

Minister Khalifeh joins Royal College of Physicians of London Wednesday, July 07, 2010

The Royal College of Physicians of London announced that Health Minister Mohammed Jawad Khalifeh has joined its prestigious College "one of the most prestigious and oldest medical schools in Britain."

"It is a great honor to join the Royal College of Physicians," said Khalifeh in an statement to the Royal College. "I was impressed by the warm welcome that made me feel as if I were at home. I admit that my experience in Britain was of enormous benefit to my academic and medical careers, and that it reinforced my administrative performance as Health Minister."

The chairman of the Royal College of Physicians Sir Ian Gilmore said: "We are honored that Dr. Khalifeh has become a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians. Through his efforts and his administration, the quality of medical care has improved in Lebanon and the treatments provided are better value for your money, and I look forward to our cooperation in future projects."



In a statement, the College said that Khalifeh has maintained a successful academic and medical path since his appointment as minister in 2004, and during his term Lebanon launched the first public health services; the number of hospitals has exceeded 20 public hospitals, some of which are affiliated to universities and educational institutions. Moreover Khalifeh has played a role in the formation of a new record to ensure quality and pricing of medicine in Lebanon according to a comprehensive reform plan."

After training in surgery in the UK, Prof Khalifeh returned to Lebanon in 1998, where he was awarded a distinction for developing liver transplantation from the President of the Republic, the Lebanese Ministry of Health, and the Lebanese Order of Physicians. In 2001, the President of the Republic bestowed upon him the National Order of the Cedar in the grade of officer. Professor Khalifeh is also a member of several boards, including that of the American College of Surgeons. He is also currently a member of the executive board of the WHO in EMRO.

Dr. Khalifeh joined AUB Medical Center as assistant professor of surgery in 1998 and became associate professor of general surgery in 2003. He is also director of Liver Transplantation and HPB Unit.