



# CV Dr. med. Faidi Omar Mahmoud

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Dr. Faidi Omar Mahmoud, born in Juweizeh, located about 10 kilometers south of the town of Quneitra in the Golan Heights of Syria. He completed his high-school examinations in July 1966 at the age of seventeen and, owing to his excellent grades, was admitted to the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Damascus the same year.

In June 1967, during the Six-Day War between Israel and the Arab states, his family home in Bir Ajam was destroyed. Forced to flee to Damascus, he faced the dual challenge of continuing his medical studies while supporting his displaced and financially struggling family. Despite these hardships, he completed his medical degree on October 24, 1972 with good distinction. His doctoral thesis, "The Most Common Neoplasms in Childhood," was later officially recognized as a doctoral dissertation by the Ministry of Science and Arts of Lower Saxony on July 19, 1977.

Dr. Mahmoud began his specialization in ophthalmology at the University Hospital of Damascus in October 1972. After three years and four months of training, he obtained the Syrian Board Certification in Ophthalmology on November 17, 1975. He continued his academic advancement and completed his habilitation thesis, "Variation in Corneal Curve After Intraocular Operation," at the University of Damascus with the highest distinction on March 31, 1984. This habilitation was formally recognized by the Bavarian State Ministry of Science and Arts on April 3, 1987.

While initially trained as an ophthalmologist, Dr. Mahmoud later pursued advanced clinical specialization in Germany. He earned German Board Certification in General Surgery in 1982, followed by board certifications in Sports Medicine in 1990 and Cardiac Surgery in 1995 at the University Hospital of Erlangen. From 1986 until his retirement in 2013, he served as a senior consultant at the Cardiac Center of the University Hospital of Erlangen, performing more than 4,000 open-heart surgeries and training many cardiac surgeons.

Dr. Mahmoud has been deeply engaged in academic cooperation and humanitarian work, developing partnerships between European and Arab medical institutions in Syria, Egypt, Jordan, the UAE, and Bahrain. He has published over 100 scientific articles, contributed to several medical books, and received numerous awards.

His leadership roles include:

- Senior Consultant in Cardiac Surgery at the University Hospital of Erlangen (1986–2013).
- President of ARABMED in Europe since 2009.
- Chair of the Arab-German Graduates Network (AGMAN) and the medical DAAD program at Erlangen (2006–2013).
- Founder and Professor of International Relations at Al-Andalus University for Medical Sciences, and member of its Board of Trustees since 2006.
- Founder and Vice President of Erlangen Hilft ("Erlangen Helps") since 2013.
- Founder and Member of the Migration Organization in Nuremberg (MOiN) since 2018.
- Founding President of the Circassian National Assembly (CAN) and Chair of CircassMed since 2008.

Dr. Mahmoud has organized more than 60 medical conferences and participated in over 40 specialized workshops across Europe and the Arab world. He is a member of several prestigious medical societies, including the Bavarian Medical Association, the German Society for Thoracic, Cardiac, and Vascular Surgery, the Syrian Society for Cardiothoracic Surgery, and the Saudi Heart Friends Charity Association.

A committed advocate for humanitarian work, peace, and human dignity, Dr. Faidi Omar Mahmoud continues to be a leading figure in promoting medical cooperation and supporting communities in need across regions and cultures. He has lived in Germany since 1975.

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