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After medical school in London, England, he went to the University of Oxford where he did postgraduate clinical training in surgery and also in internal medicine, a doctorate in transplant immunology/immunogenetics, and a fellowship in transplantation. He was a clinical lecturer in Oxford for several years before going to the Middle East to help start two medical schools. He took up the foundation Chair of Surgery in Oman in 1988, where he also headed the research labs.

He has published four books (on tumor markers; surgical radiology; transplant ethics; and bioscience business ethics) and has over 250 publications in immunology, immunogenetics, transplantation, surgery, and bioethics. He chaired the WHO Consultation on Xenotransplantation and wrote the WHO Draft Guiding Principles on Medical Genetics and Biotechnology. He is currently Chair of the 4th External Review of the UNDP/UNICEF/WORLD BANK/WHO Special Program on Tropical Diseases Research and Training.

He is a Fellow of the New York Academy of Sciences and is on the Ethics Committee of the (International) Transplantation Society and of the Human Genome Organization. He holds the official world record for performing the youngest cadaveric donor kidney transplant. In 1999 he was awarded the Hunterian Professorship of the Royal College of Surgeons of England and in 2005 he was awarded the Anthony Miller Prize for research excellence at University of Toronto. Also in 2005 he was awarded the UNESCO Avicenna Award for Ethics of Science.

He has been a Visiting Scholar in Bioethics at Stanford University and Visiting Professor in the Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto. Editorial Boards include World Journal of Surgery, Kidney Forum, Clinical Transplantation Proceedings, J. of Globalization and Health and J. of Genomics, Society and Policy. His current research interests are in the exploration of how science and technology can be used effectively to ameliorate global health and developmental inequities.