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Program Booklet

Medical Practice in the US: Paradigm Shifts & Arising Challenges

September 1 - 3, 2023
Dearborn, MI



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Dear SAMS Colleagues,

We are honored to have your attendance at SAMS 12th National Conference, "Medical Practice in the US: Paradigm Shifts & Arising Challenges" in Detroit, MI, September 1st – 3rd, 2023 at THE HENRY | Autograph Collection.

Our conference brings together SAMS Members, physicians, humanitarians, thought leaders, SAMS staff, and of course our dedicated SAMS Members and supporters. The conference includes a one-day Scientific Program, CME-accredited by the University of Chicago. This year, our Scientific Program focuses on developments in academic medicine, law and medicine, and digital transformations in medicine. The program includes sessions on electronic health record documentation, training future physicians in the ACGME world, understanding physician employee contracts and employee rights in productive medical practice, the influence of artificial intelligence on medicine, and much more. The conference will feature lectures by esteemed professionals and includes upwards of 4 hours of CME credit!

On Saturday evening, SAMS will hold our Annual Gala Dinner, from 6:30 PM – 11:00 PM. We invite you, your families, and colleagues to join us to get to know SAMS humanitarian work more, hear from SAMS leadership and special speakers, and to receive an update on SAMS latest efforts. Please reach out to the conference organizers to purchase tickets.

Sunday will feature two social events for SAMS members and their families. In the morning, join us for a Riverwalk Tour of downtown Detroit between 10:00 AM and noon. Following the tour, Dr. Bakri Kaakeh is graciously hosting SAMS Family Picnic from 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM. Transportation is available for both events. Please purchase tickets as soon as possible as seats are limited.

We hope that the conference and social provide a venue for reconnection and refocusing of our collective mission to enrich SAMS Members' academic and educational endeavors and to continue to strengthen our humanitarian efforts in Syria and beyond. As always, thank you all for your constant dedication to SAMS, our Members, and the communities and people we serve.

Sincerely,



Mufaddal Hamadeh, MD
President, Syrian American Medical Society



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY 9/1/2023

2:00 PM – 6:00 PM: Student & Resident Retreat

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM: Opening Ceremony & Reception

SATURDAY 9/2/2023

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM: Breakfast

8:00 AM – 1:30 PM: Scientific Program

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM: Lunch

6:30 PM – 11:00 PM: Gala Dinner

SUNDAY 9/3/2023

10:00 AM – 12:30 PM: Bus Tour to Downtown Detroit Riverfront

1:00 PM – 6:00 PM: SAMS Family Picnic

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

SEPTEMBER 2nd, 2023

SESSION 1 – ACADEMIC MEDICINE

START – END	LECTURE TITLE:	SPEAKER:
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Introduction & Welcome	
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Training Future Physicians in the ACGME World: Limitations and Opportunities	Mohamad Ammar Hatahet MD, MPH, FACP
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Building a Successful Career in Academic Medicine	M. Safwan Badr, MD, MBA
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Southeast Michigan Center for Medical Education – BCBSM Electronic Health Record Collaborative	Leland A. Babitch, MD, MBA

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM Coffee Break

SESSION 2 – LAW & MEDICINE

START – END	LECTURE TITLE:	SPEAKER:
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Legal Minefields in Medical Practice	Shereef Akeel, JD
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Physician Employee Contracts	Leen Nachawati, JD Nabila Rabaa, JD
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Panel Discussion and Q&A	

12:00 PM – 12:30 PM Coffee Break

SESSION 3 – DIGITAL TRANSFORMATIONS IN MEDICINE

START – END	LECTURE TITLE:	SPEAKER:
12:30 PM – 1:00 PM	Artificial Intelligence in Medical Practice; Where are we?	Anas M. Saad, MD

SESSION 4 – PHYSICIAN WELLNESS

START – END	LECTURE TITLE:	SPEAKER:
1:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Combating Burnout in Healthcare	Christopher Corbin, PsyD, DLLP

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM Lunch



SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Mohamad Ammar Hatahet MD, MPH, FACP

Dr. Hatahet is dually board certified in Internal Medicine and Obesity Medicine in solo private practice with primary emphasis on Diabetes and Weight Loss. During his tenure on the academic faculty at Wayne State University from 1994 to 2003, he served as director of Ambulatory Practices and Interim Chief of General Internal Medicines. He also directed the Medical Weight Loss Program and was involved with clinical research surrounding diabetes and weight loss. After that he was recruited to be the Director of the Primacy Care Initiative at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Dr. Hatahet continues to be involved with teaching and research and has served as the Director of Clinical Research at McLaren Oakland from January 2011 to June 2016.

In addition, Dr. Hatahet has been the Chairperson of the corporate wide McLaren HealthCare Institutional Review Board since February 2012 and the Internal Medicine Residency Program director since June 2018.

Leland A. Babitch, MD, MBA

Dr. Leland Babitch is iMPROve Health's president and CEO. His more than 20 years of healthcare experience includes a broad range of leadership positions that encompass clinical expertise, health information technology and healthcare quality improvement. Dr. Babitch also has extensive experience in strategic planning, analytics, critical decision making, and organizational development and governance.

Prior to joining iMPROve Health, Dr. Babitch served as an executive medical director at The Advisory Board Company, where he worked on several large-scale Cerner implementations. He also has served as a subject matter expert for projects ranging from revenue cycle/documentation/coding improvement to charitable work around pediatric food insecurity. Prior to that, Dr. Babitch served as a senior vice president and the chief medical information officer (CMIO) for the Detroit Medical Center (DMC), an eight-hospital system in the Detroit area. He was responsible for EHR operations, training and development for more than 2,500 staff physicians and 800+ residents and fellows. As a member of the DMC senior management team and clinical transformation enterprise, Dr. Babitch achieved HIMSS Stage 6 recognition, Meaningful Use Stage 1, and Leapfrog CPOE recognition for all his eligible sites. He also participated as a primary author on the successful bid for a Beacon Grant, worth \$16.2 million, from the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.

Dr. Babitch's other roles have included serving as a medical director with United Healthcare, and chief compliance officer for his 150-member pediatric group. Prior to this, Dr. Babitch was a successful, private pediatrician in the St. Louis area and the leader of his group's IT committee. He continues to practice pediatrics at the DMC; he also teaches pediatrics and medical administration for the Department of Pediatrics at Wayne State University, where he is an assistant professor.

Dr. Babitch received his medical degree from the Wayne State University School of Medicine, and he completed his residency training in pediatrics at St. Louis Children's Hospital/Washington University. He earned an MBA from Michigan State University and he completed his B.A. in Genetics and Developmental Biology at Northwestern University. He is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, a Certified Medical Practice Executive, and is board certified in both pediatrics and medical informatics.



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M. Safwan Badr, MD, MBA

Dr. Badr is the chair of the Wayne State University School of Medicine Department of Internal Medicine. A professor of Internal Medicine, Physiology and Biomedical Engineering, Dr. Badr is chief of the WSU Division of Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine, and a staff physician at the John D. Dingell VA Medical Center. Dr. Badr is an internationally known sleep disorders researcher and research mentor. He has mentored numerous trainees and junior faculty members who have launched successful academic careers. A graduate of Damascus University Medical School in Syria, he 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. He also completed a master's of Business Administration degree at the University of Tennessee. Dr. Badr has served on multiple national and international medical societies, including on the boards of directors of the American Thoracic Society and the American Academy of Sleep Medicine.

Leen Nachawati, JD Nabila Rabaa, JD

Nabila Rabaa and Leen Nachawati are Managing Partners at Rabaa and Nachawati, specializing in physician, dental and healthcare provider legal agreements. Before going into private practice, Nabila and Leen worked as prosecutors at Oakland County Prosecutor's Office. Both attorneys focus on drafting, reviewing, and negotiating employment contracts and other relevant legal documents, representing both individual employees as well as various entities, including private medical and dental practices and non-profit medical organizations.

Anas M. Saad, MD

Dr. Saad is a third-year pathology resident at DMC/WSU living in Michigan his wife and 3-year old son. He graduated from Ain Shams University (Cairo, Egypt) in 2019 and worked for 2 years at Cleveland Clinic as a research fellow before starting residency. He has over 100 peer-reviewed publications which have received multiple awards and been cited over 4,000 times. He has a special interest in informatics and artificial intelligence and is building a profile for a pathology informatics career. Dr. Saad is currently focusing on AI systems that use image analysis to aid pathology diagnostics.

Christopher Corbin, PsyD, DLLP

Dr. Corbin earned his doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology from the Michigan School of Psychology in 2022. He completed his pre-doctoral internship at the Central Arkansas VA Health System, in Little Rock Arkansas. He is completing a two-year fellowship in Clinical Health Psychology and Medical Education at McLaren Flint. He holds a clinical appointment with Michigan State University Colleges of Human and Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Corbin also spent 8 years in the United States Marines where he served as a Career Retention and Combat Operational Stress Officer. His research interests focus on health promotion disease prevention, suicide prevention, and provider wellbeing.



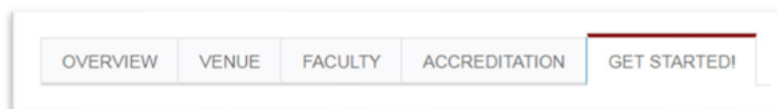
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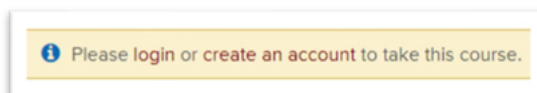
Mr. Akeel co-founded his law firm of Akeel Valentine in 2005. For the past 26 years, Akeel has specialized and litigated in areas, of Employment, Civil Rights and Whistleblower law, and consults often with employers, professionals, physicians, and others. By way of legal trial experience, Akeel has been recognized as a Top 100 Trial Lawyer by the American Trial Lawyers Association (ATLA), a Lawyer of the Year by the Michigan Lawyers Weekly, Super lawyer for past 17 years, and has been nationally recognized by US News & World News Report as a Tier One Civil Rights lawyer. Akeel has been involved in several high-profile class action employment cases. Akeel has also prosecuted several high-profile False Claims Act (Qui Tam) suits representing whistleblowers who reported fraudulent conduct including Medicare and Medicaid fraud against the United States. Akeel has obtained million-dollar verdicts and settlements for his clients both in federal and state courts. Akeel has also been involved in several noteworthy class action lawsuits challenging the no-fly list, and interrogation procedures at the border and abroad. Akeel has taken his work internationally in filing human rights class action lawsuits against corporate profiteers like Blackwater on behalf of victims, who were tortured in Abu Gharib, and elsewhere. Akeel has managed to obtain settlements and justice for many victims through litigation, and the art of mediation.

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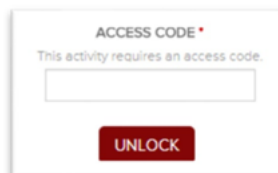
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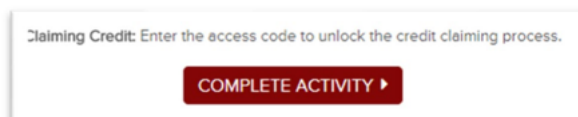
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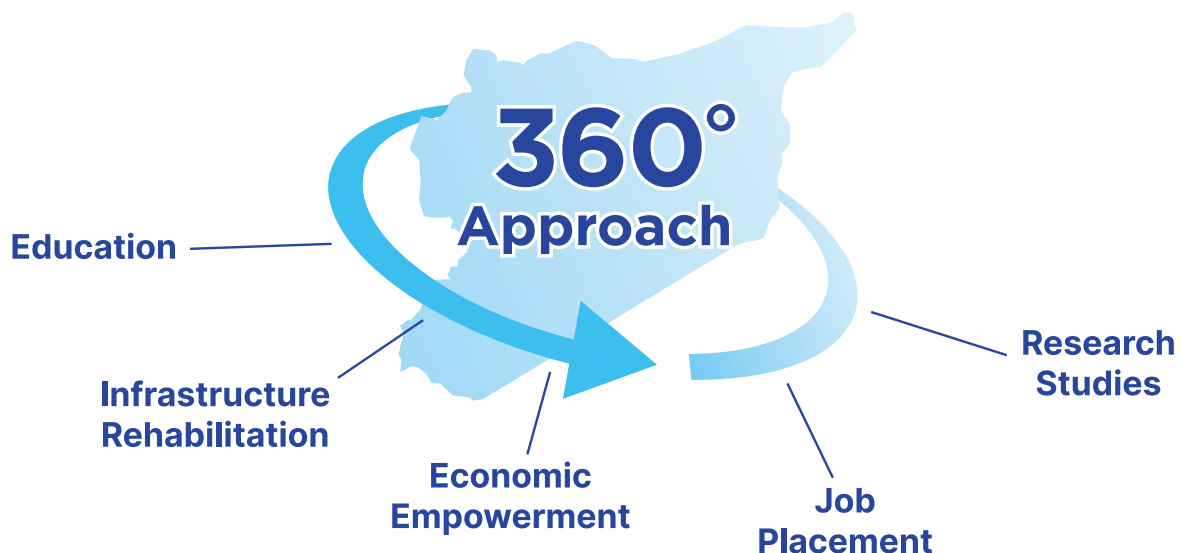
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