

SYNOPSIS SUMMARY OF CURRICULUM VITAE

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Issam A. Awad was born in Beirut, Lebanon September 23, 1956. After completing his secondary studies in Lebanon, Dr Awad pursued his college education in the United States, receiving the Bachelor of Sciences degree in Biochemistry (Summa Cum Laude) in 1976, Master of Sciences degree in Biochemistry in 1979, and Doctor of Medicine degree in 1980, all from Loma Linda University in California. He graduated First in his medical school class and received the "Student Investigator of the Year" Award, the Griggs Medical Scholarship Award, and was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. Dr Awad completed his residency training in neurological surgery at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in 1985, including neurotraumatology training at the Head and Spinal Injury Unit of the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh in Scotland (1983), and the Crile Traveling Fellowship (1985). He completed a fellowship in Neurovascular Surgery at the Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix, Arizona (1985-1986) and was a full-time faculty member at Stanford University School of Medicine (1986-1987). In 1987 he returned to the Cleveland Clinic where he was Head of the Section of Epilepsy Surgery (1988-1992), Head of the Section of Cerebrovascular Surgery and Surgical Director of the Cerebrovascular Center (1990-1993), and Vice-Chairman of the Department of Neurological Surgery (1991-1993). He then moved to Yale University School of Medicine in 1993 as Director of the Neurovascular Surgery Program and the Yale Cerebrovascular Center, and in 1994 he was promoted to Professor, and in 1997 he was appointed to the endowed Nixdorff-German Chair in Neurosurgery at Yale. In January 2001 Dr Awad joined the University of Colorado School of Medicine as the Ogsbury-Kindt Chair in Neurosurgery and Professor of Neurosurgery, Neurology and Pathology. In October 2003, he relocated to Chicago as Professor of Neurosurgery and Vice-chairman for Research and Program Development Northwestern University, and as Director of Neurovascular Surgery and Neurocritical Care, and co-Director of Stereotactic Radiosurgery at NorthShore University HealthSystem (Evanston Hospital). In 2010, he was recruited to lead the Neurovascular Surgery Program at the University of Chicago, and is a Professor of Surgery (Neurosurgery) in the Biological Sciences Division at the University of Chicago and the Pritzker School of Medicine. He also serves as an Adjunct Professor of Biomedical Engineering at Northwestern University McCormick School of Engineering. Dr Awad is active in the leadership of numerous professional and learned societies. He has served on the Executive Committees of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons and the American Stroke Association, and on the Board of Governors of the American College of Surgeons. He was the Chairman of the Joint Cerebrovascular Section of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and the Congress of Neurological Surgeons, and the 51st President of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons. Dr Awad has authored over 300 scientific papers and book chapters, and has edited twelve books dealing with cerebrovascular surgery and other aspects of neurological surgery. He has presented over 400 papers and lectures at major meetings and symposia, has been a visiting professor at numerous institutions in the United States and abroad, and has been recognized among America's Best Doctors and Best Teachers. Dr Awad has made numerous scientific contributions including the characterization of subcortical ischemic lesions in the aged, advances in the understanding of the natural history and biologic behavior of cerebral vascular malformations, numerous technical advances in neurovascular and epilepsy surgery, and is a recognized expert in the treatment of neurovascular disease, hemorrhagic stroke and neurosurgical critical care.