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Dr. Riad Azar joined LAU Medical Center-Rizk Hospital in 2011 as chief of Gastroenterology; prior to that he was Associate Professor and Director of Endoscopic Ultrasound at Washington University in St Louis USA where he spent 9 years as an attending focusing on all aspects of interventional endoscopy and general gastroenterology. Before joining Washington University in St Louis, Dr. Azar obtained a diploma in Advanced Endoscopy from Harvard University, Boston in 2002. He graduated from St Joseph University Medical School, Beirut in 1994. He then completed an internship at the University of Connecticut in 1995 and an Internal Medicine residency and a Gastroenterology fellowship at the University of Massachusetts in 1998 and 2001 respectively.

Dr. Azar has a special interest in all aspects of interventional endoscopy like ERCP and EUS, dealing mainly with the Pancreas, Gallbladder, Gallstones, Bile ducts and cancer staging. He also specializes in Colonoscopy and resection of large polyps. He has an extensive expertise in endoscopic bariatric procedures and management of bariatric surgery complications.

Dr. Azar is a diplomat of the American Board of Gastroenterology. He was promoted to Clinical Professor of Medicine at LAU in 2017. He has a large number of publications in major Gastroenterology journals and many textbook chapters. He was selected as one of the "Best Doctor in America" from 2009 till 2017. He remains an Adjunct Associate Professor of Medicine at Washington University in St Louis.