

NAAMA 40th Annual National Convention Speakers



Ghada Abdallah, RPH

Ghada Abdallah, pharmacist and owner of the Park Pharmacy in Grosse Pointe Park, has made education of pharmacists and patients a priority ever since she lost her cousin to a heroin overdose in April 2015.

One month after her 38-year-old cousin died, Abdallah quickly organized a continuing medical education course for pharmacists to train them how scripts are filled and impart information on opioid problems in the Dearborn area. As a result, Abdallah now works with many organizations, including The Family Center in Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods, Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority, the Michigan Pharmacists Association, the Wayne County Pharmacists Association, HYPE/SAFE Substance Abuse Coalition and the Islamic Institute of Knowledge Mosque, both in Dearborn. Abdallah advised state Medicaid officials in late 2015 to ensure recipients have adequate access to Narcan, a lifesaving drug for overdoses. In 2016, she worked with DWMHA and SAFE to provide Narcan training to the public.



Shaheen Alanee, MD

Dr. Alanee attended medical school at the University Of Baghdad Medical College in Iraq and then moved to the United States to finish a masters degree in public health followed by a urologic surgery residency at the University of Minnesota and then a Urologic Oncology Fellowship at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Dr. Alanee then served as the Director of Urologic Oncology at Southern Illinois University for 3 years before joining Henry Ford Health System as the director of the bladder cancer program. He also treats prostate, kidney, penile and testicular cancer with robotic surgery, open surgery, and clinical trials. Dr. Alanee's research interest include clinical trials of immunotherapy in genitourinary malignancies, genetic and proteomic predictors of response to therapy in bladder cancer, disparities in health care of the poor and underserved, and Arab American health care



Khaldoon Alaswad, MD, FACC, FSCAI

Clinical Assistant Professor Wayne State University
Director, Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory
Edith and Benson Ford Heart and Vascular Institute
Henry Ford Hospital, Henry Ford Health System

Graduate of Damascus University Faculty of Medicine 1990. Board Certified in Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Diseases, Interventional Cardiology.

National and International Leader in catheter-based therapy of complex coronary artery disease. Regular speaker at national and international cardiology conferences. Authored and coauthored numerous articles, book chapters and abstracts.

Interested in innovative therapy and teaching residents fellows and community physicians.



Ali Alhousseini, MD

Dr. Ali Alhousseini is a board certified Obstetrician-Gynecologist and fellowship-trained in Maternal Fetal Medicine. He completed his medical school at the American University of Beirut (2003), residency at the Medical College of Georgia (2009) and Fellowship at the Perinatology Research Branch in affiliation with Wayne State University (WSU) and Detroit Medical Center (2018). He practiced general obstetrics and gynecology and was appointed as assistant professor at Emory University (2009-2011) and at University of North Texas (2012-2015). He joined the faculty of Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine last July. He is heavily invested in research and academics. He is currently a PhD candidate in reproductive Sciences-physiology at Wayne State University. His published work includes 5 first author manuscripts and 10 co-author manuscripts. He also has 20 accepted abstracts. In addition, He presented his work at several national and international meetings. His main interest and current research focus is preterm birth and pregnancy complications.



**Rouba Ali Fehmi, MD
NAAMA National President**

Dr Ali-Fehmi is a Professor in the Departments of Pathology and Obstetrics and Gynecology Oncology at Wayne State University (WSU) and Karmanos Cancer Institute. She is the director of Surgical Pathology Fellowship at WSU. She is the vice chair for translational research at WSU, very interested and dedicated towards teaching and research. Since starting as a staff attending, she has mentored many gynecologic oncology and pathology fellows, which ultimately led to more than 120, peer reviewed publications in addition to multiple presentations, both at national and international meetings. In addition, she received multiple honors such as Wayne State University College Teaching Award for Pathology and Obstetrics and Gynecology 2016. She is the president of NAAMA (National Arab American Medical Association) 2018 and a member of multiple national and international professional societies. She is also the former president of the Michigan society of pathologist 20012-2014.



Rana Awdish, MD

Director, Pulmonary Hypertension Program, Henry Ford Hospital, and Medical Director, Care Experience, Henry Ford Health System, Detroit, MI

Rana Awdish, MD, FCCP is the author of *In Shock*, a critically-acclaimed, best-selling memoir based on her own critical illness. A critical care physician and faculty member of Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit, Michigan, she completed her medical degree at Wayne State in 2002 where she was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha national medical honor society, her residency at Mount Sinai Beth Israel in New York, and her fellowship training at Henry Ford Hospital where she serves as the current Director of the Pulmonary Hypertension Program. She was also recently named Medical Director of Care Experience for the entire Health System.

Dr. Awdish's mandate is to improve the patient experience across the system and speak on patient advocacy at health care venues nationally.

After suffering a sudden critical illness herself, she has special interest in improving empathy through connection and communication. She lectures to physicians, health care leaders and medical schools across the country. She was awarded the Speak-Up Hero award in 2014 for her work establishing a workshop based program called CLEAR (Connect, Listen, Emphasize, Align, Respect), which trains faculty and trainees in relationship-based communication skills utilizing improvisational actors. She was named Henry Ford Hospital's Critical Care Teacher of the Year in 2016. She was recently named the National Compassionate Caregiver of the Year by The Schwartz Center on November 16, 2017, and the Physician of the Year by Press Ganey on November 1, 2017. She has been interviewed by The Times, The Telegraph, The BBC, NPR, the Today Show online, MedPage, Health Leaders Media, and Beckers Hospital Review. Her New England Journal of Medicine Perspectives article, A View from the Edge, went viral garnering over 100,000 views and is ranked in the 99th percentile for reach.



M. Safwan Badr, M.D., M.B.A.

Professor and Chairman
Department of Internal Medicine
Liborio Tranchida, MD Endowed Professor
Wayne State University School of Medicine

Dr. Badr is a Professor and Chairman of Internal Medicine at Wayne State University School of Medicine and a Staff Physician at the John D. Dingell VA Medical Center.

A graduate of Damascus University Medical School, Dr. Badr completed a residency in Internal Medicine at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, followed by clinical and research fellowships in Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. In addition, he completed a Masters of Business Administration degree at the University of Tennessee.

Dr. Badr has served on multiple national and international medical societies. He has served on the Board of Directors of the American Thoracic Society (ATS) and the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM). He was the President of the AASM from 2013-2014. Dr. Badr currently serves on the Board of Directors for the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM).

Dr. Badr is an internationally known sleep disorders researcher and research mentor with current funding from the Department of Veteran Affairs, Department of Defense and National Institutes of Health. He has mentored numerous trainees and junior faculty members who have launched successful academic careers.

Dr. Badr is invested in outstanding medical education. He was the founding director of the Wayne State University School of Medicine Sleep Medicine Fellowship program and he teaches and mentors students in multiple departments across the medical school.



Fouad Batah, MD

Dr Batah is a graduate of Damascus University year 1990. He did his Internal Medicine Residency and training at Providence hospital. And He is board certified in Internal medicine. Dr Batah established and he is currently the medical director of a busy Internal Medicine practice in Southfield, MI that consists of 5 full time physicians and 4 Nurse practitioners. He joined NAAMA and served on The Board of NAAMA Michigan chapter a couple of years later. Dr Batah has served on numerous committees over the last 23 years in his practice at Beaumont and Providence hospitals where he provides inpatient care in addition to his outpatient practice. He has also held medical directorship position at few Extended care and Rehabilitation facilities where he provided care.



Najah Bazy, R.N.

Najah Bazy is a Transcultural Clinical Nurse Specialist and Diversity Specialist. She also is the Executive Director and Founder of Zaman International. She is CEO of Diversity Specialists and Transcultural Health Care Solutions. Bazy has an extensive background in critical care nursing with special expertise in Cross Cultural health care, beliefs and practices. She is a global leader in Medical Ethics, Philanthropy, Nursing and Interfaith Dialogue and brings an ambassador style of diplomacy to her projects and life work.



Renee Canady, PhD, MPA

Chief Executive Officer
Michigan Public Health Institute

Dr. Renée Branch Canady serves as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of MPHI; a Michigan-based and nationally engaged non-profit public health institute dedicated to advancing population health through public health innovation and collaboration. In this role she leads the strategic direction of the organization as they strive to build a world-class infrastructure to support the Institute's diverse and progressive program areas and projects, while establishing and maintaining stakeholder relationships.

Dr. Canady has been recognized as a national thought leader in the areas of health inequities and disparities, cultural competence, and social justice. She has published and presented broadly on these topics and her passion for this work is evident in her personal, academic, and professional life. Dr. Canady has been highly influential in broadening the discussion of health equity and social justice while serving on numerous national boards, review panels, and advisory groups.

Dr. Canady has been an outstanding public health advocate, researcher, educator, and facilitator, and is a highly sought after speaker. She earned her PhD in Medical Sociology from Michigan State University, a master's degree in Public Administration from Western Michigan University and a bachelor's degree in Public Health Nutrition from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Ali A. Dabaja, MD. Associate Residency Program Director
Director of Male Reproductive Medicine and Sexual Medicine
Clinical Assistant Professor Wayne State School of Medicine
Henry Ford Health System, Detroit, MI

Ali A. Dabaja is an expert in the treatment of male infertility, especially the interface of male factor treatment with assisted reproductive techniques, with focus on the treatment of men with azoospermia and microsurgical sperm retrieval.

Dr. Dabaja has published on the techniques of microscopic sperm retrieval in men with infertility, specifically azoospermia, and on the characteristic of men who are candidates for medical treatment of infertility. He published extensively on microsurgical varicocelectomy and the effect of varicocele on men's health including low testosterone and erectile dysfunction. Dr. Dabaja is primary investigator or Co-primary investigator on multiple randomized control trials in Urology. He has over 20 published original manuscripts, as well as numerous book chapters and invited articles.

Early in his career, Dr. Dabaja trained with Dr. Schlegel who is a pioneer in the field of urology and male reproductive function. During his fellowship training, he worked on biomedical Research and microRNA profiling in men with male infertility at the Center for Male Reproductive Medicine and Microsurgery– Weill Cornell Medical College. Dr. Dabaja obtain his residency training with Dr. Menon, in urological robotic surgery and on the technique for nerve sparing prostatectomy to preserve erectile dysfunction.

His expertise in urology has been recognized by national and international authorities by invitations from the American Urology Association, Society for Male Reproductive Medicine and Urology, American Society of Reproductive Medicine, and the Czech Republic Urologic Association to speak on male infertility treatment or to moderated sessions on Male Reproductive Medicine. He is currently an associate editor for the Journal of Fertility and Sterility, section editor for the Current Urology Reports, and editor of the male infertility section of BMJ Best Practice publications. Currently he serves as reviewer for the British Journal of Urology-International, Fertility & Sterility, Journal of Urology, and Asian Journal of urology.

Dr. Dabaja serves in multiple leadership role in the American Urology Association, at Henry Ford Health System as the Associate Program Director for the residency program, Michigan State Medical Society. He is also a member of the ACGME task force on residency education Milestones 2.0.

Dr. Dabaja is a board-certified urologist. He is currently licensed to practice medicine in the state of Michigan at Henry Ford Health System, and graduated AOA from Wayne State School of Medicine.



Bassim A. Dubaybo, MD

Dr. Basim A. Dubaybo is the immediate past president of NAAMA and has served on numerous committees of the association including growth and development and the education committee. He is the CME director of our association.

Basim is the Designated Institutional Official and Director of Medical Education for Ascension Providence Hospital. He received his medical education and residency training in internal medicine at American University of Beirut in Beirut, Lebanon. Basim later received training in pulmonary and critical care medicine at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, NC. Basim moved to Detroit in 1987 to join the faculty of Wayne State University School of Medicine and the affiliated Detroit Veterans Affairs Medical Center to become a professor of medicine in 1999. He assumed several leadership positions, including interim chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine at Wayne State University's School of Medicine, director of the Pulmonary and Critical Care Fellowship Program at Wayne State University's School of Medicine, director of the Internal Medicine Residency Training Program at Providence Hospital, chief of staff of the John D. Dingell Veterans Affairs Medical Center, and assistant dean for Veterans Affairs at Wayne State University.

Basim is an active member of several professional societies and organizations including ACCESS, Michigan Society for Medical Research, American Thoracic Society, and European Respiratory Society. He is a fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians and American College of Physicians.

He has more than 40 publications in scientific journals and medical textbooks.



Mahir Elder, MD

Dr. Elder holds multiple board certifications in internal medicine, cardiovascular disease, endovascular disease, vascular interpretation and nuclear cardiology. He specializes in peripheral arterial disease, intracoronary and carotid stenting, vein disease and complex cardiovascular disease. He has developed numerous clinical trials and research on endovascular procedures and complex vascular cases. Dr. Elder also serves an Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine both at Wayne State University's School of Medicine and at Michigan State University's College of Human Medicine.



Abdul El-Sayed, MD, DPhil

Abdul El-Sayed is the former health commissioner for the City of Detroit. Abdul has a medical degree from Columbia University and was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University where he earned a doctorate in public health. He is a native Michigander who grew up in Metro Detroit.

Abdul left his position as an assistant professor in Columbia University's Department of Epidemiology to return to Michigan. Abdul became the youngest health official in a major American city when Mayor Mike Duggan appointed Abdul to rebuild Detroit's Health Department after it was privatized during the city's bankruptcy. As Health Commissioner, he was responsible for the health and safety of over 670,000 Detroiters. Abdul worked tirelessly to ensure

government accountability and transparency, promote health, and reduce cross-generational poverty.

Abdul launched his gubernatorial campaign after witnessing the systematic failures in Flint and across the state. He was the first candidate to release a comprehensive policy platform with a bold, progressive agenda focused on Michigan's future.

Abdul lives in Detroit with his wife, Sarah, a mental health doctor. He loves working out, good biographies, coffee, and Michigan sports.



JOHN C. ENGSTROM

John Engstrom is an Assistant U.S. Attorney with more than 25 years' experience prosecuting federal crimes in Detroit, Michigan. For the past two years, he has specialized in prosecuting health care fraud cases, including opioid diversion cases. However, over the course of his career, he has investigated and prosecuted a wide range of federal crimes, including public corruption, international organized crime and money laundering, bank and corporate fraud, immigration and firearms offenses, and national and international drug conspiracies. Between 2010 and 2013, he was temporarily assigned to work on behalf of the Department of Justice in Ukraine. He then completed another three-year assignment, working in Ankara, Turkey between 2013 and 2016.



Hassan Fehmi, MD

Service Chief of Nephrology & Hypertension, Henry Ford Health System
Dr. Hassan Fehmi is the Service Chief of Nephrology & Hypertension at the Henry Ford Hospital in West Bloomfield, Michigan. Born and raised in Lebanon, he received his Medical Education at the Baghdad University College of Medicine and completed Residency Training in Internal Medicine at the Michigan State University Program. After finishing a fellowship in Nephrology & Hypertension at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago Dr. Fehmi moved to Detroit to join the faculty of Henry Ford Hospital as a Senior Staff Physician in the Department of Medicine.



Rabbie Hanna, MD

Rabbie Hanna, MD is a clinical assistant professor in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Wayne State University/Detroit –Michigan. He is a senior staff in Gynecologic Oncology at the Henry Ford Health System in Detroit Michigan in addition to the Genesys Health System in Grand Blanc/ Michigan.

Dr. Hanna graduated from Al-Nahrain College of Medicine in 1999 and migrated to the USA in 2000-2001. He finished his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Wayne State University in 2008 followed by completing his fellowship in Gynecologic Oncology from the University of North Carolina/Chapel Hill in 2011. Thus, he is board certified in both Obstetrics and Gynecology in addition to Gynecologic Oncology. In addition to his expertise in his Gynecologic Oncology arena and robotic surgery, he is passionate about physician wellness and emotional intelligence. He is the chair of the Physician Wellness for the Women's Health Department at Henry Ford Main

Campus and is member of the Henry Ford Health System Wellness Taskforce as well as the Society of Gynecologic Oncology Wellness Task.

Numerous teaching awards have been awarded to him over his years of training and teaching speaking to his passion to teach. His passion is not only in teaching but rather in providing the best care possible to his patients with gynecologic malignancies. He has been named one of the best doctors in Detroit for 2014 and 2015 in Gynecologic Oncology.

He is involved in furthering research in gynecologic oncology as he has been an author of 16 publications to date in addition to many abstracts in national conferences.



Mona Hanna-Attisha, MD, MPH, FAAP

Dr. Hanna-Attisha is founder and director of the Michigan State University and Hurley Children's Hospital Pediatric Public Health Initiative, an innovative and model public health Program in Flint, Michigan. A pediatrician, scientist, and activist, Dr. Hanna-Attisha has testified twice

Before the United States Congress, awarded the Freedom of Expression Courage Award by PEN

America, and named one of Time magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World for her role in uncovering the Flint Water Crisis and leading recovery efforts. She has appeared on CNN, MSNBC, BBC and countless other media outlets championing the cause of children in Flint and beyond. She is founding donor of the Flint Child Health and Development Fund (flintkids.org).

Dr. Hanna-Attisha received her bachelor's and Master of Public Health degrees from the University of Michigan and her medical degree from Michigan State University College of Human Medicine (MSU

CHM). She completed her residency at Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit, where she was chief resident. She is currently an associate professor of pediatrics and human development at MSU CHM. Her new bestselling book *What the Eyes Don't See: A Story of Crisis, Resistance, and Hope in an American City* is a riveting, beautifully rendered account of a shameful disaster that became a tale of activism and hope, the story of a city on the ropes that came together to fight for justice, self-determination, and the right to build a better world for their—and all of our—children.



Mouhanad Hammami, MD

Senior Vice President for Safety Net Transformation, Community Benefit, Health and Well-Being
Trinity Health System

Dr. Hammami is the Senior Vice President for Safety Net Transformation, Community Benefit, Health and Well-Being at Trinity Health, where he leads the strategy to improve health for individuals and the underlying social determinants of health in communities served. He also leads work for Trinity Health's community-based delivery models and public health initiatives. A graduate of Aleppo University, Syria, Dr. Hammami completed his postdoctoral research in Pediatrics at the Newborn Center of the University of Tennessee in Memphis and received his Master's degree in Health Services Administration from the University of Michigan.



Ibrahim Hanouneh, MD

Dr. Ibrahim Hanouneh completed his internal medicine residency and gastroenterology and transplant hepatology fellowship training at the Cleveland Clinic. Dr. Hanouneh served as Chief Gastroenterology Fellow, and subsequently as an associate staff at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio before he moved to Minnesota. At the present time, Dr. Hanouneh works with Minnesota Gastroenterology and Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota.

Dr. Hanouneh has spent a great deal of time in Hepatology, and it was his primary clinical and academic focus from the very start. He has a passion for studies related to alcoholic and non-alcoholic fatty liver disease. He has presented at several national and international meetings and has been an author on over sixty papers as well as numerous abstracts. He identified and patented a novel breath marker that can be used as a diagnostic test in patients with alcoholic hepatitis [Patent US893287]. Dr. Hanouneh is a co-author of best-seller new book “Skinny Liver” released in January 24, 2017.



Sonia Hassan, MD

Sonia Hassan is associate dean for maternal, perinatal, and child health at Wayne State University (WSU) School of Medicine, professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, director of the WSU Perinatal Research Initiative, as well as founder and director of the Center for Advanced Obstetrical Care and Research. She is the founder of Make Your Date[®], a nonprofit started with the City of Detroit to reduce preterm birth, the leading cause of infant mortality. Sonia is also co-chair of the State of Michigan’s Infant Mortality Advisory Council. She was co-chair of Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan’s Healthcare Transition Team. She has authored or co-authored over 300 publications and was the lead author of a landmark international trial which demonstrated that progesterone decreases the rate of preterm birth in women with a short cervix. Sonia is the project site manager for the Perinatology Research Branch of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development of the National Institutes of Health on behalf of WSU. She was the National Arab American Medical Association - Michigan Healthcare Professional of the Year in 2015 and was recognized with the WSU School of Medicine Distinguished Alumni Award in 2014. In 2014, Sonia also received the Crain’s 13th Annual Health Care Heroes Award and was named a Michiganian of the Year by The Detroit News. Sonia received the March of Dimes Michigan Prematurity Prevention Hero Award in 2013. She earned her bachelor’s degree from the University of Michigan and medical degree from Wayne State University. Sonia is a Fellow of the third class of the Aspen Institute’s Health Innovators Fellowship and a member of the Aspen Global Leadership Network.



John Hopper, MD

Dr. John Hopper attended Medical School at Wayne State University and completed his residency in Combined Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at the University of North Carolina, where he served as Co-Chief Resident in Pediatrics. Dr. Hopper was on the full-time faculty at Wayne State for 11 years and served as the Associate Program Director for the Med-Peds Residency. From 2005 to 2008, he was the Chief Medical Officer at Brighton Hospital where he established and led the Addiction Medicine Fellowship. His research experience includes clinical trials for smoking cessation and heroin dependence. In addition to his many clinical and teaching awards, Dr. Hopper is an author for UpToDate® and serves on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Opioid Management



Nabil Khoury, MD

Dr. Nabil Elie Khoury is a graduate of the University of Michigan medical school and completed his residency training in emergency medicine and internal medicine at Henry Ford Hospital in 1994.

After graduation from residency, he practiced for 20 years in the Henry Ford Health System, holding many roles including that of Medical Director of Suburban Emergency Services, Medical Director of Ambulatory Services and Utilization Management at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, and ultimately Chief Medical Officer at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital. Dr. Khoury is currently Regional Medical Director for mid-Michigan with Emergency Physicians Medical Group, the largest emergency medicine group practice in the state. He is also an Assistant Professor at the Michigan State University's colleges of osteopathic and allopathic medicine. He has been active for decades in civic activities in the Arab-American community. In 1998 he was national president of the Arab-American University Graduates. In 2002, he was Michigan chapter president of NAAMA. He held various roles in NAAMA at the national level including being a member of the board of directors, Chief Financial Officer for two years and ultimately national President in 2008.

This year he led the first NAAMA NextGen youth trip in collaboration with the American University of Beirut Alumni Association.

Dr Khoury is a committed advocate of Arab-American identity. He believes strongly that there is great value for all members of the community that Arab-Americans, irrespective of national origin or faith, be active, cohesive, and organized.

He believes in strengthening Arab-American institutions and addressing the needs and gaps in our community, wherever they may be. He believes that NAAMA is uniquely positioned to play a key role in the charitable, cultural, and professional aspirations of our community.



Heidi Kromrei, PHD

Dr. Heidi Kromrei is the Associate Designated Institutional Official (ADIO) and Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs at the Detroit Medical Center (DMC). She is also Director of Osteopathic Medical Education for the DMC Osteopathic Division. Dr. Kromrei, along with the DMC DIO, is responsible for monitoring and oversight of the accreditation and educational activities of the DMC's nearly 100 residency and fellowship programs with more than 1000 residents and fellows enrolled. Dr. Kromrei is an adjunct faculty member at Oakland University and at Wayne State University where she teaches courses in Program Evaluation. Dr. Kromrei received her doctorate in philosophy from Wayne State University in the Department of Education, division of Administration and Organizational Development. Dr. Kromrei holds a Bachelor degree in Psychology from the University of Illinois at Chicago and Master of Arts in Education from the University of Michigan Dearborn. Prior to entering the field of medical education, Dr. Kromrei spent 14 years working in health and behavior research at the University of Illinois in Chicago, the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and Henry Ford Health System in Detroit.



Vijaya Arun Kumar, MD MPH

Having completed his medical school and diploma in public health from India, Dr. Kumar worked in a rural health setting in India for nearly 2 years. It was during this time that he developed an interest in working for and among the rural population. In the US, after completing his residency, fellowship in clinical research in emergency medicine (EM) and a master in public health, he joined as faculty in the department of EM at Wayne State University (WSU). His research focus is cardiovascular emergency medicine, he has authored numerous publications and is the principal investigator for more than 10 clinical studies. Dr. Kumar is presently the associate director of the international emergency medicine fellowship and global health section in the department of EM at WSU which, has been active in developing EM residency programs in Laos and Guatemala along with developing EM research in numerous countries around the globe.



Kathy Macki

Vice President, Physician Relations and Human Resources, Henry Ford Health System



Tala Mansi

Tala has dedicated her career to building the capacity of organizations through private-public partnerships and social innovation and has conducted work in 15+ countries. In her role as Assistant Director of Global Cause Partnerships at UNICEF USA, she is the organizational focal point for the largest public-private partnership in global public health, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Her work at UNICEF USA addresses issues of inequality, the eradication of preventable diseases, health systems strengthening and child

protection. Tala holds a BA in Political Science from Baruch College and is a Master's in Public Administration candidate at New York University.



Tamam Mohamad, MD, FACC, FSCAI

Chief of Cardiology, Detroit Receiving Hospital

Dr. Tamam Mohamad is a fellowship-trained interventional cardiologist. He received his medical degree in 2003 from Damascus University's School of Medicine and completed his Internal Medicine Residency and his cardiology fellowship at Wayne State University / Detroit Medical Center. Dr. Mohamad is currently Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine at Wayne State University School of Medicine (WSUSOM) and Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine (MSUCOM). He is also director of the Professional Career Development Program at Wayne State University School of Medicine - Internal Medicine Department.

Dr. Mohamad specializes in internal medicine, cardiology, interventional cardiology and vascular/endovascular medicine.. He is board certified with the American Board of Internal Medicine and holds specialty certification in interventional cardiology, cardiovascular medicine, internal medicine, echocardiography, nuclear cardiology, venous and lymphatic disease and vascular ultrasound. He also received his board certification in Cardiovascular Computed Tomography in 2012 and is a Diplomat of the American Board of Venous and Lymphatic Medicine.

Dr. Mohamad was named Best Fellow of the Year in the Internal Medicine and Cardiology Department at Wayne State University in 2009, for excellence in patient care and medical education. Dr. Mohamad has been voted by his peers as an Hour Top Docs health care leader and is currently Chief of Cardiology and Medical Director of the Cardiac Care Unit at Detroit Receiving Hospital. Additionally, Dr. Mohamad is the Director of Endovenous Program at DMC Heart Hospital and Program Director for the Non-ACGME Cardiac Care Unit Fellowship.



Lisa Ann Newman, MD, MPH, FACS, FASCO

Dr. Lisa A. Newman is a breast cancer surgeon, and serves as director of the Breast Oncology Center and International Center for the Study of Breast Cancer Subtypes at Henry Ford Health System. She received her medical degree from the State University of New York Health Science Center at Brooklyn. Dr. Newman completed her fellowship in surgical oncology at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and received her Masters Degree in Public Health from Harvard University.

She is internationally known for her research on ethnicity-related variation in breast cancer risk, including the biologic and genetic origins of triple negative breast cancer which is the focus of her ongoing work in Ghana.

In addition to leading a team at the forefront of breast cancer research and treatment at Henry Ford, she is the Chief National Medical Advisor for the Sisters Network Inc., and actively promotes collaborative breast cancer research through roles at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and University of Michigan School of Public Health.

She holds leadership positions in the most prominent of cancer academic and advocacy organizations including the American College of Surgeons and the American Cancer Society, most recently receiving the distinction of Komen Scholar.



Jasmine Omar, MD

Dr. Omar graduated from Wayne State Medical School in 2015, completed her Internal Medicine Residency at Henry Ford Hospital and is currently an Internal Medicine Chief Medical Resident. Dr. Omar plans on continuing in Academic General Internal Medicine in the future.



Eitan Peled

Eitan Peled is an End Trafficking Fellow based in New York City. Leveraging UNICEF USA's grassroots education, advocacy, and fundraising initiatives, he works to create transformational change in the lives of children around the world by mobilizing students, faith-based, and community groups to take action against trafficking. His international experience includes tutoring in Peru and teaching karate to refugees in the West Bank. Peled holds a degree from UCLA – where he studied economics, global studies, and public affairs.



Abdulhassan Saad, MD

Dr. Abdulhassan Saad was born and raised in Dearborn, MI. He has a passion for his community and is driven to provide exceptional healthcare to his patients. Dr. Saad trained locally and attended the University of Michigan for undergraduate studies and obtained a BS in biological science graduating with Honors. He then pursued his medical degree at the University of Toledo and graduated with high distinction. He later completed an internal medicine residency at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, MI. After graduation, he took a position with a non-profit healthcare organization, IHA, stationed out of Ann Arbor, MI. While working as a general hospitalist for 2 years he was preparing to open his outpatient Internal medicine primary care clinic back in his hometown of Dearborn Michigan which opened in 2016.



Fayrooz Saad, JD

Ms. Saad was born and raised in Michigan and has spent her career serving the public.

A proud graduate of Michigan public schools and the University of Michigan, Ms. Saad has worked at every level of government to keep our communities safe and to expand opportunities for families in Michigan. Ms. Saad learned the value of hard work from her parents, who immigrated to Michigan more than 40 years ago.



Ghassan Saed, PHD

Dr. Saed is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit, Michigan. He is an internationally renowned clinical and translational investigator, who is recognized for many scientific contributions within the fields of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility and Gynecologic Oncology. Dr. Saed has over 20 years of experience in the pathogenesis of tissue fibrosis and cancer. He is extensively published in this area, particularly in the implications of extracellular matrix molecules, growth factors, free radicals, apoptosis and proliferation in tissue scarring and cancer. His research interests includes: Molecular mechanisms investigating the role of oxidative stress in the pathogenesis of ovarian cancer and the Development of Chemoresistance. Comparison of the effects of oxidative stress on the pathogenesis of a malignant overgrowth versus a benign overgrowth, such as postoperative adhesions are also a major focus of his research.



Sahar Swidan, PHARM.D., R.Ph., ABAAHP, FAARFM, FACA

Dr. Sahar Swidan obtained her Doctor of Pharmacy degree and completed a 3-year research Fellowship in Bio-Pharmaceutics and Gastroenterology at the University of Michigan. She previously was the Director of Pharmacy at Chelsea Community Hospital and the clinical pharmacist for the inpatient head and chronic pain service. Currently she is president & CEO of Pharmacy Solutions in Ann Arbor, MI which is a compounding and specialty pharmacy. Executive Director – Professional Development and Compliance for Slynshot Health & Adjunct Associate Professor of Clinical Research and Leadership at George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences and Adjunct Clinical Associate Professor of Pharmacy at Wayne State University and Chicago State University. Dr. Swidan is board certified and advanced fellow in anti-aging and regenerative medicine. She is an internationally known speaker in the areas of pain management, headaches and BHRT and she has authored several book chapters, articles and patient education material in the area of pain management and functional medicine. Currently, she is completing a Master's program in Cardio-Metabolic and Functional Medicine.



Jeffrey Taub, MD

Professor Division of Hematology Oncology
Children's Hospital of MI

Dr. Taub received his medical degree from the University of Western Ontario, completed his internship at Victoria Hospital in London, Ontario, and a Pediatric Residency and Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Fellowship at Children's Hospital of Michigan. Dr. Taub is currently the Division Chief of Oncology at Children's Hospital of Michigan and is a Professor of Pediatrics at Wayne State University School of Medicine. He has been the past recipient of several research awards including a Young Investigator Award from the American Society of Clinical Oncology, a Wayne State University Faculty Research Excellence Award and a Children's Hospital of Michigan Teacher of the Year

Award (Professor). He currently holds the Ring Screw Textron Endowed Chair in Pediatric Cancer Research at Children's Hospital of Michigan. Dr. Taub's clinical expertise is in the field of Pediatric Oncology and has published over 100 research papers in leading medical journals.



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