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Dr. Sherif Emil is Director of the Division of Pediatric General and Thoracic Surgery at the Montreal Children's Hospital, Associate Chair for Education and Departmental Citizenship in the Department of Pediatric Surgery, and Professor of Pediatric Surgery, Surgery, and Pediatrics at McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. He also co-directs Canada's first multidisciplinary Chest Wall Anomalies Clinic at the Shriners Hospital for Children.

Dr. Emil was born in Cairo, Egypt and grew up in several developing countries where his parents practiced as physicians. He moved to the US in 1982 to start his undergraduate studies at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, graduating cum laude with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering in 1986. He completed his medical degree at McGill University, and his residency in general surgery at Loma Linda University in California. During his residency, he spent two years in laboratory research at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles. After completing his pediatric surgery fellowship at McGill, He returned to California in 2001 to join the surgical faculty at the University of California, Irvine (UCI), where he was rapidly promoted to the rank of Associate Professor. He led the Division of Pediatric Surgery at UCI from 2005 until late 2008, when he was recruited back to McGill as director of pediatric general and thoracic surgery. In 2012, he was appointed Associate Chair for Education and Departmental Citizenship in the Department of Pediatric Surgery, and was promoted to the rank of full professor in 2014.

Dr. Emil has been active in basic and clinical research, publishing more than 100 manuscripts and several book chapters on many topics in pediatric surgery. His laboratory research on inhaled nitric oxide in the 1990's produced the first publications on this topic in the surgical literature. His more recent laboratory research focused on finding alternatives to fundoplication for gastroesophageal reflux disease. He is also actively engaged in several clinical research endeavors, looking at outcomes of a variety of pediatric surgical diseases. He is currently leading the creation of the first Canadian pediatric surgical research consortium. His research results were covered nationally in *Surgery News* and *Medscape*. Several of his patients' stories have been featured on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, as well as the local Montreal press. He was named one of *America's Best Doctors*, as well as one of *Canada's Best Doctors*.

Dr. Emil has a passion for teaching, and is involved in teaching and mentoring activities spanning undergraduate students to physicians in practice. He was honored with several major teaching awards during his career. He has had a keen interest in health care policy since his residency years. His work with medical students on the drive for national health insurance earned him the American Medical Student Government Leadership and Service Award in 2008, and the privilege to give the University of California Irvine School of Medicine Commencement address in 2010. His article, *The Quest for Significance*, based on that commencement address, was published in the Bulletin of the American College of Surgeons, and has gained wide traction within the surgical community. Dr. Emil also has an ongoing interest in international surgery, and has participated in seven missions to Africa where he operates, teaches, and lectures. He has written about his mission experiences in *The Globe and Mail*, and his recent "Dispatches from Rwanda", "Dispatches from the Africa Mercy", "Dispatches from Benin", and "Dispatches from Douala" have been widely disseminated on line. He is a member of the Advisory Board of Mercy Ships Canada.

Dr. Emil is a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada, the American College of Surgeons, and the American Academy of Pediatrics. He has served as program chair for the Surgical Section of the American Academy of Pediatrics and chair of the workforce committee of the Canadian Association of Pediatric Surgeons. He is an active member of several other professional organizations including the American Pediatric Surgical Association, the Pacific Association of Pediatric Surgeons, the International Pediatric Endosurgery Group, the Pacific Coast Surgical Association, and the Association for Academic Surgery.

Dr. Emil has also written multiple opinion pieces in the lay press and has been an advocate for human rights. He has been interviewed on multiple radio, television, and internet programs. In 2012, Dr. Emil was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal by the Governor General of Canada for his service to children around the world and his academic accomplishments in pediatric surgery. Most recently, he was awarded the E P Taylor Award by the McGill Alumni Association, and the Haile Debas Award by the McGill University Faculty of Medicine.

On July 1, 2018, Dr. Emil became one of few pediatric surgeons in Canada to hold an endowed chair, when he was named the Mirella and Lino Saputo Chair in Pediatric Surgical Education and Patient and Family-Centered Care. This chair will allow him to advance the care of pediatric surgical patients in Canada and around the world through education, research, and establishment of patient-centered care programs.