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Graduated from the Medical School at Cairo University in 1988 and has a Master degree in Internal Medicine from Ain Shams University. I also carry a professional diploma in the field of hospital management and studies in medical insurance, which promoted me to serve as a Primary health care physician and manager in a number of national and branches of international health institutions in Egypt [1992-2004].

I was a founder and co member of Three Egyptian NGOs working in Tobacco control and health awareness since 2001 and played a key role in establishing the Egyptian National Coalition for Tobacco Control in 2008.

From August 2008, I was recruited as the project manager for the Coalition for Tobacco control in Egypt. Under my leadership the coalition was able to develop different advocacy activities for policy change and implementation. In 2009, I joined the international Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease regional office in the Middle East to serve as Coalition Coordinator where I played a role in enhancing capacity of civil society organizations in Middle East to be actively involved in Tobacco control, FCTC and MPOWER monitoring and implementation. I played a crucial role in the development of the Coalition of Tobacco control in Lebanon in 2010 and to coordinate between different coalitions in the region. I lead the coalitions to conduct several workshops on Tobacco Treatment, FCTC monitoring, Fundraising and technically assisted the Egyptian coalition in media advocacy and formation of a media consortium all over Egypt. I possess a remarkable level of networking with several regional NGOs and advocates in Lebanon, Jordan, Bahrain, Yemen, Tunisia, Syria, Qatar and Saudi Arabia. In addition I am a member at a number of international TC and Health advocacy societies such as ATTUD, GlobalBridges, NCD Alliance and the IFIC.

I am heading the Tobacco Treatment unit in The National Defense council Hospital (Wadi Alneel) and helped several institutes to develop smoking cessation services which includes, counseling units, quit lines and clinics. I also contributed in developing the WHO guideline on Developing and improving national toll-free tobacco quit line services. In addition, I am the regional adviser for organizations developing Tobacco treatment for Health workers and establishing Healthy lifestyle initiatives which include diet control, smoking cessation, Stress management and assessment of health status. I am a certified trainer from the Union and shared in facilitation of different workshops on smoking cessation, workplace wellness and Tobacco free health care facilities.