



Dr Nahla Erwa

Dr Nahla Hashim Hassan Erwa is an assistant professor and consultant clinical immunologist at Faculty of Medicine and Soba University Hospital, University of Khartoum, Sudan. She has been the Chairperson of the Clinical Immunology Specialty Council, Sudan Medical Specialization Board since 2018. Her clinical immunology experience includes managing adults and children with immunologic and allergic diseases, including diagnostic clinical immunology laboratory skills. She established the clinical immunology unit at Soba University Hospital in Khartoum (2014), which became the main referral centre for patients with primary immunodeficiency (PID) and other immunological conditions. Her role as a teacher involves training and teaching undergraduate and postgraduate medical and paramedical personnel in basic immunology, immunopathology and clinical immunology, as well as thesis and research supervision. She's been appointed honorary lecturer at the Department of Paediatrics, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Pretoria, South Africa.

Nahla Erwa developed a special interest in PIDs during her early years of clinical training. This grew into a passion that led to her becoming heavily involved in advocating for patients with PID, as well as training doctors and other health care professionals on the diagnosis and management of these conditions nationally, regionally and internationally. She participated in the creation of several of PID documents, and in PID service development in Sudan.

Nationally, Dr Erwa is a founding member and Secretary General of the Sudanese Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (SSCI&A), and a founder and medical advisor of the Sudanese Organization of Patients with Primary Immunodeficiency (SOPPI).

She served as President for the African Society of Immunodeficiency (ASID) (2019-2021), is head of ASID Awareness and Advocacy office (2023-25), a co-founder of the ASID A-project and its first secretary. Nahla is an honorary lifetime member of the Allergy Society of South Africa (ALLSA), and a member of ESID, IPOPI medical advisory panel (2022) and the regional (Africa region) advisory panel for HAEi (Hereditary Angioedema International).