

Obituary



Prof. Khalid Najj 1923-2008

Prof. Khalid Najj, one of the pillars of Iraqi surgery in the 20th century, died in Amman earlier this year. He was born in Baghdad in 1923 and buried in Baghdad according to his will. Educated in Baghdad, he got his MB,ChB and Master of Surgery from Baghdad Medical College.

In 1951, he joined the teaching staff of Baghdad Medical College where he served in its ranks till his retirement as professor of surgery.

Prof. Najj was interested in teaching his students and residents, spending long hours guiding them and urging them to “Always Ask Why”. He was dedicated to his patients. His work on burn and hydatid disease earned him an international recognition.

In his later years, Prof. Najj presided on the committee governing the Iraqi medical Schools.

He is survived by his wife, son and hundreds of his students.

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