

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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**Yasser Saloum, M.D., FACP, FACG**

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## MEDICAL EDUCATION

1984-1990            *M.D.*  
Damascus University School of Medicine  
Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic

## POST GRADUATE EDUCATION AND TRAINING

1997-2000            *Gastroenterology and Hepatology Fellowship*  
Baylor University Medical Center  
Dallas, Texas

1992-1995            *Internal Medicine Internship and Residency*  
St. Luke's Hospital and St. Louis Regional Medical Center  
University of Missouri – Columbia Health Sciences Center  
St. Louis, Missouri

## CERTIFICATION

2000-2020            American Board of Internal Medicine – Gastroenterology  
1995-2020            American Board of Internal Medicine – Internal Medicine  
1996-2002            Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)  
1996-2004            Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS)  
1992-present        Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)  
1992-present        Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX)  
1991-present        Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG)

## MEDICAL LICENSURE

2002-present        State of Florida (License # ME 85878) – clear and active  
1998-2002            State of Texas (License # K 4996) – inactive  
1995-1998            State of Kentucky (License # 31343) – inactive  
1992-1995            State of Missouri (License # MD 101116) – inactive

## CURRENT POSITION

09/2015-present    Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist  
*Florida Hospital Physician Group*  
Florida Hospital Tampa  
3000 Medical Park Drive, suite 500  
Tampa, FL 33613

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

05/2008-6/2015    *Assistant Professor of Medicine*

***Associate Director, Gastroenterology Fellowship Program***  
Digestive Diseases and Nutrition • Department of Medicine  
University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine  
12901 Bruce B. Downs Boulevard • Tampa, FL 33612

07/2003-01/2005

***Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine***  
***Director of Nutrition***

Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition  
University of Florida Health Science Center – Jacksonville  
653 W. 8th Street • Jacksonville, FL 32209

01/2002-06/2003

***Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine***  
***Associate Director, Gastroenterology Fellowship Program***

Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition  
University of Florida College of Medicine  
1600 SW Archer Road, P.O. Box 100214 • Gainesville, Florida 32610

## LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

1/2018-present

***Chair, Digestive Disease Division***

Florida Hospital Tampa  
3100 Fletcher Avenue • Tampa, FL 33613

1/2018-present

***Medical Executive Committee member***  
***Credentialing Committee member***

Florida Hospital Tampa  
3100 Fletcher Avenue • Tampa, FL 33613

11/2017-1/2018

***Vice Chair, Digestive Diseases Division***

Florida Hospital Tampa  
3100 Fletcher Avenue • Tampa, FL 33613

10/2017-1/2018

***Peer Review Committee Member***

Florida Hospital Tampa  
3100 Fletcher Avenue • Tampa, FL 33613

09/2010-09/2014

***Chief, Gastroenterology Section***

Tampa General Hospital  
1 Tampa General Circle • Tampa, FL 33606

01/2010-03/2010

***Member, Liver Cancer Program Development***

In association with LifeLink Transplant Institute  
Tampa General Hospital  
1 Tampa General Circle • Tampa, FL 33606

08/2009-6/2015

***Faculty Council Representative***

Department of Medicine • University of South Florida

- 07/2009-03/2010 ***Director, Hepatology Services***  
Tampa General Hospital  
1 Tampa General Circle • Tampa, FL 33606
- 03/2009-6/2015 ***Peer Review Committee Member***  
Tampa General Hospital  
1 Tampa General Circle • Tampa, FL 33606
- 10/2008-09/2010 ***Vice Chief, Gastroenterology Section***  
Tampa General Hospital  
1 Tampa General Circle • Tampa, FL 33606
- 05/2006-04/2008 ***Pharmacy & Therapeutics Subcommittee Director on Parenteral Nutrition***  
Memorial Hospital of Tampa  
2901 Swann Avenue • Tampa, FL 33609

**NON-ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

- 05/2006-04/2008 ***Gastroenterologist***  
President; Digestive & Liver Health Specialists, P.A.  
2605 West Swann Avenue, Suite 600 • Tampa, FL 33609
- 05/2005-05/2006 ***Gastroenterologist***  
South Tampa Medical Group, P.A.  
4238 West Kennedy Blvd • Tampa, FL 33609
- 01/2001-12/2001 ***Emergency Medicine Physician***  
QuestCare Medical Services, PA  
101 E. Park Blvd., Suite 911 • Plano, Texas 75074
- 09/1995-09/1997 ***Internist***  
Green Valley Rural Clinics, LLC  
10412 Phelps 632 Road • Phelps, Kentucky 41553

**PROFESSIONAL AND SOCIETY ASSOCIATION**

- 2011-present Fellow – American College of Gastroenterology
- 2009-present Member – American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy
- 2008-present Member – American Gastroenterological Association
- 2003-present Fellow – American College of Physicians
- 1999-2001 Member – Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation of America
- 1997-2003 Member – American Gastroenterological Association
- 1997-2011 Member – American College of Gastroenterology
- 1997-2001 Member – Texas Medical Association
- 1997-2001 Member – Dallas County Medical Society
- 1997-2000 Member – American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy
- 1995-1998 Member – Kentucky Medical Association
- 1995-1998 Member – Pike County Medical Society
- 1995-2003 Member – American Medical Association

1992-2002 Member – American College of Physicians

### HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2016 & 2017 ***Top Doctors***  
Tampa Magazine
- 1999 ***Five Star Spirit Award***  
Baylor University Medical Center
- 1996 ***Physician Recognition Award*** for continuing medical education  
American Medical Association
- 1990 ***Damascus University Certificate of Excellence***  
Awarded for class standing among the top ten graduates  
Damascus University School of Medicine  
Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic

### MEDICAL STUDENTS TEACHING

- 2008-2015 ***Preceptor: Longitudinal Clinical Experience (LCE)***  
Twenty eight, 4-hour sessions (per academic year) with one-on-one first or second year medical students to introduce them to real-time patient interview, physical examination, humanitarian and ethical dilemmas in clinical medicine  
Morsani College of Medicine, University of South Florida
- 2008-2015 ***Instructor: Colloquium II: Introduction to GI endoscopy***  
Second year medical students' small group introduction to a subspecialty  
Morsani College of Medicine, University of South Florida
- Attending Physician***  
4<sup>th</sup> year medical students' subspecialty GI elective – three months annually  
Tampa General Hospital
- 2008-2010 ***Facilitator: Clinical Problems Solving (CPS)***  
Seventeen, 2-hour didactic sessions (per academic year) with second year medical students to introduce critical thinking in clinical problem solving  
Morsani College of Medicine, University of South Florida
- Instructor: Physical Exam Skills – Physical Diagnosis II: Abdomen***  
Second year medical students' small group physical examination skills  
Morsani College of Medicine, University of South Florida
- 2003-2005 ***Attending Physician***  
4<sup>th</sup> year medical students' subspecialty GI elective – three months annually  
Shands Hospital Jacksonville • University of Florida HSC – Jacksonville
- 2002-2003 ***Attending Physician***  
3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year medical students' GI rotation – three months annually

Shands Hospital • University of Florida – Gainesville

## RESIDENT/FELLOW TEACHING

05/2008-06/2015

### *Teaching Faculty*

Digestive Diseases and Nutrition • USF Morsani College of Medicine

- Attending Physician – USF Carol and Frank Morsani Center for Advance Healthcare
  - Subspecialty continuity clinic for three Gastroenterology Fellows
- Attending physician – Tampa General Hospital
  - Inpatient consultation service: three months annually
  - Outpatient Endoscopy Attending: one day weekly
- Lecturer/supervisor – Tampa General Hospital
  - WeeklyGI/Radiology Clinical Conference

07/2010-06/2015

### *Instructor*

Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery (FPMRS) Fellowship  
Division of Gynecologic Oncology • USF Morsani College of Medicine

Duties include:

- 1) Coordinate attendance of FPMRS Fellows to attend GI lecture series related to women with lower GI disorders
- 2) Coordinate FPMRS Fellows to observe occasional colonoscopies
- 3) Give 2-4 lectures annually to FPMRS fellows, residents and students.

07/2003-01/2005

### *Gastroenterology Specialty Board Instructor*

Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition

University of Florida Health Science Center – Jacksonville

- Teaching Faculty:
  - Attending physician – Continuity clinic for third year Fellows
  - Weekly one-hour board review course: DDSEP III
- Attending Physician:
  - Inpatient consultation Service: Three months annually
  - Outpatient Endoscopy: one day weekly
  - Lecturer/supervisor: GI clinical lecture series

01/2002-06/2003

### *Associate Director, Gastroenterology Fellowship Program*

Duties include:

- 1) Fellowship candidate selection
- 2) Help Fellowship Program Director in administrative duties
- 3) Provide one-on-one advice regarding future job search

## POSTER PRESENTATIONS AT NATIONAL AND LOCAL MEETINGS

- 2014 Kolkhorst K, Muhammad A, Joglekar K, Kumar A, **Saloum Y**. Diagnostic Accuracy of CT Scan in Predicting Endoscopic GI Pathology. Accepted to Digestive Disease Week 2014
- 2013 Muhammad A, Lababidi R, Tan E, Kumar A, **Saloum Y**. Outcome predictors of survival after transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunt (TIPS) in patients with cirrhosis of liver and portal hypertension. *Am J Gastroenterol* 2013; 108:S128
- American College of Gastroenterology 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting San Diego, CA (P430)
  - Florida Gastroenterologic Society's Annual Meeting Orlando, FL
- Patel B, Gajeria A, **Saloum Y**. Primary aorto-duodenal fistul diagnosed via upper endoscopy: a case report. *Am J Gastroenterol* 2013; 108:S445  
American College of Gastroenterology 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting San Diego, CA (P1495)
- 2012 Rabbanifard R, Lamendola O, **Saloum Y**, Finan J. Primary Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Stomach: A Case Report. *Am J Gastroenterol* 2012; 107:S293  
American College of Gastroenterology 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting Las Vegas, NV (P707)
- Lamendola O, Lara-Rivera S, **Saloum Y**, Finan J. Various Clinical Presentations of Eosinophilic Enteritis. *Am J Gastroenterol* 2012; 107:S393  
American College of Gastroenterology 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting Las Vegas, NV (P963)
- 2011 **Saloum Y**. Liver abscess masquerading as a large liver mass. *Am J Gastroenterol* 2011; 106:S309  
American College of Gastroenterology 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting Washington, DC (P828)
- 2011 **Saloum Y**. Right colon diverticulitis, a diagnostic dilemma. *Am J Gastroenterol* 2011; 106:S350  
American College of Gastroenterology 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting Washington, DC (P937)
- 2010 Sharma N, **Saloum Y**. Two heads are better than one: The simultaneous use of two endoscopes for complex sigmoid polypectomy. *Am J Gastroenterol* 2010; 105:S383  
American College of Gastroenterology 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting San Antonio, TX (P1059)
- Keshishian J, Young J, Hill EM, **Saloum Y**, Brady P. Esophageal injury following radiofrequency ablation for atrial fibrillation: Injury classification. *Am J Gastroenterol* 2010; 105:S19

American College of Gastroenterology 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting  
San Antonio, TX (P52)

Gill J, **Saloum Y**, Downs K. Catheter-free esophageal pH monitoring: Are we getting useful clinical information?  
USF Research Day 2010  
USF College of Medicine

2009 Young J, Prieto R, **Saloum Y**. Esophageal dissection during transesophageal echocardiography. *Am J Gastroenterol* 2009;104:S207  
American College of Gastroenterology 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting  
San Diego, CA (P553)

Lara-Rivera S, Koya D, **Saloum Y**. Esophageal Actinomyces in a patient with AIDS. *Am J Gastroenterol* 2009;104:S198  
American College of Gastroenterology 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting  
San Diego, CA (P528)

2009 Gill J, **Saloum Y**, Downs K. Catheter-free esophageal pH monitoring: Are we getting useful clinical information? *Am J Gastroenterol* 2009;104:S13  
American College of Gastroenterology 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting  
San Diego, CA (P32)

Hill E, Young J, **Saloum Y**. Esophagopericardial fistula following radiofrequency catheter ablation (RFCA) for atrial fibrillation: A novel complication. *Am J Gastroenterol* 2009;104:S187  
American College of Gastroenterology 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting  
San Diego, CA (P500)

2008 McKinley J, Kucera S, **Saloum Y**, Boyce W. Esophageal apoplexy: A purple haze. *Am J Gastroenterol* 2008;103:S288  
American College of Gastroenterology 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting  
Orlando, FL (P733)

2003 Gaible R, **Saloum Y**. GI Vasculitis: A diagnostic dilemma  
ACP-ASIM Florida Chapter Spring Conference  
Co-author – supervising faculty of resident physician  
Presented in oral and poster formats

2000 **Saloum Y**, Crippin JS. An Unusual case of refractory ascites  
American College of Gastroenterology National Fellows' Forum  
Carlsbad, California

1998 **Saloum Y**, Crippin JS. Hypoceruloplasminemia in non-alcoholic steatohepatitis without evidence of Wilson's disease

- American College of Gastroenterology National Fellows' Forum  
San Diego, California
- American College of Gastroenterology 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific

Meeting  
Boston, Massachusetts

## ORAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2013 *Evaluation and Management of Chronic Constipation in Adults*  
Continuing Medical Education Internal Medicine Grand Rounds
- Orlando Regional Medical Center • Orlando, FL
  - Sarasota Memorial Hospital • Sarasota, FL
- 2013 *Updates on Chronic Hepatitis B 2013*  
Roy H. Behnke, M.D. Lecture Series  
USF Morsani College of Medicine • Tampa, FL
- 2012 *Updates on Chronic Hepatitis B 2012*  
Gastroenterology at the University of South Florida: An Update  
University of South Florida CAMLS
- 2011 *Acute Diarrhea in Adults*  
Continuing Medical Education Internal Medicine Grand Rounds
- Orlando Regional Medical Center • Orlando, FL
  - Sarasota Memorial Hospital • Sarasota, FL
- 2010 *Liver Failure*  
Continuing Medical Education Internal Medicine Grand Rounds
- Roy H. Behnke, M.D. Lecture Series  
USF College of Medicine • Tampa, FL
  - Orlando Regional Medical Center • Orlando, FL
  - Sarasota Memorial Hospital • Sarasota, FL
- 1997 *Phelps Vocational Student Shadow Program*  
Visiting vocational students at Green Valley Rural Clinics  
Phelps, Kentucky
- 1996 *An Innovative Electronic Medical Records' Software*  
Oral illustration of novel EMR software: designed with the help of a software company and implemented in clinical internal medicine practice in rural Kentucky  
American College of Physicians' Kentucky Chapter regional meeting  
Louisville, Kentucky
- High Blood Pressure, the Silent Killer*  
Heritage Days Celebration  
Majestic-Knox Creek Elementary School • Majestic, Kentucky
- Elemental Diet in Managing Crohn's Disease*  
Continuing Medical Education lecture  
Pikeville Methodist Hospital • Pikeville, Kentucky



***The Hazards of Nicotine Products on Today's Youth***

Students' lecture at Kimper Elementary School • Kimper, Kentucky

**PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL INVITED REVIEWER**

01/2010-Present American Family Physician

**PUBLICATIONS**

- Lalama M, **Saloum Y**. Nutrition, fluid, and electrolytes in chronic liver disease. *Clinical Liver Disease* 2016;7(1):18-20. (DOI 10.1002/cld.526)
- Chen J, Athilingam P, **Saloum Y**, Brady P. Enhancing Bowel Preparation for Screening Colonoscopy: An Evidence-based Literature Review. *JNP* 2016;11(5):519–525  
Digestive Diseases and Nutrition  
Department of Medicine • University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine
- Chen J, **Saloum Y**. 6-Mercaptopurine-induced Hepatotoxicity during the Treatment of Ulcerative Colitis: A Case Study. *Gastroenterology Nursing*  
Digestive Diseases and Nutrition  
Department of Medicine • University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine
- Rabbanifard R, Gajera A, Lamendola O, **Saloum A**, Gill Jeffrey, Kulkarni P. Atypical Locations of Primary Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Gastrointestinal Tract: a Case Series and Review of Literature. 2014. *J Gastro Cancer* (DOI 10.1007/s12029-014-9598-7).
- Chen J, **Saloum Y**. Mesalaimine-Induced Nephrotoxicity in the Treatment of Crohn's disease: A Case Study and Review of the Literature. *Gastroenterology Nursing*
- Keshishian J, **Saloum Y**, Brady PG. Esophageal Injury following Radiofrequency Ablation for Atrial Fibrillation  
Book Chapter; *iConcept Press* 2013
- Keshishian J, Young J, Hill E, **Saloum Y**, Brady PG. Esophageal Injury Following Radiofrequency Ablation for Atrial Fibrillation: Injury Classification. *Gastroenterol Hepatol* 2012; 8(6):411-4 (PMID: 22933881)
- Fine KD, Ogungi F, **Saloum Y**, Behary S, Crippin JS, Weinstein JS. Celiac Sprue: Another Autoimmune Syndrome Associated with Hepatitis C. *Am J Gastroenterol* 2001;96:138-145 (PMID: 11197243)

**PENDING PUBLICATIONS**

- Kolkhorst K, Muhammad A, Joglekar K, Kumar A, **Saloum Y**. Diagnostic Accuracy of CT Scan in Predicting Endoscopic GI Pathology.  
Digestive Diseases and Nutrition  
Department of Medicine • University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine

- Lamendola O, Lara-Rivera S, **Saloum Y**, Finan J. Various Clinical Presentations of Eosinophilic Enteritis. Pending resubmission  
Digestive Diseases and Nutrition  
Department of Medicine • University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine
- Muhammad A, Lababidi R, Tan E, Kumar A, **Saloum Y**. Outcome predictors of survival after transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunt (TIPS) in patients with cirrhosis of liver and portal hypertension.  
Digestive Diseases and Nutrition and Office of Clinical Research  
Department of Medicine • University of South Florida Morasani College of Medicine

### CLINICAL INTERESTS

- Chronic constipation
- Pelvic dysfunction disorders
- Chronic diarrhea
- Acute liver failure, viral and autoimmune hepatitis
- Inflammatory bowel disease
- Reflux disease
- Biliary endoscopy

### PROFICIENCIES:

- **Diagnostic and therapeutic upper endoscopy:**
  - Cold and hot biopsy.
  - Snare polypectomy.
  - Control of bleeding by submucosal injection, thermal (Gold Probe™ and erbe APC) and EndoClip-assisted (Resolution®/OTSC® Ovesco).
  - Variceal sclerosis and ligation.
  - Percutaneous gastrostomy and gastrostomy → jejunostomy conversion.
  - Food bolus disimpaction.
  - Esophageal/anastomotic stricture dilation using direct, and fluoroscopy-assisted Bougie, Savary-Gilliard® and through-the-scope CRE™ balloon dilators.
  - Fluoroscopy-assisted pneumatic dilation and Botox® injection for treatment of achalasia.
  - Pyloric balloon dilation.
  - Esophageal stenting for malignant/benign esophageal disease.
- **BRAVO™ pH** reflux testing system deployment and interpretation.
- **Digitrapper™ pH-Z** and impedance testing system deployment and interpretation.
- **Barrx™** Radiofrequency Ablation System for Barrett's esophagus.
- **Diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ECRP):**
  - Biopsy/brushing.
  - Biliary and pancreatic sphincterotomy/septotomy.
  - Hurricane™ RX biliary/ampullary balloon dilators
  - Plastic and self-expanding metal stents (SEMS) placement.
  - Mechanical lithotripsy
  - Stone extraction by retrieval balloons and baskets.
  - SpyGlass™ DS System cholangioscopy.

- *Diagnostic and therapeutic push and single balloon-assisted deep enteroscopy.*
- *Diagnostic and therapeutic colonoscopy:*
  - Cold and hot biopsy.
  - Snare polypectomy.
  - Control of bleeding by submucosal injection, thermal (Gold Probe™ and erbe APC) and EndoClip-assisted (Resolution®/OTSC® Ovesco).
- *Esophageal and anorectal high-resolution manometry (HRM).*
- *Restech pH study*
- *FibroScan*
- *Paracentesis.*
- *Personal interpretation of radiographic studies* (plain films, CT scans, MRCP, nuclear medicine gastric emptying and hepatobiliary scans).

**SPEAKER**

04/2016-present

AbbVie Hepatology

**CITIZENSHIP:** U.S.A.**LANGUAGES:**

English and Arabic (both fluently-spoken and written)