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Dr. Georges Ghanem is a Clinical Professor and the Head of the Division of Cardiology, where he oversees the cardiology department and contributes to both clinical practice and academic instruction.

Dr. Ghanem obtained his M.D. from St. Joseph University in Lebanon in 1985. He pursued his Cardiology Residency and Fellowship in Paris and received additional training in the USA. He earned the Diplôme Interuniversitaire de Spécialisation (DIS) in Cardiology with distinction from University Paris V, and University Diplomas in Cardiac Echo Doppler from University Paris VI in 1988 and in Congenital Heart Disease from University Paris XII in 1989.

His advanced training includes a Formation sur les Endoprothèses Coronaires in June 1992, a Course in Advanced Endovascular Therapies at Lenox Hill, New York, in 1998, a Course on Finance and Markets at Ecole Supérieure

des Affaires (ESA) in Beirut in 2000, and a Course on Cardiovascular Radiation Therapy at Washington Hospital Center in the U.S.A. in 2001. He also completed the ACC Cath Self-Assessment Program in 2011 and the Transcatheter Heart Valve Training Program at Edwards Lifesciences in Geneva-Nyon, Switzerland, in June 2012. Dr. Ghanem was appointed Fellow of the European Society of Cardiology in 2006 and Fellow of the American College of Cardiology in 2007. In 2005, he was elected President of the Lebanese Society of Cardiology (LSC). Dr. Ghanem also has been a pioneer in introducing major interventional cardiology techniques in Lebanon since 1993. In 2019, Dr. Ghanem achieved a professional certificate in strategic health planning, and in 2020, he earned a professional certificate in Management and Leadership from the International Center of Parliamentary Studies in London. In September 2016, he was appointed Chief Medical Officer at the Lebanese American University Medical Centre – Rizk Hospital. He was promoted to Full Professor in Cardiology at the LAU School of Medicine in September 2017. In February 2023, he was appointed Deputy CEO for Strategy & Development at LAUMC-RH. Dr. Ghanem's professional interests encompass various areas within Cardiology, including interventional cardiology and structural heart disease. He is also deeply engaged in teaching and research, reflecting his commitment to advancing the field and educating the next generation of cardiologists.

Beyond his medical career, Dr. Ghanem is a Master in Martial Arts, engages in various sports, and conducts counseling in the sport and health domains. He also has extensive experience in war medicine. He is a founding member of "The White Coat Organization," which addresses healthcare corruption and inefficiencies, and he launched the National Assembly for Lebanon Identity.

During the Covid pandemic, Dr. Ghanem played a critical national role with the LAU mobile clinic, focusing on raising awareness, conducting extensive PCR testing, and leading a widespread vaccination campaign across Lebanon.

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Dr. Ghanem has authored over 85 publications, including manuscripts, editorials, abstracts, and book chapters. He has also played a prominent role in organizing, chairing, and lecturing at numerous local, regional, and international cardiology meetings and symposiums. Additionally, Dr. Ghanem serves as a permanent faculty member and abstract grader for major European and American courses.

Dr. Ghanem is actively involved in several prestigious professional organizations. He became an Associate Member of the French Society of Cardiology in 1990 and was a founding member of the Pan-Arab Society of Interventional

Cardiology in 1996. In 1997, he joined the International Society of Cardiovascular Interventionists. Dr. Ghanem served as President of the Lebanese Society of Cardiology from 2005 to 2007. He was recognized as a Fellow of the European Society of Cardiology in 2006 and a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology in 2007. Additionally, he established a permanent Lebanese Interventional Session at the Euro-PCR in 2007.