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- Head of Ancillary medical services, NNUH, Nablus, Palestine (2017-2019).

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- **Master's degree in Medical Education for Healthcare professionals**, Warwick University, UK, 2021-2024.
- **Spanish Board (4 years Residency Program) Preventive Medicine and Public Health**, Preventive Medicine and Public Health Teaching Unit/ Institute for Health Sciences in Aragón (I+CS) , Zaragoza, Spain, Duration of study: (May 2008 -May 2012).
- **M.Sc.: Public Health**, Dissertation title: Associated Factors to the Presentation of Tuberculosis Disease as the first defining illnesses of AIDS in Spain (1981-2008), National School of Health, Carlos III Institute, Madrid, Spain, Duration of study: (September 2008- June 2009).
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