

Salam Recommendation

Abdul Salam S. Sultan, DM, is an Internist and Social Anthropologist (BA), who through his writing, teaching and tireless advocacy has introduced the concepts and techniques of doctor-patient communication to Healthcare professionals throughout Iraq.

He has accomplished this in spite of the 1990 boycott, the 2003 U.S. invasion, and the subsequent civil and sectarian wars that have fractured his country and threatened his life on at least four occasions.

Sultan has maintained a medical practice amongst the poorest and most disenfranchised patients. He has been a dedicated teacher and has been a single-handed force in bringing communication principles and skills to an entire nation.

As director of continuing medical education at the Ministry of Health in Baghdad, Dr. Sultan was able to provide Iraqi Healthcare professionals with communication materials he found through research and then translated into Arabic. He has also adapted Eurocentric materials to reflect situations that Iraqi doctors encounters whilst working with a population that still holds to ancient Sumerian health beliefs.

His book, *The New Medical Encounter and Its Basic Techniques* (2002) was awarded first prize for Best Medical Achievement in Iraq. He also authored the Arabic textbook "*The Art of Dialogue in Medical Encounters*" which is in its third edition, and is in the process of translation into Kurdish language, as well as 20+ other publications. Sultan has also produced dozens of interviewing videos in Arabic as teaching tools for Communication Skills training courses; https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoxiJJ_p2v2-5YxSQOYtt8Q?view_as=subscriber