Obituary

Dr. Khalid Al-Chalabi

Dr. Khalid Al-Chalabi died peacefully in his home on the first day of Ramadan, he was 87. Born and educated in Baghdad where he earned his MB.ChB with first honour in 1947.

He was appointed as surgical resident in the Royal Hospital in Baghdad where stayed for five years. During his tenure, he got his Master of Surgery degree in 1950.

In 1951, he was appointed as consultant surgeon in Basrah Royal Hospital, a position he enjoyed till 1980 when he served in Al-Sadir Teaching Hospital in Basrah till his retirement in 1986.

During his tenure in Basrah, he served in many nonsurgical posts; Deputy Senior Medical Officer, Director of Basrah General Hospital and Director of Al-Sadir Teaching Hospital.

Khalid Al-Chalabi was one of the surgical giants who laid the foundation of modern surgical practice in Basrah in the 20th century. He was known by his encyclopaedic knowledge and mastering surgical handcraft.

He is survived by his wife and four children; one of them is a member of the medical community in Basrah

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