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Dr. Eddie K. Abdalla, is a board-certified general surgeon, surgical oncologist, and internationally recognized expert in hepatobiliary and pancreatic surgery. With a distinguished career spanning clinical care, academic leadership, and surgical innovation, he currently serves as Assistant Dean for Strategy & Development and Founding Chairman of Surgery at the Lebanese American University (LAU). In parallel, he continues to serve as the Founder and Medical Director of the Liver & Pancreas Program at Northside Hospital Cancer Institute in Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Abdalla completed his Doctor of Medicine at the University of Michigan, followed by a residency in General Surgery at the University of Florida. He pursued advanced fellowship training in Surgical Oncology at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, where he also completed an NIH-funded T-32 postdoctoral research fellowship. Further refining his subspecialty expertise, he trained in hepatobiliary surgery at the renowned Beaujon Hospital in Paris, France.

Throughout his career, Dr. Abdalla has combined cutting-edge science with highly specialized surgical practice. His clinical focus lies in complex hepatobiliary and pancreatic oncology, with particular expertise in major liver resections, advanced liver enhancement strategies such as portal vein embolization and ALPSS, and complex pancreatic surgery with vascular reconstructions. He is also a pioneer in robotic hepatobiliary and pancreatic procedures, integrating minimally invasive approaches into both benign and malignant disease management.

As an academic leader, Dr. Abdalla has played a central role in developing institutional and regional frameworks for surgical education and multidisciplinary cancer care. At LAU, he leads efforts to strengthen academic surgery, train the next generation of surgeons, and expand access to world-class cancer treatment in Lebanon and the wider region. His work at Northside Hospital has similarly focused on creating a comprehensive program for liver and pancreas disease, emphasizing multidisciplinary collaboration and patient-centered care.

Dr. Abdalla's academic record includes more than 150 peer-reviewed publications, numerous book chapters, and extensive invited presentations at international meetings. He is an active member of leading professional societies, including the American College of Surgeons, the Society of Surgical Oncology, the Americas Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association, the International Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association, and ASCO. His contributions to patient care and education have been recognized through multiple honors, including "Compassionate Doctor" Awards, Patients' Choice Awards, and recognition among the nation's Top Doctors by Castle Connolly and other national listings.

A central theme of Dr. Abdalla's work has been to expand surgical options for patients with previously unresectable liver and pancreatic disease. By developing and refining surgical techniques that improve remnant liver function and integrating surgery with systemic therapy and advanced imaging, he has helped broaden the scope of curative options for complex cancers. Beyond his technical expertise, he is equally committed to teaching and mentoring surgical trainees, empowering the next generation of leaders in hepatobiliary surgery.

Looking ahead, Dr. Abdalla continues to pursue advancements in minimally invasive and robotic surgery, while fostering academic and clinical collaborations across Lebanon, the Middle East, and the United States. His career reflects a lifelong commitment to surgical innovation, medical education, and compassionate, evidence-based patient care.