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Biography: Ansam Sawalha received a Bachelor degree in pharmacy from the Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) in Jordan in 1991, then she worked for two years as a pharmacist in the Red Crescent Society in Nablus. She then was awarded the Fulbright scholarship to pursue higher education at the University of Texas at Austin in The United States of America (USA). She received her Ph.D in pharmacology and Toxicology in 1998, and then joined Baylor College of Medicine (Texas, USA) as a postdoctoral fellow. In the year 1999, she joined An-Najah National University where she established the first and only poison control and drug information center for the country, and served many administrative jobs such as the Dean of the college of Pharmacy, Dean of the college of Nursing, and others.

Teaching courses:

undergraduate students

- Pharmacology I and II,
- Toxicology,
- Clinical Toxicology
- Ecotoxicology,
- Scientific research
- Medical research methods,
- Pharmacokinetics (course and laboratory),
- Selected topics in pharmacology,
- Drug information,

- Medications during pregnancy and lactation,
- Toxicology lab,
- Pharmacology lab,
- Cosmetics,
- Medicinal chemistry.

graduate courses:

- Industrial pollution control,
- Ecotoxicology,
- Advanced therapeutics,
- Clinical toxicology,
- Pharmaceutical care,
- Advanced clinical pharmacokinetics,
- Infectious diseases,
- Public health and sanitation,
- Environmental pollution and pesticides.

Research interests:

- Poisoning in Children
- Pesticides
- Medications
- Incidence of poisoning,
- Rational use of medications
- drug safety,
- pharmacoepidemiology
- self-medications,
- environmental pollution

Publications:

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