

# Derma Clinic - Riyadh



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## Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

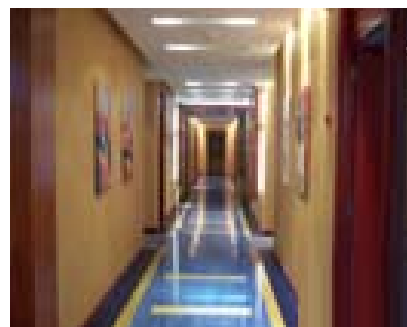
Dr Raboobee recently participated in the 2nd CME of the Asian Society of Pigment Cell Research, combined with the 3rd International Symposium for Vitiligo organised by the National Centre for Vitiligo and during a CME meeting at the clinic.



Derma Clinic is a leading center for Dermatology, Laser and Plastic Surgery in the Middle East. Founded in 1996 the clinic occupies an area of 3,200m<sup>2</sup>, housing more than forty clinic rooms, twelve Dermatologists and Plastic Surgeons, a vast resource of state-of-the-art infrastructure, more than fifty personnel and average patient turnover of two hundredfifteen per day.

The clinic is currently a major center with global quality, heavily involved in patient care, public and professional education and research.

Dr Raboobee introduced the Vitiligo society of South Africa and presented research material on fungal infection



# Pigment Cell Research Meeting - Riyadh



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## Faculty

The visiting lecturers at the conference were Prof JJ Nordlund from the University of Cincinnati and the President of the Asian Society for Pigment Cell Research, Prof KC Park (South Korea).

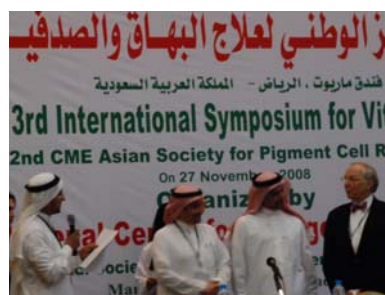
The 2nd CME of the Asian Society for Pigment Cell Research, combined with the 3rd International Vitiligo Symposium was held at the Marriott Hotel in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on 27 November 2008.

Prof James John Nordlund was the chairman of the conference and addressed the delegates on the pigmentary system and how we adapt to the environment. Dr Muhammad Turkmani gave the Arab perspective on Vitiligo and provided evidence of its references in early Arab literature.

There were several interesting papers on the surgical management of vitiligo including one on the management of lip vitiligo by autologous melanocyte suspension transplantation by Dr Holla and another on non-cultured melanocyte transplantation by Dr Kanika. Dr Davinder Prasad (Chandigarh) spoke about mechanisms of repigmentation in vitiligo. The topic of oral minipulse therapy in the management of vitiligo was covered by Dr Binod Khaitan from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences. Dr Mulekar (Dermaclinic Riyadh), showed a video clip detailing the technique of non-cultured melanocyte transplantation, where a skin biopsy is taken from behind the ear and trypsinised to separate the epidermis from the dermis. The epidermal cells collected during the separation process are then sprayed on to a vitiligo area, prepared with

dermabrasion to receive the cell suspension. Dr Mulekar will be demonstrating this technique during the conference of the SASDS in August 2009 in Franschhoek.

Drs Raj and Asha Kubba, a husband and wife team comprising dermatologist and dermatopathologist, reviewed a series of unusual hyperpigmentary conditions with clinical photographs and their corresponding dermatopathology.



Prof Nordlund (right) in partial Arab garb