Mr Ayman Khaier

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PRINCIPAL PROFESSIONAL SPECIALISMS

Consultant Ophthalmologist
MDip, MSc, FRCSEd, MRCOphth

QUALIFICATIONS & ACCREDITATION

- MRCOphth, Royal College of Ophthalmologists, 2012
- FRCSEd, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, 2000
- MSc Ophth, Damascus University, 1996
- MDip, Damascus Medical School, Syria, 1991

MEMBERSHIPS

- GMC: 4688886
- Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh
- Royal College of Ophthalmologists
- British Medical Association
- Medical Defense Union
- Hospital Consultants and Specialists Association
- American Association of Paediatric and Strabismus Surgeons (AAPOS)
- British Isles Paediatric and Strabismus Association (BIPOSA)
- UK Neuro-Ophthalmology Society (UKNOS)
- European Neuro-Ophthalmology Society (EUNOS)
- Medicolegal Society.

MEDICO-LEGAL TRAIING

- Advanced Expert Witness Reaccreditation Course, January 2025
- Expert Witness Training, January 2024

PRESENT & PAST POSITIONS

Consultant in Paediatric and Neuro-Ophthalmology
Queen's Hospital, Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trust, Romford, 2024-present

- Provides paediatric ophthalmology and neuro-ophthalmology clinics and surgery.
- Clinical work includes retinopathy of prematurity, non-accidental injury, neurosurgical patients, thyroid eye disease, intracranial hypertension and neuro-inflammatory conditions.
- Leads and contributes to service development, clinical pathways, teaching, training, audit and research.
- Chairs the Paediatric Ophthalmology Improvement Group at BHRUT and the Ophthalmology Clinical Leadership Group for Northeast London.

Clinical Lead, Department of Ophthalmology
Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trust, 2019-2024

- Led development and expansion of ophthalmology services, staffing and clinical pathways.
- Helped establish a Clinical Diagnostic Hub for outer Northeast London and a High Volume Any Complexity cataract surgery hub at King George Hospital.

ABOUT DR KHAIER

Mr Khair is a trained expert witness and practising Consultant in Paediatric and Neuro-Ophthalmology, with more than 25 years of experience across general and subspecialist ophthalmology. His clinical practice has a particular focus on paediatric ophthalmology, strabismus and neuro-ophthalmology, supported by fellowship training at Great Ormond Street Hospital and Moorfields Eye Hospital and experience at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, Queen Square.

His medico-legal work includes instructions for claimant and defendant cases across the family, civil and criminal courts. He has experience preparing expert witness reports and statements of fact, taking part in conferences with counsel and cross-examination.

Mr Khair's areas of medico-legal interest include paediatric ophthalmology, paediatric and adult neuro-ophthalmology, visual assessment in children with brain injury, cerebral palsy and cerebral visual impairment, retinal haemorrhages and visual pathway injury following accidental and non-accidental head injury, retinopathy of prematurity and strabismus. His opinions are informed by extensive NHS clinical and surgical experience, including complex paediatric eye disease, neuro-ophthalmic disorders, ocular motility, trauma and multidisciplinary care.

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NEURO-OPHTHALMOLOGY: SUPPORTING COURSES AND STUDY

- European Neuro-ophthalmology Society (EUNOS) bi-annual meetings, from 2013 onwards
- Active member of EUNOS
- UK Neuro-ophthalmology Special Interest Group (UKNOSIG) meetings from 2013 onwards
- Weakly Neuro-Ophthalmology clinic at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery 2013-2018
- Fellowship in Paediatric ophthalmology and Strabismus at Moorfields Eye Hospital 2005-06
- Management of advanced strabismus, Royal College of Ophthalmologists Congress.
- Updates on neuro-ophthalmology, Royal College of Ophthalmologists Congress.

PAEDIATRIC OPHTHALMOLOGY SUPPORTING COURSES AND STUDY

- World Society of Paediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus 2012-2024
- British Isles Paediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus Association (BIPOSA) annual meeting from 2005-24
- ROP treatment with intravitreal Bevacizumab. Royal College f Ophthalmologists, 2016
- Member of the ROP interest group, UK
- Member of the American Association of Paediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus.
- Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults level 3 competency.
- Fellowship in paediatric ophthalmology, Great Ormond Street Hospital, 2004

GENERAL OPHTHALMOLOGY SUPPORTING COURSES AND STUDY

- Member of European Society of Cataract and refractive surgeons.
- Laser core of knowledge program: up to date.
- OCT in the management of macular oedema.
- OCT in the assessment and management of disorders of the vitreo-macular interface.
- Treatment of chronic non-infectious posterior uveitis.
- Coventry ophthalmic surgery workshop 2013
- Practical pearls for surgical success, Alcon course 2013
- Fellowship in anterior segment and refractive surgery, Corneo plastic unit, East Grinstead 2005

PUBLICATIONS AND POSTERS

- Ali Y, Hussain M, Khaier A. Presentation and management of Myasthenia Gravis in a neuro-ophthalmology service. Poster accepted for presentation EUNOS 2026, Milan, Italy.
- Chow BJ, Raharja A, Dahir R, Khaier A, Posner M. Understanding the diagnostic challenges of Miller Fisher syndrome in children: a case report from an ophthalmological perspective. Br J Hosp Med (Lond). 2024 Aug 30;85(8):1-5.
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- UK ROP special interest group. Can we reduce the burden of the current UK guidelines for retinopathy of prematurity screening?Eye volume 32, pages 235–237 (2018)
- Functional vision loss in patients with surgically treated IIH and refractory headaches. A Khaier, JF Acheson. European Neuro Ophthalmology Society (EUNOS), Budapest, May 2017.
- Stability of cycloplegia in children with dark irises using Tropicamide and Cyclopentoate eyedrops. A Natha, S Beaumont, B Mccarry, A Khaier. British Isles Paediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus Association (BIPOSA), Cardiff, September 2015.
- Raised intracranial pressure without papilloedema: abnormal retinal nerve fibre layer thickening on OCT correlates with directly measured intracranial pressure. A Khaier, JF Acheson. European Neuro-Ophthalmology Society (EUNOS), Ljubljana, May 2015.
- Paediatric Cataract Surgery (1995-2005): Causes of poor visual outcome and incidence of glaucoma. V Shankar, B Manzouri, A Khaier, G Adams. Second World Congress of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus, Milan 2012.
- Khaier A, Dawson E, Lee J. Clinical Course and Characteristics of Acute Presentation of Fourth Nerve Paresis. J Pediatr Ophthalmol Strabismus. 2012 Jul 17:1-4.

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PUBLICATIONS AND POSTERS CONT

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- Khaier A, Nischal K, Espinosa M, Manoj B. Periocular port wine stain; the Great Ormond Street Hospital Experience. Ophthalmology. 2011 Nov;118(11):2274-2278.
- Acute onset fourth nerve palsy: natural history and long-term prognosis. Khaier A, Dawson E, Lee JP. AAPOS, Orlando, Florida 2010; Congress of the Royal College of Ophthalmology, Liverpool, UK, 2010; British Isles Paediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus Association (BIPOSA), Glasgow 2009.
- Khaier A, Dawson E, Lee J. Traction sutures in the management of long-standing third nerve palsy. Strabismus. 2008 Apr-Jun;16(2):77-83.
- Real time versus predicted Axial length growth in paediatric cataracts. Khaier A, Cunningham I, Penny F, Campbell I, Chandna A. Congress of the Royal College of Ophthalmology, May 2007, Birmingham, UK.
- Traction sutures in strabismus surgery for long standing third nerve palsy. Khaier A, Dawson E, Lee J. AAPOS, April 2007, Seattle, USA.
- Port wine stain in 216 patients. Nischal KK, Al-Khaier A, Espinosa M. AAPOS 2006, Colorado, USA.
- Hiscott P, Paraoan L, Choudhary A, Ordonez JL, Al-Khaier A, Armstrong DJ. Thrombospondin 1, thrombospondin 2 and the eye. Prog Retin Eye Res. 2006 Jan;25(1):1-18.
- Dansingani K, Al-Khaier A, Nischal KK. Management of intra-stromal corneal bleb after trabeculectomy. Cornea. 2005 May;24(4):486-8.
- Outcomes of deep anterior lamellar keratoplasty. Hamada S, Al-Khaier A, O'Reily J, Beckingsale P, Hoe W, Giledi O, Daya S M. The American Academy of Ophthalmology, October 2005, Chicago, USA.
- Intra-individual comparison of high order aberrations between the MA60AC and the Akreos Adapt intraocular lenses. Al Khaier A, Giledi O, Watson A, Sheikh I, Cox I, Daya SM. The UKISCRS annual meeting, Chester, Sep 2004 and the ESCRS annual meeting, Paris, Sep 2004.
- Al-Khaier A, Nischal KK. The eye in metabolic disease. Hosp Med. 2003 Oct;64(10):609-12.
- Axial length growth in paediatric cataracts: a longitudinal prospective study. Chandna A, Al-Khaier A, Chen S. The 2003 ARVO meeting, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA.
- Real time versus predicted axial length growth in paediatric cataracts. Al-Khaier A, Chandna A, Gonzalez Martin J. The Oxford Congress of Ophthalmology, July 2002.
- Al Khaier A, Khan JC, Burton RL. Acute postural drop in optic nerve perfusion after vitrectomy and gas in a patient with diabetic autonomic neuropathy. Br J Ophthalmol. 2002 Apr;86(4):473
- Real time versus predicted axial length measurements in congenital cataract. Al Khaier A, Chandna A, Gonzales Martin J. Oxford Congress of Ophthalmology, Oxford, July 2002.
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- Pleomorphic Lacrimal gland tumour and its surgical management. Linardos V, Al Khaier A, Beigi B. East Anglia Oculoplastic meeting, Cambridge, October 2000.
- Management of dropped nucleus in Phacoemulsification surgery. Khaier A, Lois N, Wong D. Arab-International Congress of Ophthalmology, Syria, June 2000.
- Retinal re-attachment after silicone oil use in vitrectomy. Al Khaier A, Ilango B, Ismail M, Wong D. The International Conference of Ophthalmology, Amsterdam, July 1998.
- Al-Khaier A, Anbari A. Combined Argon and YAG laser iridotomy in Al Mouasat University Hospital. Damascus University press, Oct 1995.