



Prof. Hussain Talib
1920 - 2012

Professor Hussain Talib passed away peacefully in the diaspora in mid February. Born in Nasiriyah, South of Iraq, in 1920, he received his primary and secondary education in Nasiriyah and Baghdad before joining Baghdad Medical College where he obtained his MB,ChB in 1945.

After enjoying spells of residency in general surgery and urology in Baghdad, Cairo, UK and USA he ultimately got his Fellowship in 1956.

In 1958, he joined the teaching staff of Baghdad Medical College, and was appointed as professor of surgery in 1972 a position he held till his retirement.

Professor Talib was interested in cancers, its diagnosis and treatment. He pioneered, among other things, diagnostic laparoscopy, lymphangiography and selective arterial administration of chemotherapy.

A surgeon, teacher and scholar, he will be always remembered as one of the pillars of modern surgery in Iraq in the 20th.Century. He is survived by his two daughters and hundreds of students practicing worldwide.

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