

## Dr Zubair Doolarkhan – Bringing World-Class ENT Care to Syria through Compassionate Service.



**Cape Town, South Africa – Dr Zubair Doolarkhan, a widely respected ENT specialist at Melomed Bellville Hospital and one of South Africa’s pioneers in endoscopic ear surgery, recently embarked on a life-changing medical mission to Syria.**

Partnering with Islamic Relief and UOSSM international, he performed endoscopic ear procedures on 28 patients - ranging from young children to adults - affected by the ongoing humanitarian crisis.

This initiative brought crucial ear care directly into devastated communities. In addition to treating patients, he also conducted hands-on training for local ENT surgeons, empowering them with advanced endoscopic techniques that preserve critical anatomical structures while ensuring optimal surgical outcomes.

As the only South African ENT surgeon invited to Syria with expertise in endoscopic ear surgery and as a senior lecturer in the department of Otorhinolaryngology at UCT, Dr Doolarkhan’s global leadership in minimally invasive otologic care is unparalleled. He showcased his work most recently at the 42nd Annual IMASA International Scientific Convention, discussing the preservation of middle-ear anatomy using endoscopic methods. This mission was not only a testament to

Dr Doolarkhan’s surgical excellence but also to his deep empathy and commitment to global health equity. Working in challenging conditions, he exemplified the spirit of humanitarian service - supplying expertise, compassion, and upliftment to communities in desperate need.

Crucially, Dr Doolarkhan’s visit wasn’t just a series of operations, it was an educational venture. By mentoring local surgeons, he helped build sustainable surgical capacity in Syria, ensuring enduring improvements in ear healthcare delivery long after his departure.

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