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Spouse:

[Evelyne Claude Flavigny](#)

(RN. Monterey school of Nursing, Monterey, California.)

Two children:

[Dr. Nadim Akasheh](#)

(Medical Doctor, Respiratory Medicine, Dublin Ireland.)

[Janine Akasheh Buffalino](#)

(BSc. Psychology & Education - MSc. Child Psychology, London, UK).



## Education

**School**  
**1952-1963** College de La Salle  
Amman Jordan

**Certificate** General Certificate of Education (O Level)

**College**  
**1963-1965** Braintree College of Further Education  
Braintree , Essex , England , U.K.  
GCE Advanced Level, Physics, Chemistry & Biology  
**Medical School** Guy's Hospital Medical School,  
University of London , **1965-1970** London , England ,  
U.K.

**Degree** LRCP(Lon.), MRCS( Eng. ) May 1970.

**Degree** FRCS(Ed.) 1976



## Employment & Experience

- 1970-1971** Internship, Orpington Hospital, Guy's Hospital Group  
Kent , England , U.K.
- 1971-1973** Surgical Resident, Base Military Hospital,  
Amman , Jordan
- 1973-1975** Surgical Resident, King Hussein Medical Centre,  
Amman , Jordan
- 1975-1976** Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh,  
Edinburgh , Scotland , U.K.
- Degree** FRCS(Ed.) June 1976
- 1976-1977** Registrar in Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery,  
The Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh , Scotland , U.K.
- 1977-1980** Senior Specialist in Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery,  
King Hussein Medical Center , Amman.
- 1980-1981** Fellow in Cardiovascular Surgery,  
St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital,  
Texas Heart Institute, Houston , Texas , USA .
- 1981-1985** Senior Specialist in Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery,  
Queen Alia Heart Institute, Amman .
- 1983-1999** Head Department of Thoracic Surgery,  
King Hussein Medical Center , Amman .
- 1985-1999** Consultant Cardiovascular Surgery,  
Chief Surgeon, Queen Alia Heart Institute, Amman .
- May-July 1986** Visiting Surgeon, Department of Cardiac Surgery,  
The Children's Hospital, Boston , Mass. USA .
- 1986-1998** Chief Examiner in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery,  
Jordanian Medical Boards, Jordan Medical Council.
- 1989-1999** Director and Surgeon in Chief,  
Queen Alia Heart Institute, King Hussein Medical Center Amman Jordan ,  
Queen Alia Heart Institute, Amman, Jordan.
- August 1999** Retired from Jordanian Armed Forces, Royal Medical Services, (Brig. Gen.)



### Professional Organizations

- 1970** British Medical Association.
- 1971** Jordan Medical Association.
- 1981** Denton A. Cooley Cardiovascular Surgical Society.
- 1988** Jordan Cardiac Society.
- 1988** Arab Cardiac Society
- 1988** - Middle East Chapter,  
- The International Society for Cardiovascular Surgery.
- 1997** Asian Cardiovascular Society (Regional representative).



### Presentations & Abstracts

**Presented at the Denton A. Cooley Cardiovascular Surgical Society Sixth annual Scientific Meeting**

A review of the first 1559 consecutive open heart procedures in a developing country

**Monte Carlo , Monaco , Sept. 1979**

*B. Akasheh , Hanania, Saleh, Hijazi, Abu Aishah.*

**Presented at the Joint scientific meeting, Royal Med. Services & Arab American Med. Association**

Experience with Aorto Coronary Bypass in Jordan

**1981. Amman , Jordan**

*Goussous, Doghmi, Harbi, Akasheh , Hijazi, Hanania.*

<b>Presented at the XIX Pan Arab Medical Congress, Amman Jordan</b>	Aorto Coronary Bypass, Areview of the first 443 cases <i>Hanania, Saleh, Hijazi, Akasheh.</i>
<b>Oct. 1981</b>	
<b>Presented at the International Congress of Cardiology</b>	Heart Surgery in Developing Countries <i>Hanania, Akasheh , Abu Aishah, Nesheiwat. .</i>
<b>Marrakesh , Morocco , Oct. 1985</b>	
<b>Presented at the Symposium on Valvular Heart Disease</b>	Valve Replacement, Long Term Follow Up A review of 2137 cases <i>Akasheh , Abu Aishah, Goussous, Hanania.</i>
<b>Riyadh , Saudi Arabia , Feb. 1986</b>	
<b>Abstract, 10th World Congress of Cardiology, Washington DC . USA</b>	Cardiac Surgery in Jordan <i>Hanania, Akasheh , Abu Aishah.</i>
<b>Sept. 1986</b>	
<b>Presented at the Asian Congress of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery</b>	Cardiac Transplantation in a developing Country A review of the first 8 cases performed in Jordan <i>Akasheh , Hanania, Nesheiwat.</i>
<b>Singapore , 1987</b>	
<b>Presented at the Asian Congress of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery</b>	Transposition of the Great Vessels Surgical Treatment in the Neonate <i>Akasheh , Nesheiwat, Hanania.</i>
<b>Singapore , 1987</b>	
<b>Presented at the first, Jordan Cardiac Society Conference, Amman</b>	Valve Surgery in Jordan , 18 years Experience <i>Abu Aishah, Akasheh , Al Naser, Abu Nowar, Hanania.</i>
<b>Oct. 1988</b>	
<b>Presented at the first, Jordan Cardiac Society Conference, Amman</b>	Coronary Artery Surgery in Jordan <i>Abu Nowar, Akasheh , Abu Aishah, , Al Naser, Hanania.</i>
<b>Oct. 1988</b>	
<b>Presented at the first, Jordan Cardiac Society Conference, Amman</b>	Transposition of the great Vessels, Current trends in Surgical Management <i>Akasheh , Nesheiwat</i>
<b>Oct. 1988</b>	
<b>The 11 th International Convention National Arab American Association, Amman , Jordan</b>	Surgery of the Left Ventricular outflow tract obstruction <i>Al Naser, Qaqish, Abu Nowar, Nesheiwat, Akasheh.</i>
<b>June 1993</b>	

<b>The 11 th International Convention National Arab American Association, Amman , Jordan</b>	Trans Atrial repair of Tetralogy of Fallot <i>Nesheiwat, Qaqish, Harbi, Goussous, Akasheh.</i>
<b>June 1993</b>	
<b>The second Jordan Cardiac Society Conference, Amman , Jordan</b>	The Fontan Operation, The Jordanian experience <i>Nesheiwat, Qaqish, Al Naser, Abu Nowar, Akasheh.</i>
<b>April 1994</b>	
<b>The second Jordan Cardiac Society Conference, Amman , Jordan</b>	No Pump – Beating Heart coronary bypass Surgery The First 140 cases <i>B. Akasheh.</i>
<b>April 1994</b>	
<b>The second Jordan Cardiac Society Conference, Amman , Jordan</b>	Combined Coronary and Mitral Valve Surgery <i>Qaqish, Abu Nowar, Al Naser, Nesheiwat, Akasheh.</i>
<b>April 1994</b>	
<b>The second Jordan Cardiac Society Conference, Amman , Jordan</b>	Left Main Coronary Artery Disease over 11 years in Jordan <i>Abu Nowar, Qaqish, Samara, jaber, Akasheh.</i>
<b>April 1994</b>	
<b>The second Jordan Cardiac Society Conference, Amman , Jordan</b>	Emergency Coronary Artery Surgery <i>Fayez, Samara, Qaqish, Abu Nowar, Nesheiwat, Al Naser , Akasheh.</i>
<b>April 1994</b>	
<b>The second Jordan Cardiac Society Conference, Amman , Jordan</b>	Surgery of Congenital LVOTO excluding IHSS <i>Al Naser, Qaqish, Abu Nowar, Nesheiwat, Akasheh.</i>
<b>April 1994</b>	
<b>The second Jordan Cardiac Society Conference, Amman , Jordan</b>	Right Heart Bypass Operations <i>Nesheiwat, Qaqish, Hakim, Abu Atta, Akasheh.</i>
<b>April 1994</b>	
<b>The third Jordan Cardiac Society Conference. Amman , Jordan</b>	Mitral Valve Repair: A Clinical and Echocardiographic Study <i>Al Naser, Allaham, Marzouka, Qaqish, Akasheh.</i>
<b>April 1996</b>	
<b>The third Jordan Cardiac Society Conference. Amman , Jordan</b>	Aortic Valve Replacement in Patients sixty years and older, Operative risks and long term results <i>Allaham, al Naser, Jaber, Marzouka, Akasheh.</i>
<b>April 1996</b>	
<b>The third Jordan Cardiac Society Conference. Amman</b>	Clinical Significance of Blood Cultures after Open

<b>, Jordan</b>	Heart Surgery
<b>April 1996</b>	<i>Qaqish, Goussous, Obeidat, Akasheh.</i>
<b>1 st Spanish – Jordanian Medical Conference</b>	Is the Internal Mammary artery immune to Atherosclerosis?
<b>Oct. 1996</b>	<i>Qaqish, Zureikat, Fayyad, Akasheh.</i>
<b>1 st Spanish – Jordanian Medical Conference</b>	Aortic Valve Replacement during Pregnancy
<b>Oct. 1996</b>	<i>Abu Atta, Qaqish, Hiyari, Samara, Akasheh.</i>
<b>XX International Annual Ain Shams Medical Congress, Cairo , Egypt</b>	Minimally Invasive Saphenous vein Harvesting, using the new Mini-Harvest System
<b>March 1997</b>	<i>Qaqish, Zureikat, Allaham, Jaber, Akasheh.</i>
<b>The 25 th Conference of the Jordanian Surgical Society &amp; the 5 th German-Jordanian Medical Congress</b>	Aortic Valve Replacement in Pediatric Age group; Operative Risks and Long term results
<b>Oct. 1997</b>	<i>Allaham, Qaqish, Nesheiwat, al Naser, Zureikat, Jaber, Akasheh.</i>
<b>The 25 th Conference of the Jordanian Surgical Society &amp; the 5 th German-Jordanian Medical Congress</b>	A New Method to achieve a Bloodless Field during Off-Pump Coronary Surgery, "Akasheh Suture"
<b>Oct. 1997</b>	<i>Akasheh , Jaber, Qaqish, Bhasker Rao, Van Himbergon, Spence.</i>
<b>Facts &amp; Myths of Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery. Current trends in Thoracic Surgery IV</b>	Bechet's Aortitis
<b>New Orleans , Louisiana , USA</b>	<i>Qaqish, Abu Nowar, Nesheiwat, al Naser, Akasheh.</i>
<b>Jan. 1998</b>	Fast-tracking in a slow Lane
<b>Annual Meeting of the Cardiac Anesthesia and intensive care</b>	The impact of minimally Invasive cardiac Surgery
<b>Canberra Australia</b>	<i>B. Akasheh.</i>
<b>Oct. 1999</b>	
<b>Jordan Cardiac Society Conference. Amman , Jordan</b>	The Surgery of Atrial Fibrillation
<b>Oct. 2002</b>	The Modified Maze procedure, Personal experience in 64 patients
	<i>B. Akasheh.</i>

## Original Publications

1. B. Akasheh , S. Saleh, D. Hanania, G. Shubeilat, N. Atalla.

Traumatic non-penetrating injury causing complete transection of the thoracic aorta and rupture of the right dome of the diaphragm – a case report

Jordan Medical Journal, May 1974; Vol. 9 No:1, pp:54-60

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2. D. Hanania, B. Akasheh .

Cardiac Surgery in Jordan – A developing country (Surgical cost consciousness in the developing world)  
Chapter in Book, "Surgery for All"

Publishers: Ferozones Ltd. & MacMillan Publishers Ltd.

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3. Qaqish, Rihani, Jaber, Marzouka, Allaham, Akasheh .

Survival after Complete traumatic Transection of the Abdominal Aorta – Case Report.

Journal of Hellenic Vascular Surgery, 1995; Vol.4, No.2 : 15-16

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4. Jaber, Qaqish, Fayez, Nesheiwat, Abu Nowar, Al Naser, Saket, Akasheh .

Morbidity and Mortality after Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery Combined with Mitral Valve

Procedures. Journal of Hellenic Vascular Surgery, 1995; Vol.4, No.2 : 8-10

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5. Abu Atta, Qaqish Samara, Hiyari, Akasheh .

Aortic Valve Replacement During Pregnancy – Case Report and Current Review of the  
Literature. Journal of the Royal Med. Services, June 1997, Vol.4, No.1: 51-53

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6. Qaqish, Zureikat, Allaham, Jaber, Akasheh.

Minimally Invasive Saphenous vein Harvesting using a New Mini-Harvest System.

Journal of Hellenic Vascular Surgery, 1998; Vol.7, No.1: 27-29 [^](#)

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7. Qaqish, Zureikat, Fayyad, Akasheh .

Incidence of Atherosclerosis in the Left Internal Mammary Artery used in Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting.

Journal of the Royal Med. Services, June 1998, Vol.5, No.1

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8. Jaber, Qaqish, Abu Sheikh, Akasheh .

A New Method to Achieve a Bloodless field during Off-Pump Coronary Surgery, "The Akasheh Suture".

