

Obituary



Dr. Hikmat Abdul-Rassol Hatim 1936-2015

Dr. Hikmat Abdul-Rassol Hatim was borne in Al-Kadmia (Baghdad) in 1936. He had grown up in Baghdad, attended Baghdad Medical College in 1955; graduated in 1960 to join the residency program in Al-Furat Al-Awsat Hospital 1960-1962. He continued to practice general surgery and joined Al-Hussaini Hospital in Kerbala as a subsenior 1962-1966. He, then, moved to the United Kingdom for training in preparation for the degree of a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons which he obtained after three years of training in Leicester Royal Infirmary. He was promoted in 1971 to be a registrar in Doncaster Hospital for two years. In 1974, he had got a consultant job in Doncaster.

He returned to his country, Iraq in 1975 to join the medical college in Basrah as a lecturer in general surgery. He became Dean's deputy for scientific affairs in the same college from 1976 to 1977, and then, joined the chair of the Department of Surgery from 1977 to 1985. He represented and supervised the Arab Board of Surgery in addition to his original position.

In 1985, he moved to Al-Nahrain Medical College in Baghdad to be the chair person of the Department of Surgery from 1991 to 2004, then he became the Dean of Al-Nahrain Medical College.

He continued serving Iraq and Iraqis in different organizational and scientific activities till his retirement in 2010. He continued practicing various activities including head of the Accrediting Committee for Iraqi Medical Schools, till his last minute of life. Sadly, he was attacked by a serious illness to leave, if God will, to heaven in 2015.

Dr. Hikmat A. Hatim was a distinguished surgeon, teacher and father for so many generations. He was a man of manners, very much respected by all those who met him; lovely, humble, cheerful and a eminent teacher.

He is survived by his two sons; both are doctors, and a dentist daughter, in addition to his respected wife.

We shall keep praying for him to have mercy by The Great Allah. We feel he deserves to be in Heaven because of what he offered to his patients, students and colleagues. God bless his soul.

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