Welcome

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for joining us at the Inaugural Weesam AlKhatib MD Visiting Professorship. We are delighted, in partnership with the AlKhatib family, to be honoring Dr. AlKhatib's memory with this annual event. Beginning this year we will highlight different facets of Dr. AlKhatib's professional interests through the lens of this lectureship. We hope through our efforts that his memory will live on in the minds of our colleagues and inspire generations of future trainees.

Please also join me in welcoming the AlKhatib family to today's event.

Sincerely,

Ronald L. Dalman, M.D.
Anton Sidawy, MD, MPH, DFSVS, FACS

Dr. Sidawy is Professor and the Lewis B. Saltz Chair of the Department of Surgery at the George Washington University Medical Center. He assumed this position after completing a 14-year tenure as the Chief of Surgery at the Washington DC VA Medical Center in Washington DC. Dr. Sidawy is a Vascular Surgeon; he completed his Vascular Surgery Fellowship at Boston University Hospital. He also obtained an M.P.H. degree in Health Care Administration from George Washington University. He serves on the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate of the University.

He has published more than 140 peer reviewed articles, along with 55 chapters and numerous abstracts, and has made several national and international presentations; his publications span the clinical, research, and educational fields. In addition, Dr. Sidawy concluded a 7.5-year term as the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Vascular Surgery: Venous and Lymphatic Disorders in 2013 and the Journal of Vascular Surgery - Cases in 2015, and served as their Founding Editor-in-Chief. He edited three textbooks: the Basic Science of Vascular Disease in 1997; Diabetic Foot, Lower Extremity Arterial Disease, and Limb Salvage published in 2006; and the 9th edition of Rutherford's Vascular Surgery and Endovascular therapy in 2018, a two-volume text often called the bible of the specialty.

Dr. Sidawy currently serves on the Board of Regents of the American College of Surgeons. His previous positions included: a 10-year tenure as the Director of the Vascular Surgery Fellowship Program at Georgetown University and the Washington Hospital Center in Washington, DC; a member of the Vascular Surgery Board of the American Board of Surgery; the Chair of the Distinguished Fellows Council of the Society for Vascular Surgery; and the President of the Society for Vascular Surgery, the largest national professional organization in the specialty. He is also the Past President of the Vascular Disease Foundation, a multi-specialty organization with a mission to improve the education and awareness of vascular disease and health, and the umbrella organization of the PAD and the Venous Disease coalitions. He also served as President of the Society for Clinical Vascular Surgery, the Eastern Vascular Society, the Chesapeake Vascular Society, the Metropolitan Washington Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, and the Washington Academy of Surgeons.

He is the recipient of a number of awards and honors, including The LaSalle D. Lefall award for "Outstanding contributions to the profession of surgery and to the entire metropolitan Washington community" from the Metropolitan Washington Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. In addition, the Chapter has named a lectureship after Dr. Sidawy for his more than 20 years of service to the Chapter. Also, the 2009 New York Vascular Fellows Competition Award was named after Dr. Sidawy; this is a clinical and basic scientific competition of all vascular fellows and residents in training programs in the eastern region of the United States.
The Weesam AlKhatib Education Endowment Fund has been established by the AlKhatib family in memory of Stanford Vascular Surgeon Dr. Weesam AlKhatib. Dr. AlKhatib, who passed away in 2012 at the age of 34 from a rare form of cancer, was a clinical instructor of Vascular Surgery. He tended to patients at both Stanford Hospital and the Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System.

Dr. AlKhatib was a consummate surgeon, scholar, mentor, and friend, and he is sorely missed by his colleagues, family, and friends. Throughout most of his terminal illness, he continued to care for his patients and teach residents. His contributions made a significant impact to resident education within the Division of Vascular Surgery, Department of Surgery.

In honor of Dr. AlKhatib’s dedication to excellence in education and patient care, his family has established an endowed education fund to memorialize his legacy in the Division of Vascular Surgery. This fund will support an annual academic lecture series broadly to vascular science and graduate medical education.