



Abdulaziz Ibrahim AlRajhi, MD

Summary:

Ophthalmologist, Cornea and Refractive Surgery.

Started career in the Public sector, then in the Not-For-Profit Organizations (Nationally and internationally)> moved to the Private sector and now back again serving in the Public Sector.

Extensive experience in Ophthalmology and in organizational management, international organizations and programs, social development programs, quality and health education.

Lead and managed the establishment or development of several organizations at National, Regional and International level.

Action oriented, passionate and will not shy away from challenges. Focused on results, equality and quality.

Current positions and responsibilities:

- Senior Consultant, Cornea & Refractive Surgery
- Chief Executive Officer, King Khaled Eye Specialists Hospital KKESH
- Member, Award Committee. Not For Profit organizations Category (KKF)
- Member of the Ophthalmic Pathology Award Committee of the International Council of (ICO).
- Member of American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO)
- Member of the International Task Force for Low Vision.
- Founding Member of the International Ocular Surface Society (IOSS).

Previous positions:

- Supervisor General, Central Region. Magrabi Hospitals & Centers (MHC).
- Member. Corporate Executive Committee. Magrabi Hospitals & Centers
- President, Middle East Africa Council of Ophthalmology (MEACO)
- Board Member & Co-Chair, Eastern Mediterranean Region- International Agency for Prevention of Blindness (EMR-IAPB)
- Vice President, International Council of Ophthalmology (ICO)
- Board Member, International Council of Ophthalmology (ICO)
- Board Member, Saudi Ophthalmology Society (SOS)
- Managing Director, Prevention of Blindness Union (PBU)
- Member of the Committee of health facilities in Riyadh Chamber of Commerce & Industry (RDCCI). لجنة المنشآت الصحية في غرفة الرياض للتجارة والصناعة
- Member of the Scientific Committee of the National Center of Health Researches and Studies (SHC-NCHRS). اللجنة العلمية بالمركز الوطني للبحوث والدراسات الصحية

- Honorary Member of Ebsar Foundation.
- Chief of OPD, King Khaled Eye Specialist Hospital (KKESH)

Dr. Abdulaziz AlRajhi completed the joint Residency training program of King Saud University (KSU) and King Khaled Eye Specialist Hospital (KKESH) in 1996 and received his Saudi Board in Ophthalmology. He then completed his fellowship in Cornea & Refractive Surgery at KKESH in 1997. He continued working at KKESH until he moved into Private Practice in the summer of 2005, his last post at KKESH was Chief of Out-Patient Clinic and Senior C. Consultant in Cornea & Refractive Surgery.

In July 2003, Dr AlRajhi joined the Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office as a Regional Co-Chair and worked closely with HRH Prince Abdulaziz Ahmad Abdulaziz Al Saud, Chair of Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR), in the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB). His first major task was organizing the 7th General Assembly of IAPB held in Dubai in 2004 which was one of the most successful Assemblies of IAPB.

He then became involved in conducting, organizing and participating in numerous national, regional and international Prevention of Blindness workshops and meetings; some in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO).

In May 2006, Dr AlRajhi and the EMR team were actively involved in the successful passing of WHO Resolution WHA59.25 "Prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment" which aimed at making Prevention of Blindness a priority on WHO working plans. In 2009 the EMR team was instrumental in passing the "Action Plan for Prevention of Blindness" by the WHO. These two resolutions were instrumental in putting eye care in the health agendas both globally and at national level

In 2007 Dr AlRajhi was elected as the President of the Middle East Africa Council of Ophthalmology (MEACO). Since then MEACO organized the biggest ophthalmic meeting in the region in Bahrain in 2009 with 3000 registered participants.

He led the efforts to host the World Ophthalmology Congress (WOC2012) in Abu Dhabi, UAE in February 2012 for the first time in the meeting's 150 years history. He was elected as the president of WOC2012 and succeeded in organizing the largest ophthalmic meeting in the history of the Middle East and Africa, with more than 10'000 participants.

During his presidency of MEACO he led the establishment of 5 subspecialty societies, managed to get its scientific journal, the Middle East African Journal of Ophthalmology (MEAJO) indexed in PubMed and organized multiple leadership programs.

Dr. Alrajhi moved to the private sector on February 2014 and joined Magrabi Hospitals & Centers group as the Director general of the Central Region in Saudi Arabia and a member of the Executive

Committee that oversees the group's activities (more than 23 centers within KSA & GCC). He was managing the Riyadh Hospital and a center. He later on managed the establishment and the running of a new center in Riyadh.

In January 2017, Dr. AlRajhi moved back to the government sector and was appointed as the General Executive Director of KKESH (later on changed to Chief Operating Officer) where he serves to date. He is overseeing the corporatization of the organization in fulfillment of Saudi Arabia's VISION2030.

Dr AlRajhi was elected as a board member of the Saudi Ophthalmic Society for 10 years in a row worked closely with the SOS board members in promoting the relationships of SOS with International Societies. His duties included the development of SOS website which currently is published in both Arabic and English versions. He is also involved in promoting SOS activities and developing its services to its members.

Dr AlRajhi received several awards and recognitions including:

- In 2015, Dr. AlRajhi has been awarded the American Academy of Ophthalmology International Secretariat Award
- American Academy of Ophthalmology Achievement Award from (AAO) in 2015.
- The Global Achievement Award from IAPB, in 2008, as the first one from the region to receive it.
- The SOS Gold Medal for services rendered.
- He received several other awards from Kuwait, UAE, Tunis, Morocco, Lebanon, the Mediterranean Ophthalmic Society, to name a few.

Dr. AlRajhi was nominated for several positions during 2015/2016; he became a Member of The Health Facilities Committee in The Chamber of Commerce, and a representative of The Private Health Sector in Riyadh Chamber of Commerce and a Member of the Scientific Committee of the National Center for Health Researches and Studies

He is currently holding several positions in many regional and International Ophthalmic Societies. He is also a Founding Member of International Ocular Surface Society (IOSS), in addition to his memberships in several other medical societies.

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