

Dr. Radwa Said Abdelazim Elfeqi, MSc, MD, FECSM is a psychiatrist, sexologist, academic, and researcher with extensive international expertise in psychoneuroimmunology, dance movement therapy, expressive arts therapies, and sexual medicine.

Dr. Elfeqi began her academic and research career with a focus on innovative therapeutic approaches. In 2004, she completed her Master's degree in Neuropsychiatry from Cairo University, conducting research on the application of dance movement therapy as a novel intervention in child and adolescent psychiatry under conjoint supervision with the University of Derby, UK. Between 2004 and 2008, she served as Chair of Young Psychiatrists/Early Career Psychiatrists Forum at the World Psychiatric Association (WPA), representing Africa.

In 2005, she co-taught Medical Dance Movement Therapy at Drexel University in Philadelphia for nursing students. Building on this work, in 2007 she initiated her first doctoral pilot study at Cairo University Faculty of Medicine with female breast cancer survivors, examining the psychoneuroimmunological impact of dance movement therapy in this population. Starting in the same year, her clinical and research focus expanded to sexual disorders, joining the WPA Section on Psychiatry and Human Sexuality as a member.

In 2011, she led a workshop in Spanish at the University of Buenos Aires on the psychoneuroimmunological impact of dance movement therapy, further expanding her international academic presence.

Between 2013 and 2015, Dr. Elfeqi pursued advanced postgraduate training, completing CAGS and PhD studies in Expressive Arts Therapies at Lesley University in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

In 2019, she founded the first unit for Psychiatry and Creative Arts Therapies in the Arab region at Dar Al Salam Cancer Hospital. Through

this initiative, she trained psychologists and nursing staff to deliver integrated mental health services within a public oncology setting serving an average of 1,200 cancer survivors annually. The success of this model contributed to the institutional development of Dar Al Salam, which subsequently became the Egyptian branch of Gustave Roussy, France, as mandated by the Egyptian Parliament.

Since 2022, she has been serving as Chair of the WPA Section on Sexuality and Psychiatry. Under her leadership, the section has experienced significant growth in membership and academic activity, including the establishment of an editorial team responsible for launching the section's first official newsletter, enhancing global visibility and knowledge dissemination.

She is currently leading two international task forces addressing sensitive and evolving areas in psychiatry:

- Sexual violence against women, through a Middle East–Latin American collaborative initiative aimed at advancing culturally informed research, advocacy, and clinical frameworks.
- Gender dysphoria in children and adolescents, focusing on revisiting management strategies and legal approaches in collaboration with the WPA President-Elect and the European Psychiatric Association (EPA) President-Elect.

In addition to her academic and clinical leadership, Dr. Elfeqi has contributed to the economic sustainability of WPA initiatives. Within the WPA economic framework, her section proposed a shared-profit model for educational activities delivered through WPA platforms and conferences. This model has already demonstrated impact, generating over \$3,000 in revenue from courses delivered during the WPA Regional Conference in Alexandria, with ongoing efforts to develop sustainable

funding streams ensuring continuity and scalability of the section's mission.

In parallel, she has been actively involved in academic teaching since 2022, delivering psychiatry and psychology education to undergraduate and postgraduate students at Delta University and Galala University in Egypt across faculties of Medicine, Physical Therapy, Nursing, and Clinical Pharmacy.

Her international leadership roles continue to expand. She is an active member of the World Psychiatric Association and has served on its Planning Committee since 2023. She contributed to organizing the WPA Regional Conference in Alexandria in 2025 in collaboration with President-Elect Thomas Schulze, and in 2026 she was appointed to the WPA Accreditation Committee.

In recognition of her expertise in sexual medicine, she was awarded Fellowship of the European Committee of Sexual Medicine (FECSM) in 2023.

Dr. Elfeqi is an active member of several international organizations, including the American Dance Therapy Association, where she represents Egypt on the international panel, the European Society of Sexual Medicine ESSM, the Middle East Society of Sexual Medicine MESSM, the International Society of Substance Use Prevention ISSUP, ICUDDR Africa, and the Egyptian Psychiatric Association EPA.

Her academic contributions include over 120 published abstracts presented at national, regional, and international conferences, more than 60 interactive workshops delivered in multiple languages, and over 30 peer-reviewed publications and book chapter contributions. In 2022, she authored the first online course on sexual disorders for primary care practitioners, sponsored by the WPA and the American College of

Cardiology, later translated into Spanish. She also served as Guest Editor for a BMC Psychology special edition on gender differences in sexuality (2024–2025).

Dr. Elfeqi is multilingual, with excellent command of Arabic, English, French, and Spanish, as well as fair German, and working understanding of Italian and Portuguese.