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Dr Saad is the Director of Vascular & Interventional Radiology (VIR) and Vice Chair of Imageguided Procedures at the University of Utah.

Dr Saad Graduated from Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt and after completing his surgery internship and military service in Egypt, he joined Union Memorial Hospital, Johns Hopkins University Affiliated Surgery Internship in Baltimore, Maryland.

He then did research in Interventional Radiology at Johns Hopkins followed by Radiology Residency at the University of Rochester in upstate New York. His IR Fellowship was at the Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology, Washington University, St. Louis, MO.

He then joined the University of Rochester for 4 years being promoted from Assistant to Associated Professor. He then went on to the University of Virginia for 5 years as their VIR-Fellowship Programme Director and was promoted there from Associate to Full-Professor.

After that, he joined the University of Michigan for under 6 years where he was Director of Vascular & Interventional Radiology and Medical Director of the institution's non-cardiac hybrid labs. He then joined the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for 4 years where he was Operations Head of Interventional Radiology.

He is the former Chair of the Standards of Practice Committee of the Society of Interventional Radiology and is recognized nationally and internationally in the IR fields of Portal Hypertension, Liver Transplantation and Hepato-Biliary Diseases. He is nationally known for the management of vascular disease: both arterial and venous.

In the last 20 years, Dr Saad has been active in global outreach focused on the Middle East, North Africa and Sub-Saharan Africa. He is the co-founder of the Middle East Endovascular Therapy (MEET) Symposium and is the co-founder and Founding Executive of SAFIRE: Society of African Interventional Radiology and Endovascular-therapy. In February-2023 he was the elected inaugural president of SAFIRE for a 2-year term.