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Prof. Baniyas obtained his PhD Degree in Pharmacology and Therapeutics from the University of Wales, Cardiff, UK in 1992. He joined the College of Medicine, UAEU as Assistant Professor in 1993 and was promoted through the academic ranks to Associate Professor and then to Full Professor in 2006. During 1997-1998 he was offered a Fellowship Program in Clinical Toxicology and Emergency Practice at the Department of Emergency Medicine, University Medical Center, University of Florida, Jacksonville, Florida, USA. Subsequently he obtained Clinical Certification by the American Board of Applied Toxicology in 1998.

He also became Board Certified by the American Board of Forensic Examiners (1997), the American Academy of Pain Management (1997), and the American Psychotherapy Association (1998). He was elected Fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacology (2005), Fellow of the American College of Forensic Examiners (2006), Honorary Fellow of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine, UK (2010), Fellow of the Royal Society of Public Health, UK (2011), and Fellow of the American Psychotherapy Association (2012). He also obtained his Project Management Certificate (Health Care) from the Harvard School of Public Health, USA (2010). He maintains current the Advanced Cardiac Life Support Certificate (ACLS Provider) and Advanced Hazardous-Materials Life Support Certificate (AHLIS Provider and Instructor).

At present he is working as the Provost and Chief Academic Officer, United Arab Emirates University. He is also Consultant Clinical Toxicologist at the Emergency Medicine Department, Tawam Hospital in Affiliation with Johns Hopkins. He served at the College of Medicine and UAEU for almost 20 years holding various positions such as Vice Provost for Health Sciences, Dean, Vice Dean, Director of Graduate Studies Programs, and Associate Dean for Admission, Student & Alumni Affairs at the College of Medicine at the UAEU. He was Visiting Professor and Clinical Toxicologist at the Florida Poison Center, University Medical Center, University of Florida, and Visiting Scientist and Medical Researcher at the Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden.

He acted as Advisor for various national and international institutions on Medications Safety, Poisoning and Toxicological Exposures. He played a substantial role in the introduction of TOEFL and NBME (i.e. USMLE Shelf Exams) and Problem Based/Case Based Learning into the Medical Curriculum. He contributed to the establishment of the Master of Medical Sciences (MMedSc) Program, Master of Public Health, and Doctor of Pharmacy and assisted with the development of Clinical Specialty Training and PhD program implementation.

At the National UAE level he presented plans for UAE regulatory authorities in establishing Drug and Poison Center, National Drug Formulary, Pharmacy Examination, and Evaluation of Physicians and Health Care Professionals. He has given seminars and workshops dealing with Poisoning, Chemical, Biological and Radiological Warfare Agents, Medication Safety, and Pharmacotherapy of various diseases such as epilepsy, diabetes and rheumatoid arthritis. He introduced the US based Advanced Hazardous Material Life Support Course into Saudi Arabia

and the UAE. He is establishing member of the Neuroscience Group in the UAE (affiliated with International Brain Organization, IBRO). He is Chair of the founding committee of the Emirates Board of Medical Specialties in UAE, was involved in accreditation of private Medicine and Pharmacy Colleges in the UAE, and was external Evaluator for the Medical Schools at Sultan Qaboos University, Oman and the Arabian Gulf University, Bahrain.

At the College of Medicine, UAEU, he had served on various committees and held several leadership positions including the University Council (Board of Trustees). He also served as Member of the Marriage Fund Board of Trustees, Federal Health Authority Board of Trustees, Global Health Institute, Board of Advisors, and is a Member of various committees such as; Drug Registration, National Pharmacovigilance, Medical Certificates Evaluation Committee in Ministry of Health. In addition he is also a member of the Certificate Evaluation Committee (GCC) at Ministry of Higher Education and Medical Council of National Qualification Authority.

He was awarded 25 research grants, supervised 8 PhD students and published over 80 papers and over 100 abstracts in the areas of neuroscience, toxicology (heavy metals, organophosphates poisoning) as well as community health and medical education. He served as editor and reviewer for various scientific journals in the medical, pharmacology and toxicology fields.