



Abou Elkasem Imam Elhaj



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A distinguished clinical scientist, international expert in toxicology and narcotics, and a national figure with a career spanning more than three decades. He has an outstanding record in establishing and managing advanced reference laboratories, representing the United Arab Emirates in scientific and UN forums, and publishing influential research in leading international scientific journals.

He led the efforts of the National Rehabilitation Center in Abu Dhabi to become a World Health Organization–accredited center and played a fundamental role in transferring expertise and knowledge to Sudan, where his efforts resulted in the inclusion of Addiction Medicine as a recognized medical specialty.

A scientist dedicated to serving humanity through combating addiction, and a national figure committed to transferring cutting-edge knowledge to help develop the health sector and address one of the most complex challenges facing his community in Sudan.

Current Positions and International Licenses

- **Head of Public Laboratories** and the Laboratory of Narcotic Substances and Toxicology – National Rehabilitation Center, Abu Dhabi
- Awarded the title of **Chief Clinical Scientist** by the Medical Council of Ireland
- Awarded the title of **Clinical Scientist** by the Medical Council of the United Kingdom and the Abu Dhabi Health Authority
- **Senior Consultant** and Expert in Toxicology and Narcotics, accredited by the Medical Council of Sudan
- **Licensed** to practice in all European Union countries and Switzerland

Qualifications and Professional Experience

Academic Qualifications

- Ph.D. in Medical Sciences (Clinical Medical Chemistry), Sofia University, Bulgaria (2004)
- Fellowship, Academy of Clinical Medical Sciences and Laboratory Medicine, Ireland (2010)
- Certification in Narcotics and Toxicology Analysis, Center for Toxicology and Narcotics, University of Wales, United Kingdom
- Bachelor's Degree in Medical Biochemistry, Faculty of Health Sciences, Alexandria University, Egypt

Professional Experience

- Clinical Scientist, Consultant, and Head of Toxicology, National Rehabilitation Center, Abu Dhabi (2012–2025)
- Consultant in Medical Biochemistry, Al Jazeera Hospital and Research Center, Abu Dhabi (2004–2012)
- Specialist in Medical Biochemistry, Abu Dhabi Reference Hospital (1987–2004)

Awards and International Activities

Research and International Activities

- Represents the National Rehabilitation Center and the United Arab Emirates at scientific conferences and workshops at the **United Nations** (Vienna) and worldwide
- Author of more than 40 scientific papers and publications in leading peer-reviewed **international journals**, focusing on drug use trends, psychoactive substances, and clinical toxicology
- Member of numerous prestigious **scientific associations** in the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, and Europe

Awards and Recognition

- Certificate of Appreciation from the **Executive Council of the Government** of Abu Dhabi (Abu Dhabi Crown Prince's Medal for Excellence category) (2017)
- **Certificate of Excellence and Outstanding Service** from the National Rehabilitation Center for ten consecutive years (2014–2024)

Initiatives and National Efforts for Sudan

- Led efforts for signing an agreement between **Sudan** and the **UAE** to establish a national center for addiction treatment
- Successfully introduced **Addiction Medicine** as an officially recognized medical specialty in Sudan (2018)
- Led successful diplomatic and community initiatives (1990–2000) with the leadership of the UAE and Kuwait to **prevent the deportation of Sudanese** nationals after the Iraq–Kuwait crisis
- Contributed to **building classrooms** and a hall at a school in Darfur, as well as providing **drinking water** and a grain mill in a remote camp