# Bessam Farjo, MD - Curriculum Vitae

Bessam K Farjo, Manchester & London, England

**Date of Birth**: 14/12/1963 **Sex**: Male

Nationality: British Marital Status: Married with 2

children

#### General Education:

1. St. Joseph's Primary School, Baghdad, Iraq.

- 2. Assyrian Orthodox Intermediate school, Baghdad. (1st place, 2nd year)
- 3. Al-Nidhamiya Secondary School, Baghdad. (2nd place, Final year).

## **Undergraduate Training:**

- 1. University of Baghdad Medical School, 1st year 1981/82.
- 2. The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

Date of Entry: September 1982 Date of Graduation: June 1988

**Distinctions**:

Physics (Honours) Chemistry (Honours)

Tropical Medicine (Honours)

#### Qualifications:

M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O., L.R.C.P. & S.I., F.I.C.S., F.I.T.

Diplomate, American Board of Hair Restoration Surgery (Oct 2003)

Fellow International College of Surgeons (Oct. 2001): FICS

Certificate of Efficiency in Diagnostic Radiology

Diploma in Tropical Medicine.

## **Hair Restoration Surgery Training:**

The Hair Replacement Clinic, Scarborough, Ontario, Canada

Director: Dr Laurence Fremont

November 1991 – May 1992

#### **Current Status & Employment:**

Hair Restoration Surgeon since 1992

Director & Co-Owner, Advanced Hair Technology Ltd (Est. 1993) –

Trading as Farjo Medical Centre:

Manchester Clinic at 101 Princess Street opened October 1992

London Clinic at 130 Harley Street opened March 1994

Manchester Clinic, Arthur House, Chorlton St, City Centre, since April 1998

#### **Memberships & Positions:**

- President, International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery (ISHRS) since Sep 2007
- Member, International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery since 1993
- Past President and Founder Member, British Association of Hair Restoration Surgeons
- Chair, ISHRS Ad Hoc Committee for Internet Monitoring 2002 2004
- Chair, ISHRS Ad Hoc Committee for Regional Workshops 2005 2006
- Vice-President, European Society of Hair Restoration Surgery 2002 2004
- Member, European Hair Research Society since 2005
- Fellow, European Academy of Cosmetic Surgery since 1998

- Honorary Fellow, Association of Facial Plastic Surgeons since 2007
- Fellow, Board Governor & Medical Director, Institute of Trichologists (Est 1902) since 2000
- Founder Member, The Trichological Society
- Editor, Trichologist journal since 2003

#### **Presentations/Publications:**

**1. Oral Finasteride combined with topical 4% Minoxidil for Male Pattern Baldness** Hair Transplant Forum International – 1994 Vol 4 Issue 5

# 2. Total Beard Reconstruction Using Incisional Slit Grafting in a Burns Case – A World 1st

- **a.** International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery (ISHRS) 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress, October, 1997, Barcelona, Spain
- **b.** European Academy of Cosmetic Surgery 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Congress, April, 1998, London, England
- **c.** Italian Society of Hair Restoration Surgery 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Congress, May, 1998, Rome, Italy
- **d.** Hair Transplant Forum International 1998
- e. The Trichologist Journal- 1999

# 3. Comparative Study of CO2 LASER-assisted Transplantation and Incisional Slit Grafting: The Practicalities for the Physician and Patients' Preferences

- **a.** International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery (ISHRS) 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress, October, 1997, Barcelona, Spain
- **b.** The Trichologist Journal 1998

#### 4. Hair Restoration Surgery & Medicine - State-of-the-Art

- a. Royal College of Surgeons In Ireland Class of `88 10-year
- Reunion, September, 1998, Dublin, Ireland
- **b.** Egyptian Association of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeons 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress, February, 2000, Cairo, Egypt
- **c.** European Academy of Cosmetic Surgery- 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference May 2003, Vienna, Austria
- **d.** Invited Speaker for Guys, Kings, and St. Thomas Surgical Society, November 2003, London, England
- e. Institute of Trichologists Annual General Meeting

November 2004, London, England

f. Invited Feature Guest Flavius Clinic Seminar and Workshop

April, 2005, Istanbul, Turkey

- **g.** Invited Speaker: British Association of Oral & Maxillo-Facial Surgeons- Annual Meeting, June, 2005, Gateshead, England
- 5. Digital Photography
- **a.** International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery (ISHRS) -6<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress, September, 1998, Washington DC, USA
- **b.** Hair Transplant Forum International 1999

# 6. A Statistical Analysis of Hair Patients in the United Kingdom

International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery (ISHRS) – 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress September, 1998, Washington DC, USA

## 7. Hair Transplants? I Don't Do Them...... But I Know Someone Who Does!

European Academy of Cosmetic Surgery – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual

Congress April, 1999, Berlin, Germany

# 8. Estimating Required Graft Numbers Made Easy

- **a.** European Society of Hair Restoration Surgery 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting & Workshop, May, 1999, Paris, France
- **b.** International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery (ISHRS) -7<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress, October, 1999, San Francisco, USA
- c. Hair Transplant Forum International 2000 & 2001

# 9. Non-Medical Counsellors......Who Needs Them?

- **a.** International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery (ISHRS) -7<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress, October, 1999, San Francisco, USA
- **b.** Hair Transplant Forum International 2000

# 10. Approaches To Crown/Vertex Hair Restoration European Society of Hair

Restoration Surgery – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting & Workshop June, 2000, Istanbul, Turkey

## 11. Featured Surgeon of the Month- 1st in UK & Europe

Hair Transplant Forum International- September/October 2000 issue

# 12. Donor Site Closure: A Comparative Study of Catgut vs. Vicryl Sutures

- **a.** European Society of Hair Restoration Surgery 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Congress & Workshop, June, 2000, Istanbul, Turkey
- **b.** International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery- 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting November, 2000, Hawaii, USA

#### 13. Safe Donor Area

**a.** International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery- 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Invited Lecturer for the Beginner's Course

November, 2000, Hawaii, USA

**b.** Italian Society of Hair Restoration –6<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress

May, 2001, Syracuse, Sicily

Award: Archemides Prize

**c.** European Society of Hair Restoration Surgery- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress May, 2001, Sitges, Spain

#### 14. Program Chairman, Workshop Director & Congress Organiser

European Society of Hair Restoration Surgery- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress & Workshop, May, 2002, London, England

# 15. Live Surgery Instructor

- **a.** European Society of Hair Restoration Surgery- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress & Workshop, May, 2002, London, England
- **b.** International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery- 9th Annual Surgery Workshop, March, 2003, Orlando, USA

- **c.** International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery- 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Surgery Workshop, March, 2005, Orlando, USA
- **d.** Invited Feature Guest Flavius Clinic Seminar and Workshop April, 2005, Istanbul, Turkey
- **e.** International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery- 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress August, 2005, Sydney, Australia

# 16. Corrective Surgery: Different Strategies for Different Situations

**a.** International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery- 10th Annual Congress Award: Winner for poster presentation

October, 2002, Chicago, USA

- **b.** European Society of Hair Restoration Surgery- 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting May, 2003, Potsdam, Germany
- **c.** Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland 15 year Reunion August, 2003, Dublin, Ireland

# 17. Digital Photography in Hair Restoration II

- **a.** International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery- 10th Annual Congress October, 2002, Chicago, USA
- **b.** International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery- 9th Annual Surgery Workshop, March, 2003, Orlando, USA
- **c.** International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery- 11th Annual Congress October, 2003, New York, USA

#### 18. Hair Loss in Men and Women

Invited Speaker for Creative Women's Group

October 2002, London, England

# 19. Cell Therapy: UK Human Clinical Trials

- **a.** International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery- 11th Annual Congress October, 2003, New York, USA
- **b.** Invited Keynote Speaker: European Hair Research Society- 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting July, 2005, Zurich, Switzerland

# 20. Corrective Surgery II: Different Strategies for Different Situations

**a.** Italian Society of Hair Restoration – 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress May, 2004, Turin, Italy

Award: Peaks in Hair Restoration Surgery 2004

- **b.** International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery- 12th Annual Congress August, 2004, Vancouver, Canada
- **c.** International Society of Dermatological Surgery- 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress September, 2005, Dublin, Ireland

# 21. Donor Closure: 5/0 Vicryl Rapide vs. 4/0 Vicryl Rapide

International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery- 12th Annual Congress August, 2004, Vancouver, Canada

# 22. New British Decontamination Standards: Implications on Private Practice

- **f.** International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery- 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Surgery Workshop , March, 2005, Orlando, USA
- **g.** Italian Society of Hair Restoration- 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress, June, 2005, Modena, Italy

#### Award: Premio Ghirlandina

- h. International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery- 13th Annual Congress August, 2005, Sydney, Australia
- 23. Establishment and Characterization of Immortalized Balding Dermal Papillae (IBDP) Cell Lines by HTERT. (Authors: Bahta, N Farjo, B Farjo, Baksh, Bull, Philpott) Poster presentation, William Harvey Day, Barts and London Hospital October 2004, London, England

# 24. Pre & Post Operative Instructions

International Society of Dermatological Surgery- 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress September, 2005, Dublin, Ireland

25. A Core Curriculum for Hair Restoration Surgery, Recommended by the International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery (Authors: E Epstein, J Epstein, B Farjo, S Kabaker, R Leonard, A Mangubat, C Puig, M Ross, D Rousso, D Stough, W Unger)

Journal of Dermatology Surgery original paper December, 2005

## Conferences and Seminars attended:

1<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the International Society of Hair Restoration Dallas, Texas Surgery. April, 1993 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the International Society of Hair Restoration 2. Surgery. Toronto, Canada September, 1994 Course: LASER-assisted hair transplantation and LASER skin resurfacing at Massachusetts General Hospital Dermatology Laser Boston, Massachusetts Centre. March, 1995 4. Advances in Cosmetic Dermatology and Surgery of the Face, Head and Neck. Royal Society of Medicine, London June, 1995 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery. Las Vegas, USA September, 1995 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Italian Society of Hair Restoration 6. Rome, Italy May, 1996 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the International Society of Hair Restoration 7. Surgery. Nashville, USA September, 1996 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery Barcelona, Spain October, 1997 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the European Academy of Cosmetic Surgery London, England April, 1998 10. 4th Annual Conference of the Italian Society of Hair Restoration Rome, Italy May, 1998 11. 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the International Society of Hair Restoration Washington DC, USA October, 1998 12. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the European Academy of Cosmetic Surgery Berlin, Germany April, 1999

13. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the European Society of Hair Restoration Paris, France

14. 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the European Hair Research Society

May, 1999

York, England September, 1999 15. 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the International Society of Hair Restoration San Francisco, USA October, 1999 Surgery 16. 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference – Egyptian Association of Plastic & Reconstructive Cairo. Egypt February, 2000 17. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the European Society of Hair Restoration Istanbul, Turkey Surgery June, 2000 18. 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the International Society of Hair Restoration Hawaii, USA November, 2000 Surgery 19. 7th Annual Conference of the Italian Society of Hair Restoration Syracuse, Sicily May, 2001 20. 4th Annual Conference of the European Society of Hair Restoration Surgery Barcelona, Spain Mav. 2001 21. 9th Annual Conference of the International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery Puerto Vallarta, Mexico October, 2001 22. 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the European Academy of Cosmetic Surgery Vienna, Austria May 2002 23. 5th Annual Conference of the European Society of Hair Restoration Surgery London, England June, 2002 **Program Chairman** 24. 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery Chicago, USA October, 2002 25. 9th Annual Surgery Workshop, International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery Orlando, USA March, 2003 26. 6th Annual Conference of the European Society of Hair Restoration Surgery Potsdam, Germany May, 2003 27. Emergency Life Support Course sponsored by the Brit Assoc. of Hair Rest. Birmingham, UK Surgeons September, 2003 28. 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery New York, USA November, 2003 29. 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Italian Society of Hair Restoration Turin, Italy May, 2004 30. 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery Vancouver, Canada August, 2004 31. 11th Annual Surgery Workshop, International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery Orlando, USA March. 2005 32. Annual Flavius Clinic Surgery Workshop Istanbul, Turkev April, 2005 33. 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Italian Society of Hair Restoration Modena. Italy June. 2005 34. Annual Meeting of the British Association of Oral & Maxillo-Facial Surgeons Gateshead, England June, 2005 35. 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the European Hair Research Society Zurich. Switzerland July, 2005 36. 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery Sydney, Australia August, 2005

37. 26th Annual Congress of the International Society of Dermatological Surgery

Dublin, Ireland September, 2005

38. 12th Annual Surgery Workshop, International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery

Orlando, USA March, 2006

39. 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the European Hair Research Society

London, UK July, 2006

40. 14th Annual Conference of the International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery

San Diego, USA October, 2006

41. 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference, Romanian Association of Plastic Surgeons

Sinaia, Romania October, 2006

42. 1st Annual Seminar, International Hair Research Foundation

Milan, Italy January, 2007

43. 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Italian Hair Research Society

Milan, Italy May, 2007

44. 1st Hair Surgery Workshop, Polish Association of Plastic Surgeons

Poznan, Poland September, 2007

45. 15th Annual Conference of the International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery

Las Vegas, USA September, 2007

46. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Seminar, International Hair Research Foundation

Milan, Italy March, 2008

#### Media:

'Manchester Confidential' web magazine feature 2008

BBC South East TV Feature on two Farjo female patients 2008

Channel M TV Breakfast Show interview 2008

BBC TV 2007 documentary 'I Hate My Bald Head'.

- Sky TV's Discovery Home & Health 2005 Programme, 'Wish You Were Hair', featuring actor Shaun Williamson's (of Eastenders fame) hair transplant by Drs Fario
- Extensive features on the above in the Daily Mail, News of the World and ITV.
- Sky TV's Discovery Home & Health 2005 Programme, 'Sex Change', creating a female hairline in a gender re-assignment patient.
- Hair Restoration documentary filmed in 2002, broadcast on Channel 4 in 2003 titled 'Bald'
- Expert on BBC3's documentary on Elton John and Hair loss 2003.
- BBC Television documentary on hair transplant surgery on BBC TV 2001
- Features on BBC's Kilroy and Health Watchdog, ITV's This Morning and Gabrielle
- Granada TV, various BBC Radio stations, London's LBC Radio and Asian Sound Radio as experts on hair restoration surgery.
- Articles in The Times, Daily Telegraph, Independent, Guardian, Daily Mail, Daily Express, Aesthetic Medicine, Stockport Times, Bournemouth Echo, Hair International, She Magazine, Weekly News and others.

#### **Past Medical Employment:**

General Surgery/Accident & Emergency Medicine House Officer Our Lady's Hospital In Navan, Co Meath, Ireland July 1 – December 31, 1988 General Medicine/Endocrinology House Officer

Beaumont Hospital, Dublin

January 1 – March 31, 1989

Nephrology House Officer

Beaumont Hospital, Dublin

April 1 – June 30, 1989

**Neurosurgery Senior House Officer** 

Beaumont Hospital, Dublin

July 1 – December 31, 1989

Accident and Emergency Senior House Officer

Beaumont Hospital, Dublin

January – June 1990

Orthopaedic Surgery Senior House Officer

Royal Lancaster Infirmary, Lancaster

February – July 1991

Accident & Emergency Senior House Officer

Royal Preston Hospital, Preston, Lancs

August 1991 – January 1992