



## A Statement from the Dean of the College



**Ladies and Gentlemen**

First of all, i would like to welcome you to the website of the College of Dentistry / University of Mosul, hoping that you will find the information, data and useful activities related to the College. The College of Dentistry / University of Mosul was established as a scientific and cognitive edifice to be added to the pioneering scientific strategy of the University of Mosul in the year 1982 with a small number of teaching cadres at that time. The College commenced campus study for its first academic year as a partition in the building of College of Medicine / Mosul located on the right side of the city of Mosul and included one scientific department, the Department of Basic Dental Sciences. This was followed by an expansion in the year 1984 with the institution of another scientific department, the Department of Clinical Dental Sciences. A third expansion followed in the year 1984 with the establishment of two other scientific Departments, the Department of Conservative Dentistry and Department of Prosthodontics. Within the future strategy of the College and its great ambitions and noticeable rise in number of students and teaching staff in the years that were to follow, it was necessary to expand and for the fourth time in the year 1987 to establish two other important scientific Departments, namely the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and the Department of Pedodontics, Orthodontics and Preventive Dentistry completing the basic and clinical infrastructure departments of the task in line with the goals set for the college.

The scientific map of the College continued, as the Colleges of Veterinary Medicine and the College of Mosul Medicine contributed to the provision of classrooms and educational clinics for our students to train and rehabilitate our students in the educational hospitals of the City of Mosul until our College was able to open a new building with a distinct architectural figure, as well as the development of model educational medical clinics in a distinguished location in accordance with the requirements of departments. The new founded building was equipped with modern specialist equipments with the latest medical and diagnostic



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devices of solid global origins at that time and meeting all scientific and medical requirements for our students in the year 1990.

Within its goals and developmental plans, the College was keen to introduce postgraduate studies for the first time namely the MSc programs in oral and maxillofacial surgery and orthodontics in the academic year 1994 – 1995 (the number of admitted students were 4 students only). This was followed by other specializations to be introduced which were conservative dentistry, prosthodontics, oral and dental diagnosis. In regard to continuing education programs held at our college and in collaboration with Iraqi Ministry of Health to support its health personnel in various oral and dental health specialties, our College initiated a Higher Diploma Program HD in the field of conservative dentistry, oral and maxillofacial surgery, prosthodontics, and in oral and dental radiology in the academic year 2005-2006. Our dedication is to supply the scientific and academic path for IRAQ which will contribute effectively to the development of scientific and practical knowledge of our nation's youth and facilitating university education options and increasing academic study opportunities for the segment of MSc holders. The College has been keen to adhere to the standards of medicine, scientific and academic accreditation through the application of regulations and instructions in force from the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, including encouraging its professors to engage in teaching method courses, lectures, seminars, and specialized workshops, and to participate in scientific, medical, sports and humanitarian conferences, and to urge teachers to interact and participate in scientific discussions of postgraduate students and open up to colleges in all universities and share experiences. In addition to the scientific activities, the College of Dentistry is one of the colleges known for its student, social and charitable activities throughout the year. Our hopes are high and our aspirations will not stop.

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