"Refugees must not be left behind in the global COVID response: Public health perspectives"

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Dr. Al-Rousan is Professor in the Department of Medicine at UCSD. She is a physician and epidemiologist born and raised in Jordan, a top refugee-hosting country in the world. She went to medical School at Cairo University engaging in multiple public health projects including female genital mutilation, Hepatitis C epidemics, and HIV/AIDS. She worked with Doctors Without

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