

ABOUT ME

I was born and raised in Cairo, Egypt into a loving family with parents and two brothers. My family upbringing influenced me greatly as my mother, who was a school teacher, valued learning and was always supporting people in times of need. Unfortunately she died of cancer in her early forties. My father was a renowned political journalist who encouraged us all to work hard and study for success.

I graduated with a Degree in Medicine from Cairo University and subsequently completed a Master in Surgery in 1990. I have always enjoyed lifelong learning and in 2003 I completed a Diploma of Dermatology University of Wales, UK, followed in 2015 by completion of an AICD course in company management.

I also achieved fellowship in general practice (FRACGP) and fellowship in advanced rural general practice (FARGP)

The journey to General Practice

My wife and I decided to migrate to Australia in 1992 and in January 1995 we started working in Tasmania.

I was a surgical registrar in Launceston General Hospital for 3 years then I moved to The Royal Hobart Hospital for 2 years. An opportunity then opened up for us to work as general practitioners.

In January 2000 we moved to Wagga Wagga in New South Wales and soon after I worked in general practice I realised what a wonderful profession it is. It was as if the dream I had when I went to medical school had come true - patient communication, family care, diversity, and lots of challenges. I was instantly hooked on it.

I decided to build a purpose built premises with plenty of room and equipped with IT infrastructure and the best medical equipment available.

I made an effort to travel to previous winners of the RACGP "Practice of the Year" award in both New South Wales & Victoria, in order to gain an understanding of what was regarded as the best practice at that time. This information, together with hours of research and a strong commitment to be the best was finally put together in 2005 when the dream was realised.

In August 2005, Glenrock Country Practice was opened in Glenfield Park Wagga Wagga to meet community needs in the Riverina with a state of the art, purposely built modern medical center in a growing rural community. The practice was awarded General Practice of the year NSW /ACT 2007 followed by 3 AGPAL awards in 2009 and 2010.

I joined the RACGP Rural Faculty Board in 2008 to bring a strong rural voice and to make a contribution toward reform which could bring about significant and

lasting policy change for rural communities. In 2014 I was elected to chair the RACGP Rural Faculty

I am driven by a strong resolve to addressing disparities to ensure patients in rural and remote Australia have access to quality healthcare.

My involvement with the Division of General Practice, the National Primary Care Collaborative, the RACGP National Standard Committee of Education and as a director of training for CCCGPT in the Riverina Murrumbidgee area gave me the opportunity to engage with GP supervisors, registrars and share and understand the many complexities and challenges facing rural practices.

I believe we need to find that critical balance to ensure policy meets the needs of, and values, the existing rural and remote workforce and also helps to build the next generation of GPs.

My passion is to develop quality frameworks are systematic management tools that enable and enhance the work of GPs to deliver quality healthcare services that meet the individual needs of their patients

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