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Bitā Esmāeli, M.D., began her life in the US in 1978. She spent her childhood in Tehran, Iran until age 15. After finishing high school at Lausanne Collegiate School in Memphis, Tennessee and studying biology at Rhodes College, her postgraduate studies were at the University of California – Santa Barbara, the University of Chicago, the University of Michigan and the University of Toronto. She is an international leader in oculoplastic surgery and orbital oncology and is a professor and surgeon at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas.

She maintains a busy practice, trains doctors, leads international collaborative research programs, lectures widely throughout the world, and organizes courses on ophthalmic cancers.

Invested in Dallas in 2015, Bitā became interested in the Order of St John through friends in Houston. She has worked assiduously and creatively to grow the St John group in Houston . She has been a member of the Chapter and serves on the Communications Committee for the Order.