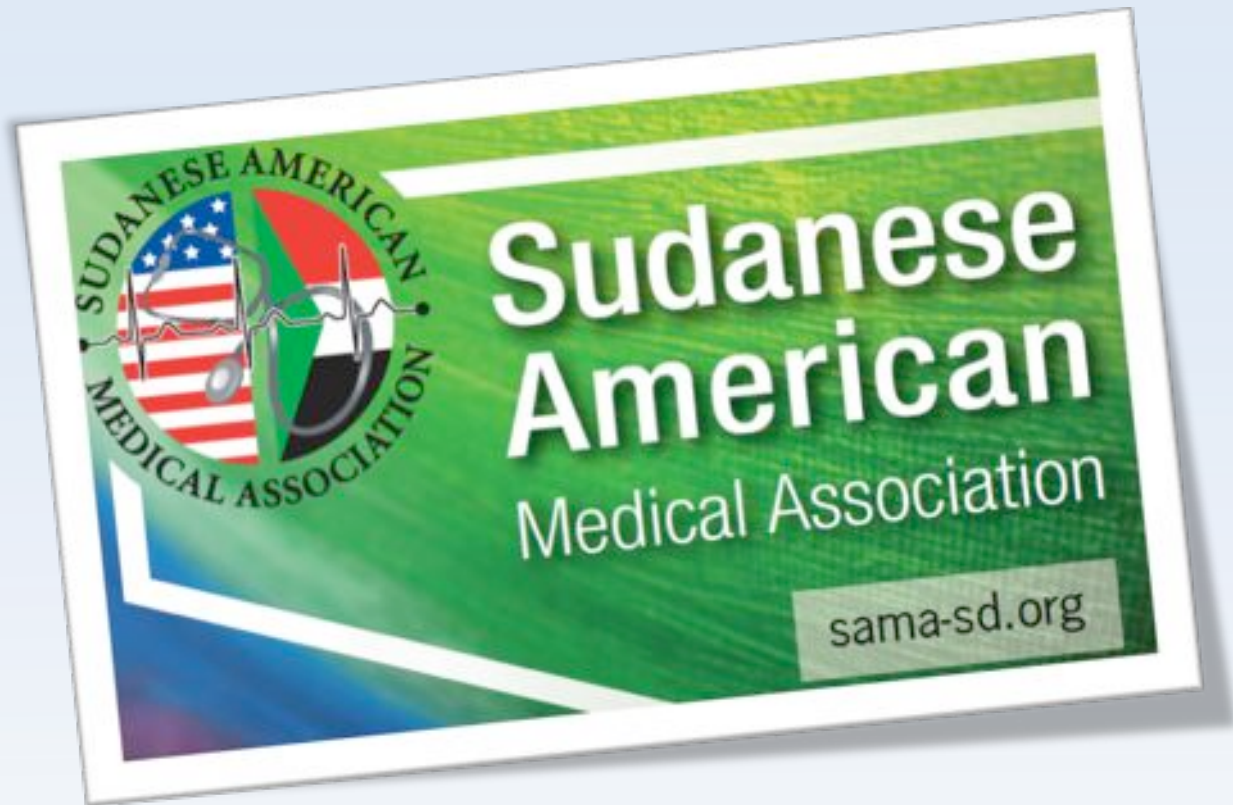


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A. Professional Development

1. Initiatives

- Coordinating/creating Observership Positions resulting in Letters of Recommendations from US physicians.
- Reviewing CVs and personal statements and providing constructive feedback.
- Coordinating/assisting in overnight accommodation/airport transportation for RM applicants during the interview season.
- Providing career advice to Residency Match Applicants.

2. Observerships

Since July 2010, we set up a networking system to link Residency Match Applicants (RM Applicants) with Sudanese attendings in various parts of the United States. The outcomes were as follows:

	Number	Percentage
Observership provided by SAMA	29	70%
Observership not available/waiting	10	26%
Referred to a non Sudanese entity	2	4%
Total	41	100%

Table 1. Observership Coordination Results

Sponsor	Institution	Specialty	Location
Abdalla Zarroug , Assistant Prof of Pediatric Surgery	Mayo Clinic	Pediatric Surgery	Rochester, MN
Osama Eltayeb Assistant Prof of Cardiothoracic Surgery	University of Indiana	General Surgery	Indianapolis, IN
Ezzeldin Saleh Pediatrics Attending	Franciscan Healthcare Mayo Clinic Health System	Pediatrics	La Crosse, WI
Sami Elsayed Interventional Radiologist	Pittsburgh	Intensive Care	Pittsburgh, PA
Kamal Musa Ibrahim Hospitalist	Detroit	Internal Medicine	Detroit, MI
Tahir Mohamed Interventional Cardiologist	Detroit	Internal Medicine	Detroit, MI
Mohamed Ibrahim Obstetrician and Gynecologist	Rockingham, NC	OBGYN	Rockingham, NC
Salah Abusin Cardiology Fellow	Cook County Hospital	Internal Medicine	Chicago, IL

Table 2. Observership Sponsors

3. Personal Statement Review

A well-written personal statement (PS) leaves a good impression on the Residency program interviewer prior to interviewing the RM applicant. A poorly written PS can damage the prospects of RM applicants. Sudanese RM applicants need assistance in writing personal statements due to lack of previous experience, and in some instances a fair grasp of the English language.

In SAMA we have offered to review RM applicants' personal statements by Sudanese physicians who completed or currently in US residency/fellowship positions. To date, we have reviewed 23 personal statements from 20 RM applicants (3 applied to more than one specialty).

Reviewer	Position	Institution
Louai Bilal	Assistant Prof of Psychiatry	University of California, San Francisco, CA
Ezzeldin Saleh	Pediatrics Attending	Franciscan Healthcare-Mayo Clinic Health System, La Crosse WI
Salma Elfaki	Pediatrics Attending	Orlando, FL
Eman Khairi	Family medicine attending	Washington DC
Mustafa Hassan	Cardiology/EP Fellow	University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
Salah Abusin	Cardiology Fellow	Cook County Hospital, Chicago, IL
Elwaleed Ali	Nephrology Fellow	University of Colorado, Denver, CO
Mohamed Hago	Pulmonary/Critical Care Fellow	University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI
Abubakr Ahmed Ali	General Surgery Resident	Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

Table 3. Personal Statement Reviewers

4. Providing information & application support

- **SAMA Website**
 - continues as a collaborative project moving across generations
 - Collaborators
 - **Bushra Ibnauf**, Gastroenterologist, Jeddah, KSA
 - **Salah Abusin**, Cardiology Fellow, Chicago, IL
 - **Elnasif Ahmed**, R2 Radiology, Detroit, MI
 - **Faris Elkhidir**, R2 Internal Medicine, Detroit, MI
 - **Ayman Ahmed**, R1 Surgery, Rochester, MN
 - **Renas Almubarak**, R1 Pediatrics, Minneapolis, MN
 - **Reem Omara**, R1 Internal Medicine, Atlanta, GA
 - **Ahmed Sokrab**, match applicant, Chicago, IL

- Expanded to include dental training section written by [Mohamed Elsafi](#), Maxillofacial Prosthodontist, St. Louis, MO
- **SAMA Forums**
 - For sharing information amongst match applicants moderated by [Ayman Ahmed](#), and [Reem Omara](#).

5. Overnight accommodation/Airport transportation for RM Applicants during interviews

There was an excellent response from SAMA members for providing overnight accommodation and airport transportation for RM applicants during this season. Airport transportation and overnight accommodation was available for Sudanese RM Applicants in Boston; Chicago; Detroit; Minneapolis; Rochester, St. Louis, Akron & Chattanooga.

2 RM applicants requested this service (1 in Detroit, MI and the other in Rochester, MN).

B. Educational Activities

1. SAMA E-clinic

- Format
 - An online, interactive clinical vignette that addresses a common clinical problem
 - Each case is followed by a series of questions that allows responders to test their knowledge
 - Demonstrate the accepted standard of care
 - First issue January 2010
- Goals and outcomes
 - To develop a network of SAMA experts
 - Established a network of 36 experts in 5 continents; predominantly in USA and Sudan
 - To increase the SAMA audience
 - Increased membership from 50 to 350
 - Increased total audience to 947; 1/3 in USA, 1/3 in Sudan, the remainder global
 - Increased website visits from 1000 to 4000 unique visitors per month
 - To cultivate Professional relationships with colleagues in Sudan
 - Excellent feedback from leading figures of the medical community in Sudan
 - To create a collaborative environment for other initiatives
 - Participation in writing questions for the Sudan Medical Council Licensing Exam
 - Participation in writing cases for the Virtual Campus, an online educational module hosted by the University of Khartoum

2. SAMA Visiting Faculty Program

- Format
 - Develop a system that facilitates the delivery of lectures by Sudanese American physicians during their visit to Sudan
 - Primarily coordinated by SAMA's representative in Sudan: [Ihab Abdulrahman](#), Assistant Professor of Medicine, University of Khartoum, previously hospitalist in Marshfield, Wisconsin.
 - Started in April 2011
- Visits, Audience & Venues
 - [Seema Nour](#), Interventional Cardiologist, Maryland
 - Medical Students → Faculty of Medicine, University of Khartoum
 - [Bakri Eltayeb](#), Nephrologist, Akron, OH
 - Registrars → Sudanese Medical Specialization Board (SMSB)
 - Consultants → Sudan Nephrology Society (SNS)
 - Consultants → Gezira Hospital for Renal Disease and Surgery
 - [Abdelazim Sirelkhatim](#), Neurologist, Chattanooga, TN
 - Rounds with Registrars & Consultants in Shaab, Soba & Omdurman Teaching Hospitals
 - Registrars → Sudanese Medical Specialization Board (SMSB)
 - [Mohamed Ibrahim](#), OBGYN, Rockingham, NC
 - Registrars & Consultants → Omdurman Maternity Hospital
 - [Bushra Ibnauif](#), Gastroenterologist, Jeddah (previously Wichita, KS)
 - Registrars → Sudanese Medical Specialization Board (SMSB)
 - Consultants → Sudan Society of Gastroenterology Society (SNS)
 - Medical Students → University of Khartoum
 - Medical Students → University of Medical Sciences and Technology
 - Presentation in "The Conference of Internship Training in Sudan: The Present And Future" held on July 23rd and 24th in Khartoum.
 - [Elwaleed Ali](#), Nephrologist, Denver, CO
 - Registrars → Sudanese Medical Specialization Board (SMSB)

C. Humanitarian Initiatives

1. Donations to the Sudanese National Society for the Deaf

- (2 Hearing Aid Analyzers and 1 Audiometer) of a value of more than \$15,000 were acquired by SAMA Secretary [Ezzeldin Saleh](#) in 2010. Logistical issues have delayed transportation of the equipment to Sudan.

2. Transportation of donated equipment to the University of Gezira

- A Sudanese pathologist visiting USA managed to acquire donated equipment from a university medical center. This equipment was composed of a cryostat machine for preparation of frozen sections, a slide stainer, and a fluorescent microscope

- The equipment was destined to University of Gezira in Medani. SAMA was approached to cover the transportation costs to Sudan.
- Our members donated generously to this initiative, however the equipment was not delivered due to a ban on used medical equipment by the authorities in Sudan.
- The donated monies were returned to the donors.

3. Donations to 99199 Children’s Cancer Hospital

- SAMA was approached by 99199’s representative in USA to gather donations towards building its’ planned hospital.
- We were unable to accommodate their request due to The US embargo on Sudan
- **We expect to change this situation after approval of 501(c) status by the IRS & acquiring the OFAC (Office of Foreign Assets Control) license both of which are pending and expected by spring of 2012.**

D. Financial Report

	Income	Expenses	Net
2009	3300	3074.52	225.48
2010	4655.14	2336.5	2318.64
2011*	10291.11	10534.81	- 243.7

*Up to 9/1/2011

E. Membership & Mailing List

1. Membership

	Number	Percentage
Full Members	49	13%
Affiliate members in USA	139	37%
Affiliate members outside USA	188	50%
Total	376	100%

- Full members are US located members who have paid the membership fees
- Affiliates in USA are those residing in USA but have NOT paid the membership fees.
- These are composed of 59 (15.6%) who chose not to pay, and 80 (21%) who are exempt from paying dues (e.g. match applicants, medical students, unpaid research trainees)

2. Mailing List

Is the list of emails of non-SAMA members collected by SAMA's members through social networks & online search engines.

	Number	Percentage
USA	127	22%
Sudan	202	35%
Other	249	43%
Total	578	100%

The total SAMA Audience (Membership + Mailing List) is 954 Sudanese physicians.