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Mr. Abdelmonem holds an MBA in Healthcare Management from Western Governors University and is the laboratory supervisor at Stanford Healthcare ValleyCare, Pleasanton, CA, and a former blood bank supervisor at Marin HealthCare. He also a member of the ASCP Commission on Continuing Professional Development (CCPD), is an ASCP Career Ambassador, serves as an inspector for CAP, and is an assessor with AABB.

What did receiving the BOC Lab Hero Award mean to you?

“Thank you for this incredible special honor. I’m honored to receive the BOC Lab Hero Award. I cannot express how grateful I am to be nominated for the BOC lab hero award. Thank you to all those who nominated me. Thank you ASCP. Thank you BOC!”

How did your friends, family colleagues, etc., react to the news that you had received a 2020 BOC Lab Hero Award?

“My friends, family, colleagues, and my children (Amir and Ziad) were delighted and honored when they heard that I received the BOC awards from largest and most established laboratory professional certification agency worldwide.”

Everyone gets BOC certification for a different reason, what’s your story?

ASCP BOC is the most respected laboratory professional certification in laboratory medicine. It added great scientific and medical weight to my professional portfolio and opened many doors for employment (I have four ASCP BOC certifications, H(ASCP)^{CM}BB^{CM},MLS^{iCM},SBB^{iCM}).

Earning International Specialist in Blood Banking, SBB(ASCPi) is the credential I am most proud of, and it prepared me for the next level of my career as a laboratory/blood bank leader. I plan to sit for the Diplomate in Laboratory Management, DLM(ASCP) exam in the near future after completing my Ph.D. in healthcare administration....Also, a shout out to Dr. Hind Wasim, a young gifted researcher, to pursue her ASCP certification soon.”

Why did you choose Children’s Cancer Hospital-Egypt as your BOC Lab Hero charity?

“I choose Children’s Cancer Hospital-Egypt because it is a charity cancer hospital in Egypt that provides excellent healthcare to increase Egypt’s childhood cancer survival rate. It is part of being grateful to my home country and supporting a good cause for treating children with cancer, especially Leukemia. Thank you, ASCP BOC, for the generous donation!”

What message would you like to send to all of the medical laboratory professionals around the world this Lab Week?

“To all of the fellow medical laboratory professionals around the world, despite being under-recognized, you are all heroes saving lives every day. Laboratory medicine is an essential element of the health care system. It is integral to many clinical decisions; providing physicians, nurses, and other health care providers with often pivotal information for the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and management of disease. More than 340 million COVID-19 tests were performed by laboratory professionals in the U.S. last year. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to delivering quality results! What you do makes a difference in our patients lives! You all are doing a fantastic job.”