

# YAZAN HASSONA

**Yazan Hassona** DDS, MFDS RCSI, FFD RCSI (OSOM), D Spec Care Dent RCSEd, DSCD RCSEng, PhD  
Professor of Oral Medicine and Special Care Dentistry

## Administration

Dean Faculty of Dentistry AAU\*

Director center for oral disease studies AAU\*

Director of residency program JUH\*

Vice dean School of Dentistry JU\*

Assistant dean /Quality assurance JU\*

Assistant Dean/student affair JU\*

## Academia and teaching

Head of oral medicine examination board Jordan Medical Council

Founder of the 1<sup>st</sup> graduate program in Special Care Dentistry in the Arab Region

Expert in Problem based and case-based learning

> 10 years in clinical teaching

## Research

Listed on Stanford's 2% researchers list

H-INDEX= 29  
I-INDEX=58

>120 indexed articles

IADH research awards

Hamdi Mango research award

JU best researcher award

## Patient care

> 10 years of practice limited to special care dentistry and oral medicine

Expert in dental management of patients with disability and special care needs

Expert in non-surgical management of oral and maxillofacial diseases

Expert in oral health promotion for individuals with disability

## Continuous education and community service

Cofounder of Arab Society of Disability and Oral Health ASDH

> 100 CPD courses/workshops in topics related to special care dentistry and oral medicine

Community and domiciliary oral health service for underserved populations

Expert in development of patient education programs



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AAU: Al-Ahliyya Amman University  
UJ: University of Jordan  
JUH: Jordan University Hospital

## QUALIFICATIONS

**DDS**

Doctor in Dental Surgery; The University of Jordan; Amman, Jordan

**MFDS RCSI**

Membership of Faculty of Dental Surgeons  
Royal College of Surgeons  
Dublin, Ireland

**FFD RCSI (OSOM)**

Speciality Fellowship in oral surgery and oral medicine  
Royal College of Surgeons  
Dublin, Ireland

**D Spec Care Dent RCSEd**

Speciality Diploma in Special Care Dentistry  
Royal College of Surgeons  
Edinburgh, UK

**DSCD RCSEng**

Speciality Diploma in Special Care Dentistry  
Royal College of Surgeons  
London, UK

**PhD (oral oncology)**

Doctor of Philosophy  
School of Medicine and Dentistry; University of Bristol  
Bristol, UK

**JB (oral med)**

Jordanian Board in Oral Medicine; Jordan Medical Council- Amman, Jordan

## CLINICAL TRAINING

- 2006-2007: Internship dentist at Jordan University Hospital; Jordan
- 2007-2009: Resident in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery; The University of Jordan Hospital; Jordan
- 2009-2013: Clinical fellow in Oral Medicine and Special Care Dentistry; Bristol Dental Hospital; UK

## CURRENT POSTS

- Professor of Oral Medicine and Special Care Dentistry; The University of Jordan
- Head of Oral Medicine Education Committee; Jordan Medical Council
- Head of oral medicine examination board; Jordan Medical Council
- Program director Postgraduate Oral Medicine and Special Care Dentistry; The University of Jordan Hospital
- Consultant Oral Medicine and Special Care Dentistry; The University of Jordan Hospital
- Consultant Oral Medicine and Special Care Dentistry; Saudi Hospital; Amman
- Founding member of the Jordanian Society of Oral Medicine and Pathology

## PREVIOUS POSTS

- Dean; School of Dentistry; Al-Ahliyya Amman University
- Director; Centre for Oral Diseases Studies (CODS)
- Vice Dean for Academic and Administrative affairs School of Dentistry; The University of Jordan
- Founding committee Aqaba Medical University
- Professor; School of Dentistry; The University of Jordan
- Assistant Dean for Quality assurance; The University of Jordan
- Assistant Dean for Student affairs; The University of Jordan
- Associate Professor; School of Dentistry; The University of Jordan
- Assistant Professor; School of Dentistry; The University of Jordan
- Research fellow; University of Bristol
- Clinical fellow; Bristol Dental Hospital

## CLINICAL EXPERTISE

- Dental treatment of special care patients including medically complex patients, elderly individuals, cancer patients, and patients with all kinds of disabilities.
- Provision of comprehensive oral healthcare under general anesthesia and conscious sedation.
- Full spectrum of hospital dentistry practice.
- Medical management of oral and maxillofacial diseases including the wide spectrum of oral mucosal diseases, salivary disorders, jaw diseases, orofacial pain, and oral sensory and motor disorders.

## RESEARCH INTEREST

- Diagnostic delay in oral diseases
- Quality of patient related health informatics
- Oral diseases in syndromic patients
- Oral health care in vulnerable individuals

## RESEARCH TRAINING

- 2008-2009: Research assistant; School of Dentistry; The University of Jordan
- 2009-2013: Research fellow; School of Medicine and Dentistry; University of Bristol; UK

## AWARDS

- 2006: Nabil Barakat prize for distinguished students; The University of Jordan
- 2016: The most published researcher prize; The University of Jordan
- 2017: The most published researcher prize; The University of Jordan
- 2018: The most published researcher prize; The University of Jordan
- 2018: Yong research competition award; International Association for Disability and Oral Health (IADH)
- 2019: The most published researcher prize; The University of Jordan
- 2020: Hamdi Mango award for distinguished researchers
- 2022: IADH research award
- 2024: Stanford's list of best 2% researchers

## PUBLICATIONS

- Published more than 120 indexed research papers in mainstream dental and medical journals mainly in the fields of oral cancer and special care dentistry.
- [https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Yazan\\_Hassona](https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Yazan_Hassona)
- <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=S5TczX8AAAAJ&hl=en> <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=hassona+y>
- H-index 28; I-index 58

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

Active local/international speaker on various fields of special care dentistry. Organized several courses on:

- Dental management of special care patients
- Dental care in autism spectrum disorder
- Dental care in cerebral palsy
- Dental care under general anaesthesia for the special care patient
- Management of medical emergencies in dental practice.

## TEACHING AND EXAMINATIONS

- Postgraduate program director for Oral Medicine and Special Care Dentistry; The University of Jordan.
- Oral medicine courses (clinical and theory) for fourth- and fifth-year dental students
- Case Based Learning (CBL) of systemic diseases for dental students
- Clinical-pathological conference (CPC) for residents and interns
- External examiner for several master theses at the University of Jordan and at Jordan University of Science and Technology
- External examiner for 5th year dental students at Jordan University of Science and Technology

## EDITORIAL AND PEER REVIEWING

- Editorial board on Oral Diseases
- Editorial board on Special Care in Dentistry
- Active reviewer for various journals including Oral diseases, Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine, Oral Pathology and Oral Radiology, International Dental Journal, European Journal of Dental Education, Journal of Oral Pathology and Medicine, Journal of Cosmetic Dermatology, Special Care in Dentistry, Journal of Internet Medical Research
- <https://publons.com/researcher/1191390/yazan-hassona/>

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## ACHIEVEMENT IN THE FIELD OF SPECIAL CARE DENTISTRY AND ORAL HEALTH IN DISABILITY

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- Founder of the first dedicated special care dentistry service in Jordan in 2013. The service now provides high quality and comprehensive dental care for a large number of patients and receives referrals from all over Jordan and neighboring countries.
- Founder of the first postgraduate training program in oral medicine and special care dentistry in the Arab world in 2021 in the university of Jordan.
- Provided voluntary dental care regularly to under-served population and refugees in Jordan in collaboration with local and governmental sectors.
- Winner of the international association for disability and oral health award for young researchers 2018, 2022
- Co-founder of the Arab society of disability and oral health; a non-profit organization to raise awareness about oral health in disability.

## REFERENCES

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Former Vice President of the University of Jordan, Jordan  
Former Dean of School of Dentistry; The University of Jordan, Jordan.  
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