

To: Liaison Committee of The Women's Board of Johns Hopkins Hospital  
From: Renee Wagenheim, Board Member  
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Interview Notes: Mohammad E. Allaf, M.D.

I had the pleasure of interviewing Mohammad E. Allaf, M.D. professor of Urology, Oncology, and Biomedical Engineering, Director of Minimally Invasive and Robotic Surgery, And Vice Chair at the James Buchanan Brady Urological Institute for the purpose of inquiring what are the new developments in his Urology Department.

Dr. Allaf started out at Johns Hopkins Whiting School of Engineering in 1996 and earned his medical degree from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in 2000, and completed his residency at the Brady before joining the Brady faculty in 2006. He was appointed as Director of Minimally Invasive and Robotic Surgery in 2009 and Vice Chair of the department in 2017.

Dr. Allaf is widely respected as a skilled, caring surgeon who specializes in cutting-edge procedures for prostate and kidney cancer. He is amongst the busiest robotic surgeon in the world having performed over 1500 hundred robotic operations. His research concentrates on decreasing the morbidity of cancer diagnosis and treatment through imaging, molecular, and technical advancements. His publications all include a medical student, resident or fellow as a co-author, under scoring his commitment to teaching and mentoring.

Dr. Allaf's research actively pursues successful collaborations with radiology, oncology, biomedical engineering, and other surgical disciplines. He has evaluated the outcomes of novel minimally invasive procedures and techniques to improve patient care and most recently, has focused on kidney and prostate cancer risk stratification. He has published 200 articles, co-authored a chapter in Campbell- Walsh Urology, and is considered an international authority on prostate and kidney cancer as well as minimally invasive surgery.

He was excited to tell me about expansion and growth at Johns Hopkins adding two new facilities at the Suburban Hospital and the Cibley Female Bladder Cancer Hospital. He mentioned adding two new physicians Dr. Andrew Jason Cohen at Johns Hopkins Downtown specializing in Erection and Erectile Dysfunction and Dr. Marissa Clifton who heads Hopkins new clinic, Female Pelvis Medicine at Bayview Campus.

Dr. Allaf was also most proud to tell me about a new procedure for men with elevated PSA wherein a biopsy is now available through the perineum thus eliminating the need for rectal biopsies and antibiotics.

We are very lucky to have him here on staff with us at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Note: There are various You Tube videos available of Dr. Allaf explaining urological diagnoses and procedures.