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Personal Information

Date of birth July 11th 1946

Nationality Jordanian / French

Denomination Roman Catholic

Marital Status Married,

Spouse:

[Evelyne Claude Flavigny](#)

(RN.Monterey school of Nursing, Monterey, California.)

Two children:

[Dr. Nadim Akasheh](#)

(Medical Doctor, Respiratory Medicine, Dublin Ireland.)

[Janine Akasheh Buffalino](#)

(BSc. Psychology & Education - MSc. Child Psychology).

Education

School College de La Salle
1952-1963 Amman Jordan

Certificate General Certificate of Education (O Level)

College Braintree College of Further Education
1963-1965 Braintree , Essex , England , U.K.

Certificate GCE Advanced Level, Physics, Chemistry & Biology

Medical School 1965-1970 Guy's Hospital Medical School, University of London , London , England , U.K.

Degree LRCP(Lon.), MRCS(Eng.) May 1970.

Degree FRCS(Ed.) 1976

Employment & Experience

1970-1971 Internship, Orpington Hospital, Guy's Hospital Group Kent , England , U.K.

1971-1973 Surgical Resident, Base Military Hospital, Amman , Jordan

1973-1975 Surgical Resident, King Hussein Medical Centre, Amman , Jordan

1975-1976 Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, Edinburgh , Scotland , U.K.

Degree FRCS(Ed.) June 1976

1976-1977 Registrar in Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery, The Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh , Scotland , U.K.

1977-1980 Senior Specialist in Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery, King Hussein Medical Center , Amman.

1980-1981 Fellow in Cardiovascular Surgery, St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, Texas Heart Institute, Houston , Texas , USA .

1981-1985 Senior Specialist in Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery, Queen Alia Heart Institute, Amman .

1983-1999 Head Department of Thoracic Surgery, King Hussein Medical Center , Amman .

1985-1999 Consultant Cardiovascular Surgery, Chief Surgeon, Queen Alia Heart Institute, Amman .

May-July 1986 Visiting Surgeon, Department of Cardiac Surgery, The Children's Hospital, Boston , Mass. USA .

1986-1998 Chief Examiner in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, Jordanian Medical Boards, Jordan Medical Council.

1989-1999 Director and Surgeon in Chief,

Queen Alia Heart Institute, Amman, Jordan.

August 1999 Retired from Jordanian Armed Forces, Royal Medical Services, (Brig. Gen.)

Medals & Decorations

Al Nahda Medal

Al Kawkab Medal

Al Istiklal Medal

Al Istihkak Medal

Al Karama Medal

Silver Jubilee Medal

40 yr. Jubilee Medal

Long Service Medal

Technical Proficiency Medal

Administrative Proficiency Medal

Training Proficiency Medal

Surgical Experience - 04 / 2007

Open Heart Procedures

18534 cases Including:

- Heart and Heart-Lung Transplantation.
- Neonatal and congenital open heart procedures.
- Coronary Bypass Surgery.
- Valve repair and Replacement.
- OPCAB (beating heart no pump coronary bypass).

-MIDCAB (minimally invasive direct coronary artery bypass).

Non Open Heart Cardiac Procedures

-Minimally invasive Single and double valve repair or replacement.
3140 cases

Pulmonary & Esophageal

466 cases

Major Vascular

2186 cases

Peripheral vascular

1023 cases



Professional Organizations

- 1970** British Medical Association.
- 1971** Jordan Medical Association.
- 1981** Denton A. Cooley Cardiovascular Surgical Society.
- 1988** Jordan Cardiac Society.
- 1988** Arab Cardiac Society
- 1988** - Middle East Chapter,
- The International Society for Cardiovascular Surgery.
- 1997** Asian Cardiovascular Society (Regional representative).



Presentations & Abstracts

Presented at the Denton A. Cooley Cardiovascular Surgical Society Sixth annual Scientific Meeting

A review of the first 1559 consecutive open heart procedures in a developing country

Monte Carlo , Monaco , Sept. 1979

B. Akasheh , Hanania, Saleh, Hijazi, Abu Aishah.

Presented at the Joint scientific meeting, Royal Med. Services & Arab American Med. Association

Experience with Aorto Coronary Bypass in Jordan

1981. Amman , Jordan

Goussous, Doghmi, Harbi, Akasheh , Hijazi, Hanania.

Presented at the XIX Pan Arab Medical Congress, Amman Jordan	Aorto Coronary Bypass, Areview of the first 443 cases
Oct. 1981	<i>Hanania, Saleh, Hijazi, Akasheh.</i>
Presented at the International Congress of Cardiology	Heart Surgery in Developing Countries
Marrakesh , Morocco , Oct. 1985	<i>Hanania, Akasheh , Abu Aishah, Nesheiwat. .</i>
Presented at the Symposium on Valvular Heart Disease	Valve Replacement, Long Term Follow Up
Riyadh , Saudi Arabia , Feb. 1986	A review of 2137 cases
Abstract, 10th World Congress of Cardiology, Washington DC . USA	Cardiac Surgery in Jordan
Sept. 1986	<i>Hanania, Akasheh , Abu Aishah.</i>
Presented at the Asian Congress of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery	Cardiac Transplantation in a developing Country
Singapore , 1987	A review of the first 8 cases performed in Jordan
Presented at the Asian Congress of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery	Transposition of the Great Vessels
Singapore , 1987	Surgical Treatment in the Neonate
Presented at the first, Jordan Cardiac Society Conference, Amman	Valve Surgery in Jordan , 18 years Experience
Oct. 1988	<i>Abu Aishah, Akasheh , Al Naser, Abu Nowar, Hanania.</i>
Presented at the first, Jordan Cardiac Society Conference, Amman	Coronary Artery Surgery in Jordan
Oct. 1988	<i>Abu Nowar, Akasheh , Abu Aishah, , Al Naser, Hanania.</i>
Presented at the first, Jordan Cardiac Society Conference, Amman	Transposition of the great Vessels, Current trends in Surgical Management
Oct. 1988	<i>Akasheh , Nesheiwat</i>
The 11 th International Convention National Arab American Association, Amman , Jordan	Surgery of the Left Ventricular outflow tract obstruction
June 1993	<i>Al Naser, Qaqish, Abu Nowar, Nesheiwat, Akasheh.</i>

The 11 th International Convention National Arab American Association, Amman , Jordan	Trans Atrial repair of Tetralogy of Fallot <i>Nesheiwat, Qaqish, Harbi, Goussous, Akasheh.</i>
June 1993	
The second Jordan Cardiac Society Conference, Amman , Jordan	The Fontan Operation, The Jordanian experience <i>Nesheiwat, Qaqish, Al Naser, Abu Nowar, Akasheh.</i>
April 1994	
The second Jordan Cardiac Society Conference, Amman , Jordan	No Pump – Beating Heart coronary bypass Surgery The First 140 cases <i>B. Akasheh.</i>
April 1994	
The second Jordan Cardiac Society Conference, Amman , Jordan	Combined Coronary and Mitral Valve Surgery <i>Qaqish, Abu Nowar, Al Naser, Nesheiwat, Akasheh.</i>
April 1994	
The second Jordan Cardiac Society Conference, Amman , Jordan	Left Main Coronary Artery Disease over 11 years in Jordan <i>Abu Nowar, Qaqish, Samara, jaber, Akasheh.</i>
April 1994	
The second Jordan Cardiac Society Conference, Amman , Jordan	Emergency Coronary Artery Surgery <i>Fayez, Samara, Qaqish, Abu Nowar, Nesheiwat, Al Naser , Akasheh.</i>
April 1994	
The second Jordan Cardiac Society Conference, Amman , Jordan	Surgery of Congenital LVOTO excluding IHSS <i>Al Naser, Qaqish, Abu Nowar, Nesheiwat, Akasheh.</i>
April 1994	
The second Jordan Cardiac Society Conference, Amman , Jordan	Right Heart Bypass Operations <i>Nesheiwat, Qaqish, Hakim, Abu Atta, Akasheh.</i>
April 1994	
The third Jordan Cardiac Society Conference. Amman , Jordan	Mitral Valve Repair: A Clinical and Echocardiographic Study <i>Al Naser, Allaham, Marzouka, Qaqish, Akasheh.</i>
April 1996	
The third Jordan Cardiac Society Conference. Amman , Jordan	Aortic Valve Replacement in Patients sixty years and older, Operative risks and long term results <i>Allaham, al Naser, Jaber, Marzouka, Akasheh.</i>
April 1996	
The third Jordan Cardiac Society Conference. Amman	Clinical Significance of Blood Cultures after Open

, Jordan	Heart Surgery
April 1996	<i>Qaqish, Goussous, Obeidat, Akasheh.</i>
1 st Spanish – Jordanian Medical Conference	Is the Internal Mammary artery immune to Atherosclerosis?
Oct. 1996	<i>Qaqish, Zureikat, Fayyad, Akasheh.</i>
1 st Spanish – Jordanian Medical Conference	Aortic Valve Replacement during Pregnancy
Oct. 1996	<i>Abu Atta, Qaqish, Hiyari, Samara, Akasheh.</i>
XX International Annual Ain Shams Medical Congress, Cairo , Egypt	Minimally Invasive Saphenous vein Harvesting, using the new Mini-Harvest System
March 1997	<i>Qaqish, Zureikat, Allaham, Jaber, Akasheh.</i>
The 25 th Conference of the Jordanian Surgical Society & the 5 th German-Jordanian Medical Congress	Aortic Valve Replacement in Pediatric Age group; Operative Risks and Long term results
Oct. 1997	<i>Allaham, Qaqish, Nesheiwat, al Naser, Zureikat, Jaber, Akasheh.</i>
The 25 th Conference of the Jordanian Surgical Society & the 5 th German-Jordanian Medical Congress	A New Method to achieve a Bloodless Field during Off-Pump Coronary Surgery, "Akasheh Suture"
Oct. 1997	<i>Akasheh , Jaber, Qaqish, Bhasker Rao, Van Humbergon, Spence.</i>
Facts & Myths of Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery. Current trends in Thoracic Surgery IV	Bechet's Aortitis
New Orleans , Louisiana , USA	<i>Qaqish, Abu Nowar, Nesheiwat, al Naser, Akasheh.</i>
Jan. 1998	Fast-tracking in a slow Lane
Annual Meeting of the Cardiac Anesthesia and intensive care	The impact of minimally Invasive cardiac Surgery
Canberra Australia	<i>B. Akasheh.</i>
Oct. 1999	
Jordan Cardiac Society Conference. Amman , Jordan	The Surgery of Atrial Fibrillation
Oct. 2002	The Modified Maze procedure, Personal experience in 64 patients
	<i>B. Akasheh.</i>

Original Publications

1. B. Akasheh , S. Saleh, D. Hanania, G. Shubeilat, N. Atalla.

Traumatic non-penetrating injury causing complete transection of the thoracic aorta and rupture of the right dome of the diaphragm – a case report

Jordan Medical Journal, May 1974; Vol. 9 No:1, pp:54-60

2. D. Hanania, B. Akasheh .

Cardiac Surgery in Jordan – A developing country (Surgical cost consciousness in the developing world)
Chapter in Book, "Surgery for All"

Publishers: Ferozones Ltd. & MacMillan Publishers Ltd.

3. Qaqish, Rihani, Jaber, Marzouka, Allaham, Akasheh .

Survival after Complete traumatic Transection of the Abdominal Aorta – Case Report.

Journal of Hellenic Vascular Surgery, 1995; Vol.4, No.2 : 15-16



4. Jaber, Qaqish, Fayez, Nesheiwat, Abu Nowar, Al Naser, Saket, Akasheh .

Morbidity and Mortality after Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery Combined with Mitral Valve Procedures.

Journal of Hellenic Vascular Surgery, 1995; Vol.4, No.2 : 8-10

5. Abu Atta, Qaqish Samara, Hiyari, Akasheh .

Aortic Valve Replacement During Pregnancy – Case Report and Current Review of the Literature.

Journal of the Royal Med. Services, June 1997, Vol.4, No.1: 51-53

6. Qaqish, Zureikat, Allaham, Jaber, Akasheh.

Minimally Invasive Saphenous vein Harvesting using a New Mini-Harvest System.

Journal of Hellenic Vascular Surgery, 1998; Vol.7, No.1: 27-29 [^](#)

7. Qaqish, Zureikat, Fayyad, Akasheh .

Incidence of Atherosclerosis in the Left Internal Mammary Artery used in Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting.

Journal of the Royal Med. Services, June 1998, Vol.5, No.1

8. Jaber, Qaqish, Abu Sheikh, Akasheh .

A New Method to Achieve a Bloodless field during Off-Pump Coronary Surgery, "The Akasheh Suture".

Accepted for publication (in press) .

9. Sami S Kabbani, FACS, Mohammad Bashir Izzat, FRCS(CTh), Hisham Jamil, MD, Bassam Akasheh, FRCS, Daoud Hanania, FRCS, and Hassan Raffa, MD

Left Ventricular Volume Reduction Surgery in the Middle East Asian Cardiovasc Thorac Ann 2003 11: 99-101.