

## Curriculum Vitae

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College of Medicine  
Duhok University,  
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**Qualifications:** MBChB (2000), FIBMS (Path) (2009)

**Professional Organisations:** Kurdistan Syndicate of Medical Doctors  
Duhok, Kurdistan Region, Iraq  
(Member number: 1226)

#### **Education:**

2004 – 2009 Tertiary education  
Iraqi Board of Medical Specialties  
Mosul Medical Training Centre  
Department of Pathology  
Mosul, Northern Iraq

1994 – 2000 Tertiary education  
College of Medicine, Dohuk University,  
Azadi General Teaching Hospital,  
Duhok, Kurdistan Region, Iraq

#### **Employment:**

2009 – Present Lecturer in Pathology,  
Department of Pathology, College of Medical Sciences,  
University of Duhok,  
Duhok, Kurdistan Region, Iraq

2014 – Present Consultant Pathologist,  
Vajeen Private Hospital Laboratory  
Duhok, Kurdistan Region, Iraq

2009-- 1/5/2013                      Physician In charge of Histopathology Department,  
Specialized Labaoratory Center/Health Directorate  
Duhok, Kurdistan Region, Iraq.

1/5/2013 tell 2020, Duties: Management of Specialized Laboratory Centre; Duhok Health Directorate, which include 5 Departments (Histopathology, Haematology, Biochemistry, Microbiology, Molecular and Cytogenetic Department), In addition to the duties of histopathology specialist.

2009- 2020 Duties: Managing Histopathology Unit, Central Public Laboratory; lecturing third-year medical students on pathology topics; providing diagnostic services in histopathology, cytopathology, frozen section and imprint cytology; providing immunohistochemistry services; providing weekly histopathology tutorials to trainees in the department.

Duties: General laboratory investigation.

2003 – 2009                              Specialist Registrar, (Iraqi Board student), Department of Pathology  
Duhok, Kurdistan region, Iraq

Duties: Participating in histopathology diagnostics, immunohistochemistry, cytopathology diagnostics, and weekly histopathology tutorials.

2002 – 2003                              General Practitioner, Saumail Primary Health Centre  
Saumail Health Sector  
Dohuk, Kurdistan Region, Iraq.

Duties: Maternal and child health care, managing outpatient clinic, immunization campaign.

2000 – 2002                              Junior House Officer, Azadi General Teaching Hospital  
Dohuk, Kurdistan, Northern Iraq

Rotations in all departments, each more 3 months, including: Medicine (including Intensive care unit); General Surgery; Orthopaedics; Urology; Paediatrics, including Emergency and Neonatology; Gynaecology and Obstetrics; ENT/Ophthalmology; Dermatology; Emergency Medicine.

## Research Presentations and Publications:

1. Dana N. Muhealdeen, Alan Shwan, Rafil T. Yaqo, Hemin A. Hassan, Bryar O. Muhammed, Rawa M. Ali & Michael D. Hughson. Epstein-Barr virus and Burkitt's lymphoma. Associations in Iraqi Kurdistan and twenty-two countries assessed in the International Incidence of Childhood Cancer. *Infectious Agents and Cancer* **volume 17**, Article number: 39 (2022)
2. **Rafil Toma Yaqo, Gina James Keorges, Sarah M.M Alnaqshabandi, Kovan Mosa Abdullah. Evaluation of HER2/Neu gene in equivocal cases assessed by IHC in invasive breast cancer.** *Archivos Venezolanos de Farmacologia y Terapeutica* (ISSN Print: 0798-0264 ISSN Online: 2610-7988).
3. Rawa YHS, Rafil T YAQO, Sarah And NASIR AL-ALLAWI. HODGKIN LYMPHOMA AND ITS ASSOCIATION WITH EPSTEIN-BARR VIRUS IN KURDISTAN, NORTHERN IRAQ *Duhok Medical Journal* Volume 13, Issue 2, 2019.
4. **Rafil T. Yaqo**, MBChB<sup>1</sup>; **Sana D. Jalal**, MBChB<sup>2</sup>; **Kharaman J. Ghafour**, MBChB<sup>3</sup>; **Hemin A. Hassan**, MBChB<sup>3</sup>; and **Michael D. Hughson**, MD Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma in the Middle East Is Characterized by Low Incidence Rates With Advancing Age. *JGO*. 2019
5. AL-Qadi R, Salih SF, AIDoski HJ, Nabeel M, Ali JH, Khasho D, Yaqo RT Association of HLA-B\*27 with ankylosing spondylitis in Kurdish patients. *Int. J. Rheumat Dis*. 2015
6. Nadir A Garjees, **Rafil T Yaqo**, Muhammed H. AL Dabakh. Chron's disease i an infant presented with perforation of the colon. **Case report**; *Duhok Med J* 2012;6(1):54-58.
7. **Yaqo RT**, Sulayvani FK, Hughson M, AlAllawi N. Lymphoma Patterns in Northern Iraq: World Health Organization Classification of 270 Cases. *Indian Journal of Cancer*. 2011;48:446-451.
8. **Yaqo RT**, Sulayvani FK, AlAllawi N, Hughson M. Lymphoma in Northern Iraq, a World Health Organization Classification of 111 Cases. Presented at the 98<sup>th</sup> Annul Meeting of the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology, Boston, MA, United States, March 2009. *Modern Pathology* 2009;22(suppl 1):292A.
9. **Yaqo FT**. An Immunophenotyping Study on Lymphoma in the Duhok Region. Doctoral Thesis, 2009.

## Other Professional Achievements:

2021(4Days)

Attended the Molecular Diagnostics Training School 2021,  
delivered entirely online from 08-10 February2021

Attended the Digital Pathology & Image Analysis Training School 2021,  
delivered entirely online from11-12 February2021.

2019 NOV(1Days)

Organizing Duhok HistoPathology Day on behalf of Kurdistan Society of Pathology

2019 MAY (3Days)

Member of scientific committee for the  
The first International Conference of Kurdistan Society of Pathology.

July 2017 (2Days)

Training on PDL1 scoring in Zurich Switzerland

July 2017 (12Days)

Attending International Summer School of renal Pathology 2017,

and granted as fellowship of ISSRP.

Nov 2016 (1Days)

International Speaker in Pathology Global Symposium, Royal College of Pathologist,  
London, UK.

October 2016 (5days)

Attending multiple long and short courses, IAP and European Pathology Conference, Kolen, Germany.

October 2015 (3 Days)

Participate in work shop on next generation sequencing, Thremo-shandon, Darmstadt, Germany

July 2015 (2 days)

Workshop on Hybrid Capture Technique for detection of HPV high risk DNA in cervical sample.

Roma, Italy.

November 2014 (4 Days)

Advance training of the trainers, By Sandia International Laboratory Organization. Sheraton Hotel, Kualalambor, Malaysia..

April 2014 (6 Days)

GBM trainer development course, By Sandia International Laboratory Organization. Marmara Hotel, Antalya, Turkey.

September 2013 (14 Days)

Global Biorisk Management course, provided by Sandia International Laboratory Organization.

Hilton Hotel, Istanbul, Turkey.

April 2013

Speaker on lymphoma in Kurdistan region

Second Kurdistan Cancer Conference, Divan Hotel, Erbil, Iraq.

January -March 2012

Visiting training program award under the supervision of American Society of Haematology (ASH), in Pathology Department, MGH, Boston, MA, USA.

March 2009

98<sup>th</sup> Annul meeting of United state & Canadian Academy of Pathology 7-13/ 03/2009.

Poster presentation on lymphoma in northern Iraq aWHO classification of (111) lymphoma Cases.

John B Hynes Conventional centre,  
Boston, MA, USA.

April 2013

Speaker; Second Kurdistan Cancer Conference, Erbil, KR, IRAQ.

January 2012

2011 Training visitor program sponsored by American Society of Haematopathology: Training on lymphoma diagnosis that include Morphology, Immunohistochemistry, Flow cytometry, Cytogenetic Study. For three months in Pathology department, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA, United States.

- April 2007 Participant, International Academy of Pathology – Arab Division, British School of Pathology Tutorial: "An Update in Gynaecologic Pathology", King Abdul Hospital, Irbid, Jordan
- Nov. 2005 – Feb. 2006 Pathology Observership, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, MS, USA. Faculty Mentor: Michael D Hughson, MD
- November 2005 Participant, 17<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Academy of Pathology – Arab Division, Amman, Jordan
- April 2005 Participant, 1<sup>st</sup> International Symposium on Breast Cancer Pathology and Update on Treatment Modalities, Erbil, Kurdistan, Northern Iraq

### References:

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