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Dr WS Wassif obtained his medical degree from the University of Assiut (Egypt) and went on to gain his Master degree and MD from London University. As a junior doctor he undertook his higher medical training in clinical biochemistry at King's College Hospital, London and Leicester Royal Infirmary, Leicester. He subsequently returned to King's College Hospital as senior registrar/ honorary lecturer.

Dr Wassif joined Bedford Hospital NHS Trust in June 2000 as a consultant and head of department of clinical biochemistry and metabolic medicine. His special interests include all aspects of metabolic medicine, primarily familial hypercalcaemia, dyslipidaemia, porphyria, and parenteral nutrition, both at the clinical and the molecular levels. His department is at the forefront of scientific technological development. Highly sophisticated and sensitive analytical techniques at the cutting edge of laboratory investigations are now routinely provided in-house. Favourable and sustainable impact on every specialty, the Trust and region as a whole has been realised.

Dr Wassif has established the Porphyria service at Bedford as one of three centres in the UK providing a national service; referrals received from more than 60 Trusts including many teaching hospitals such as the Hammersmith and Great Ormond Street. He has also established international collaboration with major institutions particularly in the fields of familial parathyroid tumours and porphyria. Dr Wassif has a major interest in familial isolated hyperparathyroidism (FIHP) and hyperparathyroidism-jaw tumour (HPT-JT) syndrome, both at the clinical and molecular levels, and has extensively published in both aspects of parathyroid neoplasia. He has coined the abbreviation 'FIHP', as a distinct clinical and genetic entity that carries an increased risk of parathyroid cancer. Dr Wassif's substantial contribution to science was his involvement in the isolation and cloning of the HPT-JT syndrome HRPT2 gene and his work was crucial to our understanding of the pathogenesis of parathyroid tumours. He has also written many chapters in reference medical textbooks and is the author of more than 90 published articles.

Dr Wassif runs the metabolic clinic which is held on the last Wednesday of each month, where patients are accepted for the management of dyslipidaemia, familial hypercalcaemia and porphyric disorders.

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