

**In memory of
Dr. Mohamed Monir Madkour
(1944 - 2008)**



Born on June 22, 1944 in the Nile Delta, Egypt. A dedicated physician, prolific author, and former Associate Editor of Saudi Medical Journal.

After finishing medical school at the University of Alexandria in 1968, Monir decided that his dreams would not be realized in Egypt. He traveled to England carrying 100 pounds, and with a limited knowledge of the English language. Through self-discipline and hard work he mastered the language, and 5 years later he became a member of the Royal College of Physicians, completing several scientific publications along the way. These early experiences certainly contributed to the character of Dr. Madkour as we came to know him. In August, 1978, the late Dr. Rida Khaleefa, director of the Riyadh Military Hospital, was interviewing qualified doctors from the United Kingdom. Monir became one of the first elite physicians to be recruited by the Medical Services Department. From then on, his dedication to work and to teaching was evident to all. He was a passionate and thorough physician, attentive to his patients' emotional needs as much as being scrupulously meticulous in his quest to reach the right diagnosis and provide proper management with their well being first and foremost on his mind. Despite his busy schedule, he collected all the medical and paramedical articles published about the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in "The Saudi Medical Bibliography," a 3 volume anthology published in 1980, 1982 and 1984. While the dairy industry flourished in the Kingdom, an uncommon disease started to be seen: "Brucellosis". In 1989, he published the first comprehensive book on the disease in 30 years. The manuscript was translated

to both the Turkish and Persian languages, with a second edition 10 years later. He was the editor of a comprehensive textbook on "Tuberculosis" covering historic as well as all clinical aspects of the disease. The book received excellent reviews. He wrote several chapters on brucellosis, tuberculosis in Harrison's and Oxford textbooks of Medicine as well as many other scientific articles that were published in esteemed scientific journals. He became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in 1989.

Dr. Madkour was the fourth of 5 children in his family, and the second son of Hajj Nazir, a graduate of Alazhar Kura'nic studies, the premier educational institution of Egypt.

Dr. Monir is survived by his wife Aida of 28 years and his 5 children, Tarik, Amr, Rasha, Monir, and Reem. They served as a source of inspiration as well as a study of strong family ties. He was a doting, loving father, which did not dampen the sense of righteousness and propriety that he instilled in his children. He left a personal and professional legacy that will be valued for years to come.

He will always be remembered, and we can only iterate Allah's words from the Koran to sooth our loss: "We are from God and to Him we return".

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