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INTERNATIONAL PALLIATIVE CARE
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Dr. Bushnaq leads the Palliative Care interdisciplinary morning report and clinical rounds at the King Hussein Cancer Center. He also accepts consultations and referrals. He is involved with an outpatient clinic while maintaining his own patients who are on home care service. In addition to caring of terminally ill patients, he also accepts consultations from the oncologists, surgeons, and other specialties for issues related to pain management, other symptoms management, wound care, and psychosocial issues.

In Jordan, it is not very clear among physicians and health care workers as well as for the public, what Palliative Care is. Mohammad has made it his personal responsibility to raise awareness about Palliative Care at all levels. He is achieving his goals by the following initiatives:

Local Level: regularly involved with workshops directed towards clinical staff about pain management, symptom management, breaking bad news and communication skills.

National Level: contributes in teaching for many workshops and lectures related to palliative care and pain management, organized by national palliative care committee, for physicians and nurses at different facilities.

Regional Level: has taught palliative care for physician and nurses in Egypt at part of collaboration between KHCC National Cancer Institute (NCI) – Cairo

Mohammad is also the founder of the Jordan Palliative Care Society. This interdisciplinary society was created to help increase awareness about the concept of Palliative Care among health care workers as well as the public.