



## Javaid I. Sheikh, MD, MBA

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Dr. Javaid Sheikh is an internationally renowned medical executive, a distinguished clinician-scientist with special expertise in the field of anxiety disorders, and a widely sought-after thought leader and innovator in global academic medicine.

Prior to joining WCM-Q in 2007, Dean Sheikh built a distinguished career as Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Associate Dean and Chief of the Medical Staff and Chairman of the Board of the Palo Alto Institute for Research and Education at Stanford University School of Medicine and the Veterans Administration Palo Alto Health Care System in California. At Stanford, Dr. Sheikh published the first studies exploring the impact of aging on anxiety disorders, while delineating differential sleep architecture in various anxiety disorders. His work was funded both by the National Institutes of Health and private sources and resulted in more than 150 scientific publications.

Since beginning his tenure as Dean of WCM-Q in 2010, Dr. Sheikh has pioneered the implementation of innovative biomedical educational and research programs, enabling the college to become widely acknowledged as a leading institution preparing global physician-scientists equipped with the skills, knowledge and outlook to provide exceptional standards of healthcare while also driving advances in scientific discovery.

In addition, Dr. Sheikh led the establishment of a comprehensive research infrastructure at WCM-Q equipped with core laboratories with advanced capabilities in genomics, proteomics, transcriptomics and metabolomics, making the college a valuable national resource and turning Doha into a regional and global hub for cutting-edge scientific enquiry and international collaboration.

To support the ongoing professional development of healthcare practitioners, Dr. Sheikh established a Division of Continuing Professional Development at WCM-Q that was the first such program in the region to be accredited by the US Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), a very important step in maintaining world-class physician performance and delivery of high quality medical care. In recent years, Dean Sheikh has also led the conceptualization and implementation of comprehensive programs to advance health promotion and disease prevention for the general population of Qatar by cultivating healthy behaviors in school-age children, and by designing and conducting population-based, longitudinal studies to assess the efficacy of these interventions.

Dr. Sheikh is also the co-founder of ***Innovations in Global Health Professions Education*** (<https://www.innohealthed.com/>), a globally interconnected forum providing an international platform for profiling conceptual and technological innovations in health professions education. He also serves on the Artificial Intelligence in Health Professions Education forum of the National Academy of Medicine in the US.

