Lattouf, Omar Brief Bio
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Omar M Lattouf MD PhD FACC FACS, Professor of Surgery, Emory University School of Medicine and Medical Director and Chief of Cardiothoracic Surgery Tanner Health System, in the State of Georgia, USA. Dr. Lattouf is Founder and Chair of Gaza Health Initiative, Founder and Chair of the Academy of Life Sciences, and serves as Trustee of Hebron University and the NAAMA Foundation. Dr Lattouf has published over 200 peer-reviewed scientific articles in the fields of cardiology, cardiothoracic surgery, transplantation, graduate medical education, online education and on the intersection between healthcare delivery, education and communication technologies. Dr. Lattouf has published several chapters in medical textbooks and authored a book titled, “Heartfelt Stories. The Life of a Heart Surgeon”.

Dr. Lattouf interest extends into educating physician online education, particularly for underserved areas. Upon attending the inaugural Harvard Medical School Surgical Leadership Program in 2019, Dr Lattouf with partner universities, organizations and healthcare centers from around the globe has worked to launch an Executive Education Program for Physician Leadership in the Business and Management of Healthcare.

Dr Lattouf has hosted international conferences in the fields of cardiology, cardiac surgery, cardiometabolic syndrome, telemedicine, artificial intelligence, and on issue of public health.

Dr. Lattouf holds a doctorate in neurosciences, doctor of medicine, diplomate of the American Board of Surgery and the American Board of Thoracic Surgery.

Post-Graduate Education:

- Doctorate of Philosophy, Neuroscience (1977) - Emory University
- Doctor of Medicine (1980)- Emory University
- Surgical Leadership Program, Harvard University 2019

Board Certification:

- American Board of Surgery
- American Board of Thoracic Surgery
- Jordan Board of Surgery

National and International Board Appointments:

- President, International Federation of Healthcare Thought Leaders
- Chairman, National Arab American Medical Foundation
- Member, Board of Trustees, Hebron University, Hebron Palestine
- President & Co-founder, U-Beyond Mentorship

Clinical Expertise and Special Accomplishments:

- Certified: American Board of Thoracic Surgery with over 30 years of experience in complex cardiac procedures.

- Active in clinical practice and teaching in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery at Emory University affiliated hospital.
- Clinical areas of interest include:
    - On-Pump and Off-Pump Coronary Revascularization,
    - Complex Heart Valve Repair and Replacement,
    - Lesser Invasive Cardiac Procedures,
    - Surgical Correction of Aortic Pathology,
    - Lesser Invasive Heart Masses Retrieval using Catheter –based Technology,
    - Resynchronization Therapy - Pace Maker implantation,
    - Surgical Atrial Fibrillation Therapy,
    - Temporary Mechanical Assist Devices
    - In 1988 Dr. Lattouf with Emory cardiac colleague co-performed Georgia's first domino heart transplant, and in 1989 participated in implanting the state's first Abiomed biventricular assist system.
    - In 2001 performed world's first totally endoscopic left ventricular resynchronization.