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Dr. Ad-Dab'bagh earned his medical degree from King Saud University of Riyadh, K.S.A. in 1993 and obtained his Diploma of Psychological Medicine from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Ireland in 1997. He then completed a second residency in Psychiatry at McGill University, earning a Graduate Diploma in Psychiatry and becoming a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in 2001. He earned a Graduate Diploma in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry from McGill University while pursuing a Doctorate in Neuroscience and completing a two-year fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry in 2003. In addition, he graduated from the Canadian Institute of Psychoanalysis in 2005 and has been a member of the Canadian Psychoanalytic Society and a Fellow of the International Psychoanalytical Association since then. He is among the first group of psychiatrists to become a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in the subspecialty of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry in 2013. He joined the University of Ottawa as an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry in 2006 and soon became the main Dual Diagnosis and Developmental Neuropsychiatry expert in Eastern Ontario, Canada. In 2014, he became a Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. Currently, he is a Psychoanalyst and Consultant Pediatric Neuropsychiatrist at King Fahad Specialist Hospital, Dammam, K.S.A. He was appointed Executive Director of the Research Center of King Khalid Medical City (at King Fahad Specialist Hospital) in 2015 and was elected Program Director of the Eastern Regional Psychiatry Residency Training Program of The Saudi Council for Health Specialties that same year. Dr. Ad-Dab'bagh was the National Lead for the Ministry of Health's project to develop a National Strategy for Mental Health, Addictions and Developmental Disorder, which was completed and has entered the implementation stage. He is now the National Lead for the team charged with ensuring its implementation.

Dr. Ad-Dab'bagh is the Executive Editor of the International Journal of Applied Psychoanalytic Studies and was Section Editor of the Journal of the Canadian Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. He has published several peer-reviewed articles and a book chapter in the fields of child and adolescent psychiatry, neuroimaging, developmental neuroscience and psychoanalysis, and has participated in numerous conferences and symposia regionally, nationally and internationally. He is a member of several international professional organizations.