

## **Biographical Sketch**

### **A. F. AL-ASSAF, M.D., M.P.H.; Professor and Associate Dean for International Health, College of Public Health, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, U.S.A.**

Dr. Al-Assaf is a physician and a consultant in preventive medicine and quality management with strong quantitative and analytical skills. He provides advice on healthcare quality and systems design, implementation, assessment and improvement in the U.S. and other countries worldwide. Dr. Al-Assaf also assists health organizations coordinate projects, plan for quality initiatives, designs performance improvement projects, and delivers training in tools and methods of data management both in the inpatient and the outpatient settings.

Dr. Al-Assaf is serving the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center as The Presbyterian Health Foundation Presidential Professor and Associate Dean for International Health at the College of Public Health, he is also the Co-Director of the Healthcare Executive Training Academy in the Department of Health Administration and Policy with specialization in quality improvement and international health. In this capacity, he provides research, guidance, and education to health professionals, graduate and medical students in areas of quantitative and qualitative management. He also holds adjunct and joint appointments in the Colleges of Medicine (Geriatric Medicine), Nursing, Allied Health (Nutritional Sciences), and Liberal Studies.

Besides his academic experiences, Dr. Al-Assaf provides advice and consultations to health care facilities. His consultation extends to such organizations as U.S. Air Force, U.S. Veterans Affairs Health System, US Agency for International Development (USAID), Hospital Corporation of America, Selected Professional Associations, World Bank, UNDP, UNICEF, World Health Organization (WHO), and the American Association for World Health. On the international scene, he has provided advice on healthcare quality and preventive medicine to a number of organizations in countries in the Mid-East, North America, North Africa, South East and Central Asia and Eastern Europe. Dr. Al-Assaf is a recipient of 60 awards and recognitions including Who's Who in American and the World.

As a researcher and public speaker, Dr. Al-Assaf has published ten books, six book chapters, and over 100 scientific and professional publications in national and international journals, and presented lectures, seminars, or workshops to over 200 groups and organizations both nationally and internationally. He is a reviewer for several international journals on quality in health care and is a member of the editorial board of several American health care journals. He has also served as principal investigator on several grants and contracts and has authored a considerable number of technical reports and abstracts.

Dr. Al-Assaf is a physician (MD) with a Masters degree (MS) and a Diploma in Cardio-thoracic Medicine (DCTM) from the University of London. He also holds a Masters of Public Health administration degree (MPH) from the University of Oklahoma. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Health (FRSH), a Fellow and a Diplomate of the American Academy of Medical Administrators (FAAMA), a Fellow of the American Institute for Healthcare Quality (FAIHQ), Fellow of the American College of Managed Care Administrators (FACMCA) and Board Certified as a Quality Analyst (CQA). He is a member of the speakers' bureau of the American Association for World Health and belongs to several professional associations in Healthcare Quality and Medicine. Dr. Al-Assaf is the recipient of more than 60 awards and recognitions including several Who's Who in America and the World.