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**PROFILE**

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*FSSOG(fellow of the Swedish Society of Obs/Gyn);  
FNSGO(fellow of the Norwegian Society of  
Gyn/Obs);  
FFGA(fellow of the Finnish Gyn. Association);  
Consultant OB/GYN  
Head of OBGYN Department Al Zahra Private Hospital-Dubai  
President of EMEL-Emirates Endometriosis League*

Dedicated, multilingual gynecologist and obstetrician with a stellar academic background and professional experience that includes 27 years of diverse leadership experience in the gynecology and obstetrics field. A self-directed professional with excellent communication, interpersonal and problem solving skills that builds consensus and promotes teamwork.

**EXPERIENCE**

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**2017 – Current Al Zahra Private Hospital- Dubai, U.A.E.**  
Consultant OB/GYN- Head of OBGYN Department at  
AZHD

**2012-2017 Latifa Hospital/DHA-Dubai,U.A.E.**  
*Consultant Gyn/Obs- Director of MIGS Program- Head of  
Endometriosis Care Center*

- Started Minimally Invasive Gynecological Surgical (MIGS) unit in Latifa hospital, allowing the rate of endoscopic procedures to rise six-fold from 60 surgeries in 2011 to 420 surgeries in 2014, as

well scaling from Grade I-II into Grade II-III level of laparoscopic procedures.

- Initiated a training program- Laparoscopic curriculum- for junior doctors at the OB/GYN department, comprehending a) theoretical part- lectures on basic skills in Laparoscopy, CME accredited, b) dry lab training, c) rotational assistance in live laparoscopic surgery with affiliated surgical log-books.
- Established the MIGS Program, and eventually achieved international accreditation from the AAGL affiliated SRC-COEMIG program, making Latifa hospital a Center of Excellence in Minimally Invasive Gynecological Surgery in September 2014.
- Facilitated and paved way for launching DICE- Dubai International Center for Endoscopy at Latifa hospital- by attracting international expertise and establishing the first Fellowship program in Endoscopic surgery in the MENA region.
  
- Participated in creating a Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) for management of high-risk pregnancies with placental pathology ( placenta in-, precreta, previa anterior), involving obstetricians, radiologists, vascular surgeons, urologists, ICU intensivists, and blood bank, to handle critical cases of placental abnormalities referred to Latifa hospital from all of Dubai and the Northern Emirates.
- Started Endometriosis clinic, first of its kind in the U.A.E., for medical and surgical management of patients with endometriosis/ Adenomyosis, referred from all over the U.A.E. In 2014, this became the first Endometriosis Care Center – ECC- in the U.A.E.
- Latifa hospital is the largest tertiary obstetric hospital in Dubai and the Northern Emirates, and manages 6000 to 7000 deliveries per annum, that include high-risk pregnancies. The OB/GYN department has over 220 bed capacity, around 52,000 visits per annum to the OPD (out-patient department), a 29% rate of Cesarean Sections, and over 140 operative procedure per month.
- Performed regular consultant on-call duties, being in charge of a team of 5 to 6 doctors conducting an in-hospital duty over the hour. The OB/GYN department of Latifa hospital includes 43 to 55 physicians, ranging from consultants, SSRs, SRs, SHO and interns.

#### 2010-2012 Emirates Hospital Dubai/Abu Dhabi,U.A.E.

##### *Consultant Gyn/Obs*

- Attending outpatients with a multitude spectrum of gynecological and antenatal nosological pathologies as well as routine screenings.
- Performs endoscopic/laparoscopic, and open surgeries, including complicated referral cases of benign gynecological pathologies.

- **Renders second opinion on both surgical and medical cases.**
- **Contributes in committees assigned by public health authorities for undertaking medical decisions in cases of patient complaints due to unwarranted complications in hospitals of Dubai.**

2008-2009 Karolinska University Hospital Stockholm, Sweden

*Consultant Gyn Tumor Surgery*

- Operates regularly 2 days per week, including tumor laparoscopy and open surgery, with multi disciplinary approach together with gastro and uro surgeons.
- Assists in highly complicated referral cases from Pelvic – Surgery Forum within Karolinska Hospital.
- Participates in pedagogic guidance of medical candidates and practical medical surveillance for post-graduates and specializing doctors.
- Karolinska University Hospital is one of Scandinavia’s premier health facilities, together with the world respected Karolinska Institute where they lead in medical breakthroughs in Sweden.
- Karolinska University Hospital has 1600 beds, 14500 employees, 1.3 million patient visits per year, and 7 surgeries per hour.

2002-2008 Soder University Hospital Stockholm, Sweden

*Consultant Gyn & Obs*

- Operates regularly, 4 to 6 patients per week, ranging from endoscopic, open and uro-gynecologic surgery
- Conducts assessment consultations in outpatient and emergency units
- Shares second on-call duties during nights and weekends continuously
- The department is responsible for a delivery department of 5600 deliveries per year
- SOS University Hospital contains all specialties in modern medicine and serves all county hospitals in the region with a population of 1.8 million
- Gynecological department performs surgical procedures in: endoscopy, tumor surgery, acute gynecology, a sub specialized unit of Ultrasound diagnosis in both pregnancies and gynecological cases, as well as a newly established center for attending rape cases in the Region of Stockholm

2000-2002 MALM’S Hospital Jakobstad, Finland

*Head of Department of Gyn & Obs*

- Delivery unit attends 500 deliveries per year
- Gynecologic department is for 10 ward patients, and perform surgeries ranging from LAH, TVT, surgical hysteroscopy, tumor surgery with following chemotherapy in occurrence with Tampere University Hospital
- Managed administrative responsibilities of the department and led a team of 10 physicians

1999-2000                      University Hospital of Ullevål                      Oslo, Norway  
*Consultant Oncologic Gynecology*

- Capacity of 4500 deliveries per year, 5 gynecological departments
- Endoscopic incontinence, oncology, infertility, and general

1998-1999                      MALM'S Hospital                      Jakobstad, Finland  
*Specialist Gyn & Obs*

- Clinical practice in the diagnosis and treatment of normal obstetrics and gynecology as well as in the disorders related to the female reproductive system
- Focused on high Risk Obstetrics: preterm labor, medical and surgical complications of pregnancy, prenatal diagnosis and therapy

1996-1997                      Central Hospital of Sundsvall                      Sundsvall, Sweden  
*Specialist Gyn & Obs*

- The department holds the capacity for 1400 deliveries per year, with a surgical GYNO. Ward for 25 ward patients

1992-1996                      Hospitals of Vasa and Jakobstad                      Finland  
*Register at the Department of Gyn & Obs*

## RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

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- 1- CONCURRENT, PROSPECTIVE, ANALYTICAL COHORT STUDY OF ENDOMETRIOSIS PATIENTS AT LATIFA HOSPITAL- DUBAI, UAE

Journal of Endometriosis 2016; 8(1): 19-23 Article Type: ORIGINAL RESEARCH ARTICLE

Authors: Ghassan Lotfi, Bindu Isaac, Litty Paulose, Razan Nasir

- 2- EVALUATION OF PAMG-1 FOR THE PREDICTION OF PRETERM BIRTH IN PATIENTS SYMPTOMATIC OF PRETERM LABOR- DUBAI, UAE

12<sup>TH</sup> World Congress of Perinatal Medicine- Madrid

Authors: Lotfi G., Faraz S., Somini S., Abdeldayem R., Koratkar N.

- 3- PREVALENCE, DETERMINANTS AND IMPACTS OF PRIMARY DYSMENORRHEA AMONG ADOLESCENTS IN PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS OF DUBAI

(ongoing research)- Authors: Lotfi G., Monsef N., Isaac B., AlFaisal W., Hussain H.

- 4- FAVOURABLE INFLUENCE OF ADJUVANT HORMONE THERAPY BY OXYPROGESTERONE CAPROATE(OPC) AND ITS COMBINATION WITH TAMOXIFEN ON 5-YEAR SURVIVAL RATE OF SURGICAL AND COMBINED TREATMENT OF PRIMARY ENDOMETRIAL CARCINOMA

## PATIENTS.

Authors: Vishnevsky A., Bokhman Y., Loutfi G.: European Journal of Gynaecological Oncology 02/1993; 14(2):150-3

- 5- SERUM HORMONE PROFILES OF ENDOMETRIAL CARCINOMA PATIENTS IN REMISSION: CONSEQUENCES OF HYSTERECTOMY AND COMBINED THERAPY BY HYSTERECTOMY AND OXYPROGESTERONE CAPROATE.

Authors: Vishnevsky A., Bokhman J., Tsyrlina E., Gamajunova V., Loutfi G., Ermakova N., Maximov S., Chepick O. THE CANCER JOURNAL, vol 5, no 6 November-December 1992

- 6- Author and Editor of the endometriosis website: [www.endometriosisuae.com](http://www.endometriosisuae.com)

## EDUCATION

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### *February 1998*

- Diploma of Specialty in Obstetrics and Gynecology in Sweden and Finland.

### *January 1990 - January 1992*

- Specialized training in Gynecological Oncology in the Institute of Oncology N.N. Petrov St. Peterburgh, Russia

### *September 1985 - August 1988*

- Specialized training in obstetrics and gynecology in the First Medical Institute I.P. Pavlov St. Peterburgh, Russia

### *September 1978 - June 1984*

- Diploma in General Medicine in the First Medical Institute I.P. Pavlov St. Peterburgh, Russia

## POST-GRADUATE COURSES

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- May 2013, “Modern Hystroscopy”, “A to Z Laparoscopic Suturing” courses, The European Academy of Gynecological Surgery- Leuven, Belgium.
- September 2012, Laparoscopic advanced Surgery course- Strasbourg, France, EITS, Ircad.
- December 2007, Medical license from UAE’s ministry of health for medical practice in Abu Dhabi.
- June 2006, Advanced course in Laparoscopic Gynecological Surgery (current techniques in the treatment of severe endometriosis) Strasbourg, France.
- February 1998, Diploma of Specialty in Obstetrics and Gynecology in Sweden and Finland.

- May 1997, Practical Course in Hysteroscopy by Dr. Sjoerd de Vlok, Joensuu, Finland.
- March 1994, Practical Laparoscopic course for Gynecologists HYKS, Helsinki, Finland

**LANGUAGES SPOKEN – FLUENT**

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English – Arabic – Swedish – Russian – Finish - Norwegian

**REFERENCE**

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Available upon request