

Mansour Al Mabrouk Ali Ben Halim (1937–2018)

The Libyan medical community has recently lost one of its senior pediatricians and expert nutritionists. Professor Mansour Ben Halim passed away after a long struggle with illness on May 12, 2018, at his home in Tripoli at 81 years of age.

Mansour Ben Halim was born on March 12, 1937 in Derna, Eastern Libya. He spent his childhood and adolescence in his home city Derna and then studied secondary school in Benghazi. He was one of the first few Libyan students to be sent to the UK to study medicine. He completed his undergraduate education (MBBCh) at the College of Medicine, Bristol University, graduating in 1965. He obtained the Diploma in Child Health (DCH) of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow in 1968. He later earned the Degree of Doctor of Medicine (MD) from Bristol University in 1976. After this, he returned to Libya and was appointed as a Consultant Pediatrician at Children's Hospital, Tripoli. He later joined the teaching staff and progressed to a full Professor of Pediatrics at the Faculty of Medicine, Tripoli University. He published numerous research papers in various medical journals, as well as writing some books for Libyan medical students and a book on his favorite subject 'Nutrition of Infants and Young Children' (in Arabic) in 1989.

He was dedicated to his profession with great leadership and superb skills. He was well-organized and an excellent teacher. He had a pleasant character, was always helpful, providing clear guidance to his team.

All graduates of the Faculty of Medicine, Tripoli University, owe him for his guidance, his undergraduate and postgraduate teaching and for being a fair examiner in pediatric medicine. He was of great support to all his students, residents, and senior colleagues.

He is survived by his wife Dagrún and his three daughters (Lamees, Razan and Reem).

Mansour Ben Halim will be missed by his family as well as his students, patients, and colleagues. May Allah bless his soul and accept him in Paradise. Amen.

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