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## **PERSONAL DATA:**

Date of Birth: March 7, 1968  
Place of Birth: Beirut, Lebanon  
Nationality: Lebanese  
Married: Leila Kabalan  
Children: Samer, Maya and Nour

## **CURRENT APPOINTMENT:**

Professor and Chairman, Department of Surgery Oct 1, 2018 - current  
The Gilbert and Rose-Marie Chaghoury School of Medicine  
Lebanese American University (LAU) – Rizk Hospital.

## **CERTIFICATIONS/ LICENSURE:**

Diplomate, American Board of Surgery 1998, re-certified 2009.  
E.C.F.M.G. certificate, June 1992.  
F.L.E.X., June 1993.  
State of California, July 1998 – 2014.  
Lebanese medical license 1999 – present.

## **EDUCATION:**

The American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon 1985 -1988  
Bachelor of Science, Chemistry.  
The American University of Beirut Faculty of Medicine, 1988 - 1992  
Beirut, Lebanon  
Doctor of Medicine.

## POST-GRADUATE TRAINING:

Internship, General Surgery Washington Hospital Center, Washington, D.C.	1992 - 1993
Residency, General Surgery Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH	1993 - 1997
Surgical Endoscopy (ERCP) Fellowship Mt. Sinai Medical Center, Cleveland, OH	1997 - 1998
Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery Fellowship, University of California, San Francisco, CA.	1998 - 1999

## PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

- **American University of Beirut** **2005-2018**

Professor of Clinical Surgery	Sept 15 - Sept 18
Vice-Chair for Clinical Affairs, Department of Surgery	Feb 17 - Sept 18
Associate Professor of Clinical Surgery	Jan 06 - Aug 15
Visiting Associate Professor of Clinical Surgery	Oct 1- Dec 31, 2005
- **Stanford University / VA Palo Alto Health Care System** **1999-2005**

Visiting staff surgeon, VA Palo Alto HCS	Jul – Oct 06
Director, Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellowship	2003 - 2005
Assistant Professor of Surgery, Stanford University	2001 – 2005
Prov Court Teach Med Staff, Stanford University Hospitals	2000 – 2005
Staff Surgeon, VA Palo Alto Health Care System	1999 – 2005
- **University of California, San Francisco**

Clinical Instructor	<b>1998 - 1999</b>
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## TEACHING ACTIVITIES:

### Lebanese American University: Oct 2019 – current

Lecturer, Surgery Clerkship, Esophagus and Stomach  
Weekly Chairman's round  
OSCE examiner

### American University of Beirut: Oct 2005-September 30, 2018

Lecturer, **Surgery Clerkship** Stomach and Duodenum  
Lecturer, **Surgery Clerkship** Surgical Treatment of Obesity  
Lecturer, **Surgery Clerkship** Spleen  
Lecturer, **Surgery Clerkship** Endocrine Surgery  
Moderator, **Surgery Residency Core Curriculum**  
Esophagus and Diaphragmatic Hernia

Physiologic Monitoring of the Surgical patient  
Professionalism in Surgery  
Adrenal Gland

**Stanford University School of Medicine: 1999-2005**

Lecturer, **Surg 300A. General Surgery Clerkship** Peri-operative care, 2000 – 3/2004.  
Lecturer, **Surg 300A. General Surgery Clerkship** Benign disease of the esophagus, 2001-present  
Lecturer, **ME 294. Medical device design** Laparoscopic surgery, 2002 - present  
Lecturer, **Surg 254. Operative anatomy and technique** General Surgical procedures, 2003 – present  
Lecturer, **Surgery Core Course** Esophageal function testing, October 2002  
Lecturer, **Stanford Surgery Core Course** Splenectomy for Hematologic Disorders 2005

**Courses and Workshops:**

Moderator: **Revisional Bariatric Surgery Master Class**. Bahrain BDF Military Hospital. Kingdom of Bahrain. November 27-28, 2019.

Course Instructor: **Bariatric Surgery Master Class** – Covidien Training Institute – Istanbul Turkey October 9-10, 2019.

Course Instructor: **Bariatric Surgery Master Class** – Covidien Training Institute – Istanbul Turkey October 8-9, 2018.

Invited faculty: **Advanced Laparoscopic Gastro-intestinal Surgery Wokshop**. Egyptian Liver Hospital. Mansoura Egypt, May 8-9, 2018.

Course Instructor: **Bariatric Surgery Master Class** – Covidien Training Institute – Istanbul Turkey September 18-19, 2017.

Course Instructor: **Bariatric Surgery Master Class** – Covidien Training Institute – Istanbul Turkey March 27, 28, 2017.

Course Instructor: **Bariatric Surgery Master Class** – Covidien Training Institute – Istanbul Turkey October 3-4, 2016.

Course Instructor: **Bariatric Surgery Master Class** – Acibadem University CASE – Istanbul Turkey December 10-11, 2015.

Course Instructor: **Bariatric Surgery Master Class** – Covidien Training Institute – Istanbul Turkey June , 2015.

Director: **Laparoscopic Sleeve Gatsrectomy Workshop**. Bikhazi Medical Group. Beirut, Lebanon January 21-22, 2015.

Course Instructor: **Bariatric Surgery Master Class** – Covidien Training Institute– Istanbul Turkey Feb 24-25, 2014.

Director: **Bariatric Surgery Workshop** – Iraqi Visiting Surgeons. Bikhazi Medical Group. Beirut, Lebanon February 18-19<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Director: **Revisional Bariatric Surgery Workshop** – Middle Eas Medical Assembly (MEMA) 2013. AUBMC, Beirut Lebanon. May 11<sup>th</sup> 2013.

Invited surgeon, **Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy Workshop. National Guard Hospital, Jeddah**, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. January 19,20 2013.

Invited surgeon, **Laparoscopic Gastric Bypass Workshop. Air Base Hospital in Dammam**, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. February 25-27, 2012.

Course co-Director, **Advanced laparoscopic surgery for Iraqi Surgeons** sponsored by the Iraqi Ministry of Health. **AUBMC**:

April 6-8 2011  
December 13-15 2010  
November 11-13, 2010  
November 4-6, 2010  
November 16,17 2009  
October 22,23 2009  
July 9,10 2009

Course co-Director, **Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery for Junior Saudi Surgeons. AUBMC.**

May 4-6, 2011-05-21  
Septrember 30-Oct 1, 2010

Course Director. **Abdominal Wall Recontruction Workshop. AUBMC.** December 2,3 2010.

Course co-Director, **Nurse's Bariatric Surgery Workshop AUBMC**, October 21, 22 2010.

Invited Surgeon, **Laparoscopic Bariatric Surgery Workshop, Hamad Hospital in Qatar – Al Khor** November 14,15, 2009

Invited Surgeon, **Laparoscopic Bariatric Surgery Workshop. Larnaca, Cyprus.**  
February 5, 2011  
July 29, 2009

Invited Surgeon, **Laparoscopic Endocrine and Bariatric Surgery Workshop, Al Difaa Hospital Bahrain**, April 13-14, 2009

Course co-Director, **Advanced Techniques in Metabolic Surgery, AUBMC**, Feb 19-20, 2009

Course Director, **Laparoscopic Hernia Repair, AUBMC**, November 28, 2008

Invited Surgeon, **Laparoscopic Gastric Bypass Workshop, Syria**, September 6-7, 2008

Course co-Director, **Laparoscopic Bariatric Surgery, AUBMC**, August 8-9, 2008

Course Director, **Laparoscopic Hernia Repair, AUBMC**, May 18-19, 2008

Invited Surgeon. **Laparoscopic Hernia Repair Workshop.** Rashid Hospital. Dubai, United Arab Emirates  
Course co-Director, **Advanced Techniques in Metabolic Surgery, AUBMC**, Feb 19-2,0 2008

Invited Surgeon, **Laparoscopic Gastric Bypass Workshop, King Abdallah University Hospital, Irbid Jordan** June 9, 2007

Invited Surgeon, **Laparoscopic Gastric Bypass Workshop, Al Assad University Hospital, Damascus** March 29, 2007

Invited Surgeon, **Laparoscopic Gastric Bypass Workshop, Kuwait (Adan , Military and Amiri Hospitals)** June 17-20, 2006

Course Director, **Laparoscopic Roux-y Gastric Bypass Workshop, AUBMC**, March 24-25, 2006.

Course Director, **Laparoscopic Roux-y Gastric Bypass Workshop, AUBMC**, March 3-4, 2006  
Course Director, **Advanced Laparoscopic Surgical Techniques, AUBMC**, March 10-11, 2006  
Course Director, **Advanced Laparoscopic Surgical Techniques, AUBMC**, Feb 10-11, 2006  
Course co-Director, **Laparoscopic Colon and Rectal Surgery Workshop, AUBMC**, Jan 2006  
Course Director, **Laparoscopic Roux-y Gastric Bypass Workshop, AUBMC**, Jan 2006  
Course instructor, **Laparoscopic Roux-y Gastric Bypass Workshop, AUBMC**, Sept 2005  
Course instructor, **Minimally invasive colorectal surgery. Ethicon Endosurgery, Stanford, CA** Nov. 2003, May 2004, Oct 2004, Feb 2005  
Course instructor, **UCSF Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery**, 1999 - 2002  
Course instructor, **Stanford resident laparoscopic surgery workshop**, Feb 1999

**Examiner:**

Saudi Board of General Surgery  
Arab Board of General Surgery

**ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS:**

• **LAU/LAUMC**

Chair, Department of Surgery The Gilbert and Rose-Marie Chaghoury School of Medicine. Oct 1, 2019 - present  
LAU St. John Medical Center Operational committee 2019-2020  
LAU St. John Medical Center Procurement committee 2019-2020  
The Gilbert and Rose-Marie Chaghoury School of Medicine  
Academic Council Oct 2018 – present  
Curriculum committee – member 2019  
Admissions committee – member 2019  
Facilities committee – member 2019  
Bylaws committee – member 2019  
Central accreditation committee – member 2019  
Staff and faculty development committee – member 2019  
LAU Medical Center Rizk Hospital  
Medical Board – member Oct 2018 – present  
Operating room committee – Chair 2019  
Performance Improvement Committee – member 2019  
Tissue committee – member 2019

- **AUB/AUBMC (2005-2018):**

- Director, Metabolic and Bariatric Surgical Unit, AUB Medical Center 2016-2018.
- Professional Fee Review Committee-member, AUB Medical Center.
- Tissue and Case Review Committee-member, AUB Medical Center 2005-2018.
- Nutrition and Dietary Committee – member, AUB Medical Center 2006-2017.
- Patient Satisfaction Task Force AUBMC Co-Chair 2009-2010.
- OR Renovation Committee – 2011.
- OR task force – Chair, AUBMC 2006.
- Antimicrobial Usage Committee- member, AUB Medical Center 2006.
- OR strategic planning committee – member, AUB 2006.
- Laparoscopy Committee-co chair AUB Medical Center, 2006.
- Graduate Medical Education Committee – member, AUB Medical Center 2006.

**DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY:**

Vice-Chair for Clinical Affairs, Department of Surgery Feb 2017- Sept. 2018.  
General Surgery Program Director, Jan 2006-2007.

**AUB:**

Co-Director Nutrition and Obesity related disorders (NORD) – Global Health Initiative (GHI) – AUB 2017-2018.  
Tenure committee - member, AUB 2006.  
Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee- member AUB, 2006.

Middle East Medical Assembly MEMA:

Middle East Medical Assembly (MEMA) 2013 Scientific committee – member.  
Middle East Medical Assembly (MEMA) 2010 Scientific committee Co-Chairman.  
Middle East Medical Assembly (MEMA) 2009 Scientific committee Co-Chairman.  
Middle East Medical Assembly (MEMA) 2007 Scientific committee – member.

- **LEBANESE SOCIETY FOR GENERAL SURGERY:**

- International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity (IFSO) Lebanon Chapter.  
President-Elect 2018-current.  
Secretary 2016-2018.

- **PAN-ARAB SOCIETY FOR METABOLIC AND BARIATRIC SURGERY:**

- Chair: Scientific, Education and Research committee 2017-2018.

- **INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR THE SURGERY OF OBESITY (IFSO) MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA (MENA) CHAPTER.**

- Chair: Scientific, Education and Research committee 2018-2020.

- **REMOTE:**

MIS Fellowship Director, Stanford University, 2003–2005.  
Membership committee, Association of VA Surgeons, 2003–2005.  
Surgical Quality Assurance Committee, Stanford University Hospital, 2003–2005.  
Medical Record Committee, VA Palo Alto HCS, 2001-2002.  
Secretary, AUB N. America Surgical Alumni Society, 2003–2005.  
Arab Board of Health Specializations: Member Surgical Training Committee

**HONORS:**

B.Sc. with Distinction, American University of Beirut, 1988.  
MD with Distinction, American University of Beirut, 1992.  
Penrose Award, American University of Beirut Faculty of Medicine, 1992:  
*“Awarded in recognition for the best combination of the qualities of scholarship, leadership, and contribution to the University”.*  
American University of Beirut Alumni Academic Excellence Award, 1992.  
Alpha Omega Alpha Member AUB 2008-2018.  
Resident Essay Contest : 2nd place, Ohio Chapter, ACS May '95.  
First place proposal, Clinical Research Methods Course, Department of Veterans Affairs Cooperative Studies Program, April 2003.

**MEMBERSHIPS:**

**Active:**

Fellow, American College of Surgeons (ACS)  
Lebanese Order of Physicians  
American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS)  
International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity (IFSO)  
IFSO Lebanon Chapter  
IFSO Middle East and North Africa (MENA) chapter  
Pan-Arab Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery  
Lebanese Society for General Surgery

**Past member:**

Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES)  
Association of VA Surgeons (AVAS)  
Pacific Coast Surgical Association  
ACS Northern CA Chapter  
San Francisco Surgical Society  
San Jose Surgical Society  
Arab American Medical Association  
Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract (SSAT)  
AUB N. America Surgical Alumni Society

**RESEARCH GRANTS:**

Vitamin D in bariatric patients: optimal supplementation protocols in post-operative patients. **Medical Practice Plan (MPP)** grant: 40,000 USD March 2013. co-PI: Dr. Ghada Hajj-Fleihan, Department of Internal Medicine.

The effect of Roux-y-gastric bypass and sleeve gastrectomy on taste Acuity and food preference in morbidly obese subjects. **University Research Board (URB)**, American University of Beirut. Co-PI: Dr. Ammar Olabi; Nutrition and Food Science Department . 9,500 USD. Grant Period 10/10-9/11.

Taste acuity before and after gastric banding and Roux-y-gastric bypass surgery in morbidly obese subjects. **Lebanese Council for Scientific Research**. Co-PI: Dr. Ammar Olabi; Nutrition and Food Science Department . 4667 USD. Grant Period 12/06-12/07.

Taste acuity before and after gastric banding and Roux-y-gastric bypass surgery in morbidly obese subjects. **University Research Board (URB)**, American University of Beirut. Co-PI: Dr. Ammar Olabi; Nutrition and Food Science Department . 7,000 USD. Grant Period 1/06-9/06.

**DYMA Healthcare Grant**. 8,000 USD unrestrcited reasearch grant 2012.

**DYMA Healthcare Grant**. 10,000 USD unrestrcited reasearch grant 2010-2011.

**VA Seed Grant** 15,000\$ Mechanisms of Ghrelin Suppression following Roux-Y-Gastric Bypass in the Obese Zucker Rat. June 2003.

**Pharmacia, Inc.** 6,800\$ Linezolid vs. Vancomycin in the treatment of MRSA complicated soft tissue infections: a multi-center randomized prospective trial. 2002.

## **PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES:**

1. Minhem MA, Alami RS, **Safadi BY**. Long-term outcomes of diabetes after laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass in a Lebanese bariatric practice . *Int J of Diabetes Dev Ctries (In Press)*.
2. Zeeni C, Aouad MT, Daou D, Naji S, Jabbour-Khoury S, Alami RS, **Safadi BY**, Siddik-Sayyid SM. The Effect of Intraoperative Dexmedetomidine Versus Morphine on Postoperative Morphine Requirements After Laparoscopic Bariatric Surgery. *Obes Surg*. 2019 Dec;29(12):3800-3808.
3. Sharara AA, Rustom LB, Bou Daher H, Rimmani HH, Shayto RH, Minhem M, Ichkhanian Y, Aridi H, Al-Abbas A ,Shaib Y, Alami R, **Safadi B**. Prevalence of Gastroesophageal Reflux and Risk Factors for Erosive Esophagitis in Obese Patients Considered for Bariatric Surgery. *Dig Liver Dis* 2019 Oct;51(10):1375-1379.
4. Haddad A, Fobi M, Bashir A, Al Hadad M, ElFawal MH, **Safadi B**, Taha O, AbouzeidM, Alqahtani A, Nimeri A. Outcomes of One Anastomosis Gastric Bypass in the IFSO Middle East North Africa (MENA) Region. *Obes Surg* 2019 Aug;29(8):2409-2414.
5. Minhem MA, **Safadi BY**, Tamim H, Mailhac A, Alami RS. Does intraoperative endoscopy decrease complications after bariatric surgery? Analysis of American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program database. *Surg Endosc*. 2019 Nov;33(11):3629-3634.



6. Minhem MA, **Safadi BY**, Habib RH, Raad EPB, Alami RS. Increased adverse outcomes after laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy in older super-obese patients: analysis of American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program Database. *Surg Obes Relat Dis*. 2018 Oct;14(10):1463-1470.
7. Pujol Rafols J, Al Abbas AI, Devriendt S, Guerra A, Herrera MF, Himpens J, Pardina E, Peinado-Onsurbe J, Ramos A, Ribeiro RJDS, **Safadi B**, Sanchez-Aguilar H, de Vries C, Van Wagenveld B. Roux-en-Y gastric bypass, sleeve gastrectomy, or one anastomosis gastric bypass as rescue therapy after failed adjustable gastric banding: a multicenter comparative study. *Surg Obes Relat Dis*. 2018 Nov;14(11):1659-1666.
8. Abiad F, Khalife D, **Safadi B**, Alami R, Awwad J, Khalifeh F, Ghazeeri G. The effect of bariatric surgery on inflammatory markers in women with polycystic ovarian syndrome. *Diabetes Metab Syndr*. 2018 Nov;12(6):999-1005.
9. Nassar H, Zaghal A, Taher A, Mafouz R, Safadi B, Kanso M, Khalife M, Faraj W. Triple thrombophilic simultaneous mutations in patients after bariatric surgery: is there a role for screening in the Eastern Mediterranean? *J Surg Case Rep*. 2018 Jun;15;2018(6).
10. Minhem MA, Sarkis SF, **Safadi BY**, Fares SA, Alami RS. Comparison of Early Morbidity and Mortality Between Sleeve Gastrectomy and Gastric Bypass in High-Risk Patients for Liver Disease: Analysis of American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program. *Obes Surg*. 2018 Sep;28(9):2844-2851.
11. Dakour Aridi H, Khazen G, **Safadi BY**. Comparison of Outcomes Between Laparoscopic Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass and Sleeve Gastrectomy in a Lebanese Bariatric Surgical Practice. *Obes Surg*. 2018 Feb;28(2):396-404.
12. Dakour Aridi H, Asali M, Fouani T, Alami RS, **Safadi BY**. Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease After Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy with Concomitant Hiatal Hernia Repair: an Unresolved Question. *Obes Surg*. 2017 Nov;27(11):2898-2904.
13. Dakour-Aridi HN, El-Rayess HM, Abou-Abbass H, Abu-Gheida I, Habib RH, **Safadi BY**. Safety of concomitant cholecystectomy at the time of laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy: analysis of the American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program database. *Surg Obes Relat Dis*. 2017 Jun;13(6):934-941.
14. Dakour Aridi HN, Wehbe MR, Shamseddine G, Alami RS, **Safadi BY**. Long-Term Outcomes of Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass Conversion of Failed Laparoscopic Gastric Band. *Obes Surg*. 2017 Jun;27(6):1401-1408.
15. Nimeri A, Al Hadad M, Khoursheed M, Maasher A, Al Qahtani A, Al Shaban T, Fawal H, **Safadi B**, Alderazi A, Abdalla E, Bashir A. The Peri-operative Bariatric Surgery Care in the Middle East Region. *Obes Surg*. 2017 Jun;27(6):1543-1547.
16. Dakour Aridi HN, Tamim H, Mailhac A, **Safadi BY**. Concomitant hiatal hernia repair with laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy is safe: analysis of the ACS-NSQIP database. *Surg Obes Relat Dis*. 2017 Mar;13(3):379-384.
17. Ramly EP, **Safadi BY**, Aridi H, Kantar R, Mailhac A, Alami RS. Concomitant removal of gastric band and gastric bypass: Analysis of outcomes and complications from the ACS-NSQIP database. *Obes Surg*. 2017 Feb;27(2):462-468.
18. Dakour Aridi H, Sultanem S, Abtar H, **Safadi BY**, Fawal H, Alami RS. Management of gallbladder disease after sleeve gastrectomy in a selected Lebanese population. *Surg Obes Relat Dis*. 2016 Aug;12(7):1300-1304.

19. El Lakis MA, Pozzi A, Chamieh J, **Safadi B**. Portomesenteric vein thrombosis after laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy and laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass: a 36-case series. *Surg Endosc*. 2017 Mar;31(3):1005-1011.
20. Labban S, **Safadi B**, Olabi A. Effect of Roux-en-Y gastric bypass and sleeve gastrectomy on taste acuity and sweetness acceptability in postsurgical subjects. *Nutrition*. 2016 Nov-Dec;32(11-12):1299-302.
21. Ramly EP, Alami RS, Tamim H, Kantar R, Elias E, **Safadi BY**. Concomitant removal of gastric band and sleeve gastrectomy: Analysis of outcomes and complications from the ACS-NSQIP database. *Surg Obes Relat Dis*. 2016 Jun;12(5):984-8.
22. Dakour Aridi H, Alami R, Tamim H, Shamseddine G, Fouani T, **Safadi B**. Long-term outcomes of laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy: a Lebanese center experience. *Surg Obes Relat Dis*. 2016 Nov;12(9):1689-1696.
23. Halawani HM, Abdallah M, **Safadi BY**. Repair of major lymphatic duct injury during laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy. *Surg Obes Relat Dis*. 2016 May;12(4):921-922.
24. Aridi HD, Alami RS, Fouani T, Shamseddine G, Tamim H, **Safadi B**. Prevalence of vitamin D deficiency in adults presenting for bariatric surgery in Lebanon. *Surg Obes Relat Dis*. 2016 Feb;12(2):405-11.
25. Dakour-Aridi H, Fawal H, Shaghoury I, **Safadi BY**. Efficacy and Safety of Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy in Adolescents. *Bariatric Surgical Practice and Patient Care*. 2016; 11 (2).
26. **Safadi BY**, Shamseddine G, Elias E, Alami RS. Definitive surgical management of staple line leak after sleeve gastrectomy. *Surg Obes Relat Dis*. 2015 Sep-Oct; 11(5) : 1037-43.
27. Marlene T Chakhtoura, Nancy F Nakhoul, Elie A Akl, **Bassem Y Safadi**, Christos S Mantzoros, Ghada El-Hajj Fuleihan. Vitamin D supplementation for obese adults undergoing bariatric surgery. *The Cochrane Library* 2015.
28. El Labban S, **Safadi B**, Olabi A. The Effect of Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass and Sleeve Gastrectomy Surgery on Dietary Intake, Food Preferences, and Gastrointestinal Symptoms in Post-Surgical Morbidly Obese Lebanese Subjects: A Cross-Sectional Pilot Study. *Obes Surg*. 2015 Dec;25(12):2393-9.
29. Halawani HM, Khalife M, **Safadi B**, Rida K, Boulos F, Khalifeh F. Laparoscopic antral resection with Billroth I reconstruction for a gastric glomus tumor. *Int J Surg Case Rep*. 2014;5(12):1128-31.
30. Hosn MA, Haddad F, El-Merhi F, **Safadi B**, Hallal A. Repair of an aberrant subclavian arterioesophageal fistula following esophageal stent placement. *World J Gastrointest Surg*. 2014 Jun 27;6(6):117-21.
31. Hamdan AL, **Safadi B**, Chamseddine G, Kasty M, Turfe ZA, Ziade G. Effect of Weight Loss on Voice After Bariatric Surgery. *J Voice*. 2014 Sep;28(5):618-23.
32. Musallam KM, Khalife M, Sfeir PM, Faraj W, **Safadi B**, Abi Saad GS, Abiad F, Hallal A, Alwan MB, Peyvandi F, Jamali FR. Postoperative Outcomes After Laparoscopic Compared With Open Splenectomy. *Ann Surg*. 2013;257(6):1116-23.
33. Hage MP, **Safadi B**, Salti I, Nasrallah M. Role of Gut-Related Peptides and Other Hormones in the Amelioration of Type 2 Diabetes after Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass Surgery. *ISRN Endocrinol*. 2012;2012:504756. doi:0.5402/2012/504756. Epub 2012 May 7.

34. Loopo J, Tyrrell D, Jennings R, Harrison M, **Safadi B**, Bratton B, Albenese C. Combined Laparoscopic Splenectomy and Cholecystectomy in Pediatric Patients: A Three-Port Technique. *Pediatric Endosurgery & Innovative Techniques* Vol. 3, No. 2:15 Mar 2009.
35. Loutfi SI, Arabi MS, **Safadi BY**, Haddad MC. Life-threatening liver laceration with arterial hemorrhage complicating percutaneous treatment of hepatic hydatid cyst. *J Med Liban* 2008;56(3):185-8.
36. Davenport DL, Henderson WG, Hogan S, Mentzer RM Jr, Zwischenberger JB; Participants in the Working Conditions of Surgery Residents and Quality of Care Study. Surgery resident working conditions and job satisfaction. *Surgery* 2008;144(2):332-338.
37. Alami RS, Schuster R, Friedland S, Curet MJ, Wren SM, Soetikno R, Morton JM, **Safadi BY**. Transnasal small-caliber esophagogastroduodenoscopy for preoperative evaluation of the high-risk morbidly obese patient. *Surg Endosc* 2007;21(5):758-60.
38. Williams DB, Hagedorn JC, Lawson EH, Galanko JA, **Safadi BY**, Curet MJ, Morton JM. Gastric bypass reduces biochemical cardiac risk factors. *Surg Obes Relat Dis* 2007;3(1):8-13.
39. Schuster R, Singh J, **Safadi BY**, Wren SM. The use of acellular dermal matrix for contaminated abdominal wall defects: wound status predicts success. *Am J Surg* 2006;192(5):594-7.
40. Schuster R, Curet MJ, Alami RS, Morton JM, Wren SM, **Safadi BY**. Concurrent gastric bypass and repair of anterior abdominal wall hernias. *Obes Surg* 2006;16(9):1205-8.
41. Sanchez BR, **Safadi BY**, Kieran JA, Hsu GP, Brodsky JB, Curet MJ, Morton JM. Orogastric tube complications in laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass. *Obes Surg* 2006;16(4):443-7.
42. Sanchez BR, Mohr CJ, Morton JM, **Safadi BY**, Alami RS, Curet MJ. Comparison of totally robotic laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass and traditional laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass. *Surg Obes Relat Dis* 2005;1(6):549-54.
43. Sanchez BR, Morton JM, Curet MJ, Alami RS, **Safadi BY**. Incidental finding of gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GISTs) during laparoscopic gastric bypass. *Obes Surg* 2005;15(10):1384-8.
44. Meneghetti AT, **Safadi B**, Stewart L, Way LW. Local resection of ampullary tumors. *J Gastrointest Surg* 2005; 9(9):1300-6.
45. Alvarado R, Alami RS, Hsu G, **Safadi BY**, Sanchez BR, Morton JM, Curet MJ. The impact of preoperative weight loss in patients undergoing laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass. *Obes Surg* 2005;15(9):1282-6.
46. Alami RS, Morton JM, Sanchez BR, Curet MJ, Wren SM, **Safadi BY**. Laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass at a Veterans Affairs and high-volume academic facilities: a comparison of institutional outcomes. *Am J Surg* 2005;190(5):821-5.
47. Hsu GP, Morton JM, Jin L, **Safadi BY**, Satterwhite TS, Curet MJ. Laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass: differences in outcome between attendings and assistants of different training backgrounds. *Obes Surg* 2005;15(8):1104-10.
48. **Safadi BY**. Trends in insurance coverage for bariatric surgery and the impact of evidence-based reviews. *Surg Clin North Am* 2005; 85: 665-80.

49. Wren SM, Ahmed N, Jamal A, **Safadi BY** . Preoperative Oral Antibiotics in Colorectal Surgery Increase the Rate of Clostridium difficile Colitis. *Arch Surg* 2005; 140: 752-6.
50. **Safadi BY**, Kieran JA, Hall RG, Morton JM, Bellatorre N, et al. Introducing laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass at a Veterans Affairs medical facility. *Am J Surg* 2004;188(5):606-10.
51. Battat AC, Rouse RV, Dempsey L, **Safadi BY**, Wren SM. Institutional commitment to rectal cancer screening results in earlier-stage cancers on diagnosis. *Ann Surg Oncol* 2004;11(11):970-6.
52. **Safadi BY**. Laparoscopic antireflux surgery. *Minerva Chir* 2004;59(5):447-59.
53. **Safadi BY**. Laparoscopic repair of parastomal hernias: early results. *Surg Endosc* 2004; 18(4): 676-89.
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- April 2019** Intra-operative bleeding management during bariatric surgery. Acute intra-thoracic migration of the sleeve – Case series. IFSO MENA Chapter Annual Meeting, Kuwait.
- Feb 2019** Surgical management of Achalasia. The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Kuwait Postgraduate Assembly in Surgery, Kuwait.
- Feb 2019** The surgical treatment of morbid obesity. LAU Department of OB/GYN. LAUMC –Rizk Hosp Beirut Lebanon.
- Jan 2019** A Model of Worldwide Quality Improvement and Patient Safety. Liver cirrhosis and Bariatric Surgery. National Symposium of the IFSO Lebanon Chapter, Dbayeh, Lebanon.
- Dec 2018** The importance of obesity registry and research. Insurance for bariatric services – surgical perspective. Riyadh Obesity Forum, Riyadh Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- Nov 2018** Bariatric surgeons and surgical oncologists can make a great team. Effect of Hiatal Hernia on Gastro-esophageal reflux symptoms after sleeve gastrectomy: a prospective observational study. The 10<sup>th</sup> National Symposium of Bariatric & Metabolic Surgery / First National Symposium of Robotic Surgery. Bucharest, Romania.
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Post Graduate Course: One anastomosis gastric bypass/mini gastric bypass.
- 27/9 Invited speaker: Peri-Operative Considerations in ERAS: Blocks, Fluids, Opiate Management and More.  
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- 28/9 Marketing of Bariatric Surgery may Play a Role in Increasing Surgical Work Load. Accepted abstract: short Communications.

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Complications of Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy  
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**Feb 2018** Overview of Bariatric Surgery.  
Advances in the Management of Obesity. American University of Beirut.  
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**Nov 2017** Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy and Gastric Bypass: a comparison of outcomes. Second Haykal Hospital Scientific Congress. Tripoli, Lebanon.

**Nov 2017** Tailored Guidelines to our Regional Needs in Cancer and Bariatric Surgeries. Hikma Care Symposium. Tunisia, Tunisia.

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Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy Gastric Bypass: a comparison of outcomes.  
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- April 2017** Techniques and complications of Roux-y-gastric Bypass: The 20<sup>th</sup> Spring Lebanese Congress of Surgery. Post-graduate Course in Bariatric Surgery. Beirut Lebanon.
- March 2017** Does the Bougie size matter in Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy? Complications of Bariatric Surgery. First Iraqi International Obesity Surgery Conference. March 10-11, Basra Iraq.
- Jan 2017** Sleeve Gastrectomy after Failed LapBand. Lebanese Society for General Surgery. Lebanese Order of Physicians.
- Nov 2016** Revisional surgery after Failed Gastric Banding. The XIIth Makassed Medical Congress. Beirut, Lebanon.
- June 2016** Laparoscopic Roux-y-gastric bypass conversion of failed laparoscopic gastric band: Outcomes with up to five year follow-up. European Obesity Summit (EOS) 2016 Gothenburg, Sweden, on 1-4 June, 2016.
- April 2016** Robotic Gastrectomy for Gastric Cancer: video presentation. Byblos International Workshop Endoscopy/Surgery. Adma, Lebanon.
- Jan 2016** Hiatal Hernia and Sleeve Gastrectomy. Lebanese Society for General Surgery. Mount Lebanon Hospital, Hazmieh Lebanon.
- Oct 2015** Bariatric Surgery Educational Symposium and Training. Univ Hosp Notre Dame Des Secours. Jbeil Lebanon.
- May 2015** Nutrition in Bariatric Surgery. Lebanese International Nutrition Conference 2015. American University of Beirut Medical Center. Beirut, Lebanon.
- Jan 2015** Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy following Failed Gastric Band. . Lebanese Society for General Surgery. Lebanese Order of Physicians, Beirut Lebanon.
- Jan 2014** Revisional Bariatric Surgery after Failed Lap Band. Lebanese Society for General Surgery. Mount Lebanon Hospital. Lebanon.
- April 2013** Surgical Management of Morbid Obesity. Round Table 1: Obesity is the Question: What will be the Answer - a Scalpel, a Tablet or a Diet?" Second USEK Nutrition Conference; Kaslik, Lebanon.
- Feb 2013** Bariatric surgery: A review. Medical Nutrition Therapy: Challenges and Solutions. American University of Beirut Medical Center. Beirut, Lebanon.
- Nov 2012** Diabetes is a Surgical Disease, Internal Medicine Grand Rounds. American University of Beirut Medical Center.
- October 2012** Bariatric Surgery: An update. Lebanese Society of Family Medicine Annual Meeting. Beirut, Lebanon.
- August 2012** Re-operative Bariatric Surgery. General Surgery Conference. American University of Beirut Medical Center. Beirut, Lebanon.
- March 2012** Re-operative Surgery after Sleeve Gastrectomy

Complications of Surgical Treatment of Achalasia.  
International Laparoscopic Surgery Congress Riyadh Military  
Hospital with the Mediterranean Middle East Endoscopic Surgical  
Association (MMESA).

**March 2012** Bariatric surgery and treatment of diabetes. Lebanese Endocrine Society Meeting. Beirut, Lebanon.

**November 2011** Bariatric Surgery Update. General Surgery Conference. American University of Beirut Medical Center

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**March 2011** Bariatric Surgery and Diabetes Control. Lebanese Order of Physicians Annual Meeting. Tripoli, Lebanon.

**March 2011** Public Session: Obesity – Prevention and Treatment Options. Lebanese Order of Physicians Annual Meeting. Tripoli, Lebanon.

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**March 2010** 1. Laparoscopic conversion of failed sleeve gastrectomy to Roux-y-gastric bypass: how difficult?  
2. Management of post-sleeve gastrectomy complications  
3. Laparoscopic Management of Complications of Achalasia.  
4. Laparoscopic Repair of traumatic diaphragmatic hernia Surgery  
Fourth Lebanese Endoscopic Surgery Society Meeting. Beirut, Lebanon.

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2. Bariatric surgery and oncology  
3. Role of laparoscopy in oncology  
4. Managing ventral hernias during bariatric surgery  
International Conference on Advances in Laparoscopic Surgery. Al-Seef Conference Hall, Al-Khobar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

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2. Re-do bariatric surgery: Lessons learned  
3. Managing ventral hernias during bariatric surgery  
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2. Sleeve gastrectomy fistula: A difficult problem  
3. The Bikini cholecystectomy: an alternative to SILS

The 9<sup>th</sup> Mediterranean & Middle Eastern Endoscopic Surgery (MMESA) Conference. Damascus, Syria

**October 2009** Bariatric Surgery: The primary care approach. 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Lebanese Society of Family Medicine. Beirut, Lebanon

**September 2009** Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy v. Gastric Bypass for the Treatment of Morbid Obesity. Department of Surgery Symposium. American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon

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**April 2009** An overview of weight loss surgery. Middle East Medical Assembly (MEMA), AUB Beirut. Lebanon.

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**March 2009** An Overview of Bariatric Surgery. Anesthesia Morning Conference. AUBMC Beirut. Lebanon

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**November 2006** Surgical Treatment of morbid obesity: Indications and outcomes. Medical Grand Rounds. American University of Beirut.

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3. Moderator, Laparoscopic Bariatric Surgery

Advances in Laparoscopic Surgery. Arab Health Exhibition. Dubai, UAE.

**December 2005.** The Surgical Treatment of Diabetes in the Obese. King Faisal Specialist Hospital. Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

**Nov 2005.** The Surgical Treatment of Diabetes in the Obese. Diabetes Day: Lebanese Endocrinology Society. Beirut, Lebanon.

**Oct 2005.** Laparoscopic Roux-en-y gastric bypass for the treatment of morbid obesity. Surgical Grand Rouds: American University of Beirut. Beirut, Lebanon

**Sept 2005.** 1. The impact of obesity on metabolic syndrome and diabetes.

2. Bariatric surgery: Long-term impact on morbidity and mortality.
3. The use of acellular human dermis (Alloderm) in the management of complicated abdominal wound closure.

XIth Clinical Congress, American College of Surgeons, Lebanon Chapter. Beirut, Lebanon.

**May 2005.** Obesity: impact on morbidity and mortality. American College of Surgeons, Northern CA Chapter, San Francisco, CA.

**March 2005.** Bariatric surgery: an overview. Trends 2005: San Jose Peninsula District. CA Dietetics Association. San Jose, CA.

**March 2005.** Bariatric surgery. Advances in Gastroenterology for the Primary Care Physician: update 2005. Stanford, CA.

**January 2005.** Bariatric Surgery: Long Term Impact on Morbidity and Mortality. Stanford University Surgical Grand Rounds, Stanford, CA.

**June 2004.** Laparoscopic vs. Open Surgery. National Arab American Medical Association (NAAMA) convention. Beirut, Lebanon.

**June 2004.** Moderator/obesity and obesity surgery session. NAAMA convention. Beirut, Lebanon.

**April 2004.** Initial experience with laparoscopic Roux-Y gastric bypass for morbid obesity at a VA Medical Facility. Association of VA Surgeons, Richmond, VA.

**December 2003.** Laparoscopic Roux-Y-gastric bypass for morbid obesity. American University of Beirut, Lebanon.

**October 2003.** Moving up, moving out – upper GI motility update. Queens Medical Center, Honolulu, HI.

**October 2003.** Wrestling with GERD: the pill, scope or the blade? Stanford University Surgical Grand Rounds, Stanford, CA.

**April 2003.** Spinal cord associated colonic dysmotility: which stoma works better? Association of VA Surgeons, Nashville, TN.

**March 2003.** The spinal cord injured patient and the role of the general surgeon. Stanford University Surgical Grand Rounds, Stanford, CA.

**April 2002.** Minimally invasive surgical treatment of achalasia. Stanford University Surgical Grand Rounds, Stanford, CA.

**August 1999.** Achalasia: A Comparative analysis of operative and non-operative treatment. American University of Beirut, Lebanon.

**March 1999.** Laparoscopic Inguinal Hernia Repair: Identifying anatomic and technical risk factors for recurrence. UCSF, San Francisco, CA.

**December 1998.** Achalasia: The evolution of minimally invasive surgical treatment. Roger Williams Medical Center / Boston University, Providence, RI.

**December 1996.** Surgical management of colorectal cancer metastatic to the Liver. Surgical Grand Rounds, CWRU, Cleveland, OH.

**November 1995.** Surgical approach to Primary Hyperparathyroidism.

Surgical Grand Rounds, CWRU, Cleveland, OH.

**May 1995.** Routine Radiologic interpretation of intraoperative cholangiograms: an unnecessary expense. American College of Surgeons, Ohio Chapter, Dayton, OH.

**April 1995.** Routine Radiologic interpretation of intraoperative cholangiograms: an unnecessary expense. Cleveland Surgical Society, Cleveland, OH.