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Exciting News: Abu Dhabi University Cancer Research Institute (ADU-CRI) - New Research Institute

Dear Colleagues,

I am happy to announce that Dr. **Afsheen Raza**, Associate Professor of Molecular Biology in the College of Health Sciences, has been appointed as the Director of the newly established Abu Dhabi University Cancer Research Institute (ADU-CRI).

Dr. Afsheen brings distinguished expertise, including advanced training in Cancer Biology at Harvard Medical School. She has over 15 years of experience in cancer research, with more than 60 peer-reviewed publications, and has led major preclinical and clinical studies across breast, lung, and colorectal cancers. Dr. Afsheen successfully secured the prestigious AED 2 million Department of Health Research and Innovation Fund to support clinical cancer research at ADU in collaboration with Burjeel Medical City. Her leadership, research excellence, and extensive collaboration networks position her to advance ADU-CRI's mission of driving translational cancer research and personalized medicine in the UAE and beyond.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Afsheen on her new appointment.

The Abu Dhabi University Cancer Research Institute (ADU-CRI) will be a state-of-the-art institute focusing on the collective research expertise of Abu Dhabi University and national/international partners to conduct cutting-edge cancer research. The goals of ADU-CRI are to:

- Develop novel research themes in precision and personalized cancer medicine to improve and advance patient care and outcomes in the UAE and beyond.
- Unite clinical expertise and cancer researchers to conduct research on key cancer priority areas as identified by healthcare regulatory bodies in the UAE and beyond.
- Support policy formulation for the implementation of high-impact translational research within the UAE.
- Enhance knowledge sharing and technology transfer on cancer research activities nationally and internationally.
- Mobilize ADU faculty and our national/international networks to support the formation of global interdisciplinary research teams.

Research at ADU is led by my esteemed colleague, Prof. **Montasir Qasymeh**.

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