

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Adnan Hammad, PhD

Director, ACCESS Community Health & Research Center

Dr. Hammad has established and directs a one of a kind community-based health, mental health and research center at the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS). His responsibilities include developing programs designed to promote and improve the health status of the Arab American community, a model that could be adapted to other similar ethnic minorities. He adopted a holistic approach to manage the health care needs of the community. This approach integrates public health research and environment, mental health, primary and specialty medical care. These programs are financed by a variety of local, state and federal sources. Dr. Hammad is very active academically. He is currently a volunteer professor at Wayne State University School of Medicine and consults at the University of Michigan, School of Public Health- Community-based Public Health Division.

Dr. Hammad has broad experience in health services policy, management and training at both the macro and micro levels. Additionally, he has had a distinguished international consulting experience in this field in the Middle East, North Africa, Europe, USA and Canada. He held numerous leadership roles in professional, non-profit and non-governmental organizations. Dr. Hammad served as Managing Director of Makassed Hospital in Jerusalem from 1989-1992. He was a Senior Health Planner for Planning and Research of Health Services in Jerusalem from 1992-1995. He was Assistant Professor in Health Services Administration at Al-Quds University College for Medical Professions from 1992-1994. Additionally, he lectured at the Department of Education and Psychology at Birzeit University in the West Bank from 1984-1985. Dr. Hammad has an extensive education and experience in Public Health Care Policy and Management. He holds several degrees including; a Master's Degree in Science, a High Diploma in Health Economics, and a Doctorate in Health Services Policy and Management.

Dr. Hammad serves in various capacities on a number of regional, national, and international organizations. They include, president of the Michigan Chapter of the National Arab American Medical Association (NAAMA) in 2003. His affiliations include, the American Near East for Refugee Aid (ANERA) Medical Committee Board, Wayne State University, School of Nursing Board of Visitors, Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute Board of Directors, Michigan Cancer Consortium Board of Directors, Voices of Detroit Health Initiative Board of Directors, Detroit Wayne County Health Authority, American Lung Association Board of Directors, Arab American Coalition of the American Diabetes Association, Greater Detroit Area Health Council Board of Directors, Prevention Coalition of Southeast Michigan, and Chairman of the First, Second, and Third National Conference on Health Issues in the Arab American Community in collaboration with Wayne State University, School of Medicine. In March 2005, Dr. Hammad was part of an American Cancer Society (ACS) delegation to the Middle East. He served as a cultural liaison between ACS representatives and colleagues in Egypt, Jordan and Palestine. His international record includes Health Consultant for the Harvard Institute of International Development in the Middle East, Senior Health Planner for macro and micro health programs in cooperation with the World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Relief & Works Agency (UNRWA), and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

In the research field, Dr. Hammad's projects include collaboration with NIH / National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences as a principal investigator on the Environmental Impact on Arab Americans in Metro Detroit. Also, he is co-investigator for both the Epidemiology of Diabetes and its Risk Factors among Arab Americans in cooperation with Wayne State School of Pharmacy and the American Diabetes Association as well as Tobacco Use among Arab American Youth in Cooperation with NIH and Wayne State School of Nursing. He authored and co-authored over 100 publications in the fields of behavior and epidemiological research including the Ethnicity and Disease special supplement on Arab American Health "Introduction: proceedings of the third biennial national conference on health issues in the Arab -American community" Ethnicity & Disease, volume 1501, supplement 1. February 2005, S1-VII. Dr. Hammad chaired the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Biennial National Conference on Health Issues in the Arab American Community, since 1998, Dearborn, Michigan, USA .
