

## Women in Science: Medy Attalla

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Medy Attalla, Head of Clinical Operations for Oncology, Novartis Egypt

In this sixth installment of “Novartis Presents: Women in Science,” we’re excited to feature Medy Attalla, Head of Clinical Operations for Oncology, Novartis Egypt. Attalla has an extensive background in pharmaceuticals, with more than 11 years of experience in clinical research. Her work has spanned a variety of areas, including oncology, hematology, cardiology and hepatology.

### **When did you first know you wanted to work in science?**

My passion for science began in middle school. I was very much inspired by Egyptian figures like Sir Magdi Yacoub, a cardiothoracic surgeon; and Prof. Ahmed Zewail, a chemist. Studying science for me was like exploring new worlds.

### **What is your advice for young women and girls interested in science?**

There is endless potential in every woman and girl; believing in our potential can enable us to go the extra mile. Every girl and woman should gift herself with the success she deserves and can achieve.

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### **What is the most challenging part of your job at Novartis?**

Having daily challenges is normal. What differentiates some from others is how we deal with those challenges. There are daily challenges for me and my team, and we work to find suitable solutions.

### **What is one thing people may be surprised to know about you?**

I still enjoy watching cartoons and running in the playgrounds like I did during my childhood. At the beginning of my career, I worked as a teacher in an American school for elementary and middle classes, and I used to spend the breaks playing hide-and-seek with my students. And guess what? That was so much fun.

*“Novartis Presents: Women in Science” is an ongoing series showcasing women at Novartis who are helping develop innovative oncology medicines for people with cancer and related diseases.*

Medy Attalla, one of our “Women in Science,” shares career advice for young women and girls.  
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