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Biography

Dr. Fouad Alshaban graduated from Baghdad College of Medicine, and became involved in the field of preventive medicine. He obtained his PhD in preventive medicine in the United Kingdom. He has held many different positions as a scientist working in academic research and as assistant professor in occupational medicine and public health. He was also a planner and advisor in different medical institutions, including the Iraqi Ministry of Health. Prior to joining the Shafallah Medical Genetics Center in 2009 he was Research Program Manager and Senior Research Coordinator in the Washington Hospital Center in association with Johns Hopkins University Hospital. He was head of Research in the Department of Research and Training at the Shafallah Medical Genetics Center where he was involved in setting up research policies and regulations as well as the establishment of the Institutional Review Board. Currently, Dr. Alshaban works as a Senior Scientist at QBRI's Neurological Disorder Research Center. Dr. Alshaban has published three books in the field of public health, infectious diseases and nutrition and has many published articles in medical and non-medical magazines and journals.

Research Interests

Dr. Alshaban's research interest lies in the epidemiology of genetic diseases and particularly in autism spectrum disorder. He is involved in two research projects funded by QNRF (The flyer for Dr Alshaban's most recent project is available [here](#)). In collaboration with the University College of London, UK, he investigates the genomics, anthropology and social impact of genetic knowledge in Qatar. Furthermore, he studies the prevalence of Autism Spectrum Disorder in Qatar in collaboration with the Oregon Health & Science University and the Cleveland Clinic.

- Dr. Alshaban is a Co-Lead PI of the research project titled "Prevalence of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in Qatar" funded by Qatar National Research Fund. Which involve screening of more than 100,000 school children between the ages 5-12 years for ASD.

Experience

COLLABORATIONS

Autism

Dr Mohammad Aldosari, Cleveland Clinic

Autism

Dr Eric Fombonne, Oregon Health & Science University

- **Autism**

Dr Lobna Hassan, HMC

- **Autism**

Dr Mohd Alodat, Qatar University

Selected Publications

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