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Symposium on Improving Medical Education in Afghanistan

SPEAKERS

Warner Anderson, MD

Dr. Anderson is the Division Director for the International Health Division for the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense. He has extensive experience in global medical outreach missions. Dr. Anderson has worked in Afghanistan and globally working on international stability operations, including humanitarian relief and health care reconstruction efforts.

Wali Aseem, MD

Dr. Aseem graduated from Kabul Medical Faculty in 1958. After passing the ECFMG exam in 1962, he completed residency training in General Surgery at Cornell Division of Bellevue Hospital in NY. He then went on to complete Thoracic and Cardiovascular surgery training at St. Francis General Hospital and Shadyside University in Pittsburg, PA. Dr. Aseem served as Chairman of Department of Surgery at Alibad University Hospital and Professor of Surgery at Kabul Medical Faculty from 1970 to 1980. He returned to DuBois, PA in 1980, where he was in private practice as Thoracic and Cardiovascular surgeon until retiring from practice in 2006. Dr. Aseem also serves on AMPAA’s executive board.

Nahid Aziz, Psy D

Dr. Aziz is an Associate Professor at Argosy University, Washington DC. She received her Master’s And Doctoral Degree in Clinical Psychology from Alliant International University. Dr. Aziz’s dissertation was on clinical manual for mental health professionals treating Afghan immigrant and refugee women. She is a senior consultant to Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), a division of US HHS helping Afghanistan’s Ministry of Public Health establish and reconstruct mental health services and develop mental health capacity.

Esmael Darman, MD

Dr. Darman was born and raised in Kabul, and relocated to Herat with his family during the civil war. He graduated from Herat Medical College in 2006 and worked for the Herat Mental Health Clinic/Resource from 2007 to 2009. In 2009, he was awarded a Fulbright scholarship to obtain a Master’s degree in Clinical & Counseling Psychology in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He is anticipated to graduate in August, 2011.

Qudratullah Mojadidi, MD

Dr. Mojadidi graduated from Kabul Medical University in 1965. He finished his postgraduate training in OB/GYN in Kabul in 1966, and passed the ECFMG the same year. He then completed residency in OB/GYN in Jacksonville Hospitals Educational Program/University of Florida in 1970. He has served as Clinical Professor of OB/GYN at University of Florida College of Medicine, Chairman of OB/GYN department at Methodist Medical Center, and Associate Director and Director of Baptist St. Vincent Family Medicine Residency Program. He has also worked as a consultant for USAID/MSH health projects in Afghanistan from 2003-2005.

Dr. Mojadidi has extensive humanitarian experience with working with war refugees in Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Kuwait. He founded the first OB/GYN hospital in Peshawar, Pakistan for Afghan refugees. The then went on to successfully implement an OB/GYN residency training program in Afghanistan through his work with Cure International Hospital. Currently he serves on the AMPAA executive board and works with Fairfax County Health Department and Indian Health Services, serving indigent populations.

Sayed Alam Shinwari, MD

Dr. Shinwari is a graduate of Kabul Medical School, with post graduate training in Apolo Hospital in New Delhi, India and Riley Hospital for Children in Indiana. He has extensive experience working as a physician in Kabul and other surrounding provinces. He is a recent graduate of George Washington School of public health with MPH/Global Health Management. Dr. Shinwari also serves on AMPAA’s executive board.