wisdom from.

– **Tiba Aldelaimi**

Year 4

Prof. Qutayba Hamid was a distinguished example of systematic and transformative leadership, leaving a profound and lasting impact on the college over more than a decade of dedicated service. Through sustained vision and tireless effort, he successfully transformed the college—and indeed the wider medical complex—into a vibrant center of scientific research. This transformation was grounded in strengthening researchers' core competencies and fostering meaningful interdisciplinary collaboration, often resulting in innovative work with direct practical and societal relevance. Prof. Qutayba, may he rest in peace, was deeply committed to supporting faculty members, helping them recognize their individual strengths, and guiding them toward continuous professional development through his consistent, thoughtful, and encouraging engagement. His contributions at both the personal and institutional levels remain exemplary and will continue to inspire generations to come.

– **Prof. Maha M. Saber Ayad**

Faculty

We have lost an exceptional leader and a truly devoted scientist who championed my growth with unwavering belief. I am profoundly grateful for his guidance and the doors he opened, which fundamentally shaped the trajectory of my career.

– **Dr. Noha Mousaad Elemam**

Faculty





As a young student, I always wondered what it took for someone to be the Dean of college of Medicine. I asked myself what Prof Qutayba (may God grant him peace and Jannah) does to be in that position. As I grew older, I learnt about his contributions to medicine, and I was amazed by his exceptional work. I also got to know his cheerful and kind personality. May god forgive all his sins and grant him Jannah.

– **Dr. Yahya M. M. Alassouli**
Batch of 2023

I had the great pleasure of working with Prof Qutayba for about 10 years. He was a great boss, a mentor, a leader, scholar. He works hard even during his severe illness. He had a great sense of humour and distinguished abilities to get people together around him. His role in supporting hundreds of doctors from the Gulf during 30 years of his service in McGill and beyond, as well as establishing SIMR and graduating hundreds of scholars in Sharjah and the Gulf. We missed a great man, who was loved by thousands of people in many countries. May Allah place him in the highest paradise.

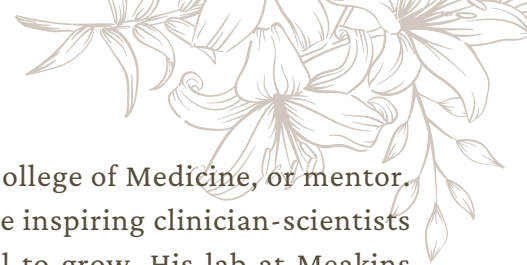
– **Prof. Nabil Sulaiman**
Former Faculty

A tribute to Prof. Qutayba, whose unwavering support, generosity, and belief in his students make a lasting difference. His guidance throughout my journey to Canada was invaluable, and his availability and encouragement never wavered. I am deeply grateful for his mentorship and kindness.

الله يرحمه

– **Dr. Esraa Al Araby**
Batch of 2020





Prof. Qutayba was far more than my PhD co-supervisor, dean of the College of Medicine, or mentor. He was a generous and caring father figure whose mission was to raise inspiring clinician-scientists like himself. He gave chances to those he believed had the potential to grow. His lab at Meakins became my refuge during one of the most difficult periods of my life, when I was changing labs and contemplating leaving everything behind to return to the UAE. He never gave up on me and continued to guide and nourish my career until the very end. You will live forever in our hearts, Prof. Qutayba. I am eternally grateful. ❤️

– **Dr. Motahareh Vameghestahbanati**
Batch of 2017

I haven't interacted much with you, but in the 7 years of my academics in the university, you made sure that I, as a student, graduated as a different man. Your principles and morals echoed and reflect on all those who were lucky to learn from you. You weren't just a dean, you were a teacher, doctor, therapist, and most importantly, a father to all of us. May god have mercy on your soul and may he give you peace in his highest heavens. You'll always be in my prayers.

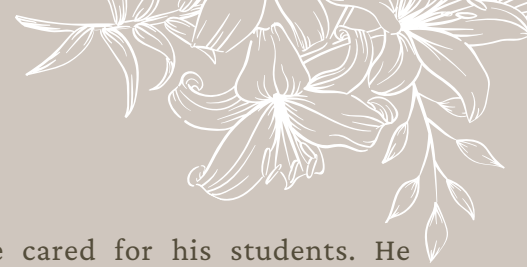
– **Dr. Omar Allan**
Batch of 2024

Prof. Qutayba was a true source of guidance and inspiration to all who knew him. His kindness, wisdom, and dedication left a deep and lasting impact on our college and in our hearts. He will always be remembered for his humility, compassion, and the care he showed to everyone around him.

May Allah have mercy on him, forgive him, and grant him the highest ranks in Jannah. May his legacy continue through the lives he touched and the knowledge he shared. ❤️

– **Shouq Khalifa Alzaabi**
Year 5





Professor Qutayba was an exemplary role model in the way he cared for his students. He consistently listened to us and used our feedback to improve our education. His accomplishments will forever stand as a testament to his incredible character. May Allah grant him the highest level of Heaven.

– **Dr. Suhaib Alhaj Ali**
Batch of 2019

I have been interviewed by him in foundation year, at first it was nerve wracking but I have received nothing but assurance and cheering up in a nice jokingly manner, I mean considering the interviewers being the faculty, I never thought it would be the man, the legend and the person behind it all, the dean, professor Qutayba Hamid, so you could expect how shocked and fazed I was at the time, At last, I heard nothing but good about him and he's surely one of the few people who will always have a space in my memory lane, may Allah bless his soul, work, and ease it out on him just like how he eased many things for us. 🙏

– **Khalid Muneer**
Year 3

Professor Qutayba was more than a Dean; he was a mentor who truly cared about each of us. He set a high standard for everyone to look up to, not only as a doctor but as a human and a role model as well. I still remember the day in the foundation year when he shared his poetry at the open mic; his words left a mark on all of us. I will always remember his kindness, patience, and the way he made learning medicine meaningful. He touched our lives in ways words can't fully capture, and he will be deeply missed.

– **Dr. Hashim Almishhadany**
Batch of 2024





Professor Qutayba was a pillar of the University of Sharjah and a foundational figure in the College of Medicine. During my years as a medical student, he was a constant source of support and encouragement for our educational journey. Even after graduation, he remained deeply invested in our success, and I am especially grateful to him for the opportunity to work temporarily as a teaching assistant, contributing to the education of medical students, which also helped me significantly in starting my residency in the United States. People are remembered for their character, integrity, and the impact they have on others, and Professor Qutayba embodied all of these qualities. May he rest in peace and be granted the highest place in Jannah.

– **Dr. Mahmood Alsamarai**
Batch of 2023

When I think of Prof. Qutayba, a flood of memories fills my heart. I will always remember his light-hearted sense of humor when we sought his approval for MSA events and budgets, his constant support through attending them, and his sincere words that gave us the strength to continue. From our very first day in Medical School until the very last, his doors were always open for us whenever needed. I am deeply grateful for the kindness and care he showed me during my hardest times, helping me overcome hardship and offering comfort and guidance when I needed it most.

He will always be remembered for the goodness he shared with others. I pray that Allah rewards him abundantly, grants him the highest levels of Jannah, and reunites us there once again.

– **Dr. Yasmeen Saleh**
Batch of 2024





Prof. Qutayba was the kind of dean and mentor whose impact quietly shaped the lives of so many around him. During my time as president of the MSA back in 2016–2017, he was always generous with his time, consistently present for students, and genuinely keen to support every initiative we brought forward. Even after we graduated, his help never stopped; he continued to guide us through paperwork and administrative hurdles with the same patience and dedication. He carried himself with humility, was always approachable and down to earth, yet remarkably smart and firm when it came to standing up for what was right. His character, kindness, and unwavering support will be remembered long after his passing, and his legacy will live on in the countless people he helped along the way.

الله يرحمه و يجعل مأواه الفردوس الأعلى

– **Dr. Abdulla Maged Abdelwahab**
Batch of 2019

Some of my fondest memories at the College of Medicine are tied to Prof. Qutayba. Not just because he was present, but because he always made us feel seen and supported. I was always struck by how much time he gave us whenever he had the chance to speak, whether at our White Coat Ceremony or events like Open Mic. And even when he couldn't attend in person, he made sure to reach us virtually, never missing an opportunity to address his students.

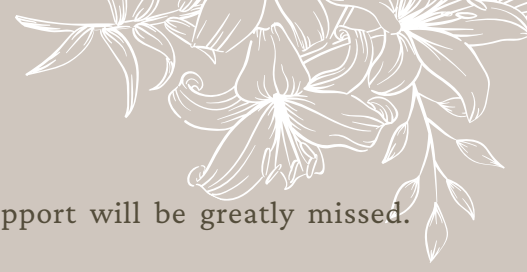
I felt his care through the hard work and dedication he poured into our college, and especially through the newsletter. It has truly been an honour to serve as the first editor of something that began as his vision, his way of connecting our campus.

I didn't get the chance to see him in his final days, and I wish I could change that just to thank him. Now, one year before I graduate, I'm reminded that I won't be repeating the Hippocratic Oath after him, and he won't be there at our graduation to address us one last time. Still, his presence is woven into our journey in ways that will stay with us long after we leave.

May Allah grant him eternal peace and the highest ranks of Jannah, and may we always carry forward the kindness, sincerity, and humanity he showed us.

– **Lamees Amir Mohamedali**
Year 4





Rest in Peace, Prof... Your thoughtful guidance and unwavering support will be greatly missed. Thank you for your exemplary leadership.

– **Dr. Suni Ebby**
Faculty

Prof. Qutayba (may Allah have mercy on his soul) was the greatest support to his students — whether in marks, resources, university events, anatomy lab and library hours, electives, and even during the COVID-19 pandemic. He always wanted to see his students go far and wide on their paths after graduation. Taking my Hippocratic Oath from him was a privilege I will carry with me for life.

– **Dr. Mutaz Mohsin Abualhab**
Batch of 2024

You left this world, but you never left our hearts. Your smile, your care for everyone, and your presence in the college meant a lot to all of us.

I am truly grateful for every moment you gave me of your time. Your advice, kindness, and support will stay with me always. You are deeply missed and will never be forgotten.

الله يرحمك ويغفر لك ويجعل مثواك الجنة

– **Zainab Barem**
Staff

We deeply mourn the passing away of Prof. Qutayba. His dedication and guidance touched many lives, and he will be fondly remembered. Our thoughts are with his family and loved ones. May his soul rest in peace. AMEN.

– **Hilda Saldanha**
Staff





As alumni, Prof. Qutayba's guidance and leadership left an everlasting impact on our journeys as physicians. We will always remember him with gratitude and respect.

– **Dr. Saud Abdullah**
Batch of 2022

I remember in my first year of medical school, I once met Prof. Qutayba in one of the university corridors. I greeted him, and he kindly asked me to request that the medical library remain open until 12 a.m. instead of 10 p.m. The very next day, a decision was issued extending the library's opening hours until midnight, and it was applied to all students. May God have mercy on your soul.

– **Dr. Hanan Alshail**
Batch of 2023

Your legacy of leadership, compassion, and excellence will continue to inspire our medical community for years to come, may your soul rest in peace.

– **Dr. Patol Alsabagh**
Batch of 2025



حَمَلْتُ الحَلْمَ من بلدي

Prof. Qutayba had a deep appreciation for poetry and often wrote and recited his own poems. The poem that follows is in his own handwriting and is shared here in remembrance.

حَمَلْتُ الحَلْمَ من بلدي
وقلت رعي أرتحل
وعدت أطرقت الأبواب
وقلبي كله وأمل
فضيحت أهي يا كية
أنا ولدي
أترحل عنا ذا اليوم
أترك البيت يا كبدي
فعدت أذكر الأسباب
وقلت لي معي أصحاب
قالت ماذا عن وطن
وعن أهل وعن أصحاب
حذار أنت يا ولدي
حذار أنت يا كبدي
حذار البعد والنسيان
حذار الهجر والحرمان
حذار غربة الأوطان
فقبلت أيا ريهما
وقلت يا حبيب العمر، رعيها كلها أرواح

عبرت البحر والبلدان ،
ومن بلد إلى بلد ،
نسيت الأهل والجيران ،
نسيت أهل بلدتنا ،
نسيت حلم حارتنا ،
ويوم بعده أيام
وعام بعد أعوام ،
وحلم بعده أحلام ،
ولعول وأرملة ،
« فرح تحت الأسم ،

صحوبّ اليوم من نومي ،
« وقلت أينك أحي ،
« أين الأهل والأحباب
أين بسمه الأنواء
« أين نسمة الأصباح
« أين نومي الهادي
« فوق حضنك الدافي
« صدقت أنت يا أهي ،
« صدقت أنت إذ قلت
« أخاف عليك يا ولدي
« من الهمم والأحزان ،
« فقالوا الأم قد رحلت
« إلى الله إلى الربان ،
« فعدت أذكر الهمس
« وما ضحيت وما هملت
« وما عدت للناس
« من الحيرات والأحسان
« فلم يبض لي عذر
« سوى أن أطلب الغفران

