## INITIATIVES AND NEWS OF IRAQI PEDIATRICS

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I moved to Duhok at Iraqi Kurdistan Region after finishing my Post graduate education.

We started the Department of Pediatrics at University of Duhok and at same time we start to open Hivi Pediatric Teaching Hospital as small hospital with limited facilities.



University of Baghdad 1969.

Now the hospital if fully equipped with both PICU and NICU, Pediatric Surgical ward and emergency room.

The hospital is receiving patients from Duhok as well as internally displaced people from all over Iraqi and Syrian refugees.

Regarding the university we started the Child Mental health Department in collaboration with Upsala University / Sweden.

We also started post graduate training for both Iraqi and Kurdistan Board for

 $medical \ Specialization \ where \ we \ have \ post \ graduate \ students \ in \ the \ field \ of \ Pediatrics.$ 

We also launched the Kurdistan Pediatric Society and I am now the representative of foreign affairs at the society.

I am also the representative of foreign affairs at Iraqi Pediatric society.

We also started annual Pedia Mediterranea conference and I am leading the conference as a President and also the Elite Duhok Pediatric and Neonatology Conference and I am also the President of the conference.

We launched the Joint Iraqi-Italian Pediatric Association in collaboration with the colleagues from Italy.

Worth to mention is that the non-governmental Italian organization ISPO supported our hospital by training and financial support to open PICU, NICU, emmergency room and renovation of the hospital.

I am also editor at the International Pediatric Journal and I published many papers at the national and international Pediatric Journals.



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