

Dr. Hussam M. Azzam recognized Nationally for Physician Leadership

The Burntwood Regional Health Authority extends congratulations to Dr. Hussam Azzam, Vice President, Medical Services and Chief of Staff, for his achievement in obtaining the Canadian Certified Physician Executive (CCPE) credential.

In 2009, the Canadian Medical Association and the Canadian Society of Physician Executives launched the CCPE as a means to recognize excellence in physician leadership. To be eligible for qualification, Dr. Azzam was required to demonstrate 10 years or more of progressive leadership in senior or executive positions, enriched by continuing education and documented evidence of significant leadership contributions in vision, health, effectiveness, and inspiration.

Dr. Azzam was one of 29 CCPE recipients who were recognized at the 2011 Canadian Conference on Physician Leadership in Vancouver. He was the lone recipient from Manitoba as well as the first Manitoba physician to receive this credential.

Dr. Azzam is dually certified in Canada and the United Kingdom (UK) and is on the Specialist Register with full active registration in both countries. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, a Member of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (UK), a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and a Fellow of the International College of Surgeons.

Dr. Azzam has completed a Fellowship in Professional Development and a Fellowship in Medical Education at the Wessex Institute in the United Kingdom and Leadership in the Birth Environment Module (Distinction) from Bournemouth University in the UK. He has completed a Postgraduate Diploma in Advanced Educational Studies and a Postgraduate Certificate in Advanced Educational Studies from the University of Winchester in the UK. Presently, he is completing a research project to achieve a Master's in Medical Education.

In addition to Vice President and Chief of Staff responsibilities, Dr. Azzam conducts a regular clinical, surgical, and office practice as an Obstetrician and Gynecologist, caring for patients in the Northern Consultation Centre and Thompson General Hospital.

Dr. Azzam has been granted Assistant Professorship with the Faculty of Medicine, University of Manitoba. He has given tireless advocacy that has resulted in significant expansion of the number of medical students and specialty residents, as well as the introduction of nurse practitioner and physician assistant trainees onsite in the Burntwood Region.

Dr. Azzam brings a high level of energy, commitment, and focus to Burntwood Regional Health Authority. Working with his physician and nurse practitioner colleagues, they have achieved exceptional changes that have benefitted patient care.

Dr. Azzam notes the support of his wife Orhan and the ongoing backup of the Heads of Services and Specialty Leads as pivotal to the achievements in medical services.

Burntwood Regional Health Authority congratulates Dr. Azzam, his wife Orhan, and their son AK, on the achievement of the Canadian Certified Physician Executive credential. We are most fortunate that Dr. Azzam and his family have chosen Thompson as their home. We express our sincerest gratitude for their service on behalf of patients in the Burntwood Region.



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