2022-2023 SOAR Mentor
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Dr. Safwan Badr is a Professor and Chair, Department of Internal Medicine at Wayne State University School of Medicine, and a Staff Physician at the John D. Dingell VA Medical Center. Dr. Badr completed a residency in Internal Medicine at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, followed by clinical and research fellowships in Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. In addition, he completed a Master of Business Administration degree at the University of Tennessee. Dr. Badr joined the faculty of the department of medicine, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine, and moved to Wayne State University in 1996 as pulmonary section chief at the new John D. Dingell VAMC. He was appointed division chief of pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine in 1998. Subsequently, Dr. Badr assumed several other leadership positions including associate chair of medicine for research, associate chair for academic affairs, CMO and executive vice president of the Detroit Medical Center, CMO of University Physician Group practice plan, and then as chair of medicine since 2017.

Dr. Badr has served in leadership positions of multiple national and international medical societies. He has served on the Board of Directors of the American Thoracic Society (ATS) and the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM). He was the President of the AASM from 2013-2014. Dr. Badr currently serves on the Board of Directors for the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM).

Dr. Badr is an internationally known sleep researcher and research mentor with current funding from the Department of Veteran Affairs, Department of Defense and National Institutes of Health. He has mentored numerous trainees and junior faculty members who have launched successful academic careers.

Dr. Badr is invested in outstanding medical education. He was the founding director of the Wayne State University School of Medicine Sleep Medicine Fellowship program, and he teaches and mentors students in multiple departments across the medical school. He has mentored many trainees and junior faculty who went on to develop successful clinical and academic careers.