

## Kais Al Balbissi, MD, FACC, FSCAI

Associate Professor of Internal Medicine Interventional Cardiology Consultant

Kais Al Balbissi, MD started his medical journey at Jordan University of Science and Technology where he graduated with an honor degree. Then, he completed his residency in Internal Medicine and his fellowship in Cardiovascular Medicine at East Tennessee State University. Subsequently, Dr. Al Balbissi completed a fellowship in Interventional Cardiovascular Medicine at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Dr. Albalbissi carriesa fiery passion to teaching and academics. He worked in multiple academic institutions. He first served at **East Tennessee State University (ETSU).** During his tenure at ETSU, he served as the chairman of the Cardiology department at Johnson City Medical Center and as the director of Interventional Cardiology and associate director of the Cardiovascular Medicine Fellowship Program at

East Tennessee State University. Dr. Al Balbissi also directed the Non-invasive cardiology and Echocardiography Lab and the STEMI and Cardiogenic Shock Program and Chest Pain Center at the Johnson City Medical Center to become an ACC center of excellence.

He also joined **Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST)** and served as the director of both cardiovascular medicine fellowship and the director of the internal medicine residency. At JUST, he helped establish the fellowship and updated the curriculum of the residency.

Finally, Dr. Al Balbissi moved to **University of Jordan** where he serves as the Program director of Internal Medicine Residency.

Moreover, Dr. Al Balbissi has great experience in the field of quality improvement and establishment of centers of excellence. He served at Abdali Medical Center and Hospital. There, he established the cardiology department as a center of excellence. He also served as the Chief Quality Officer and Deputy Chief Medical Officer of the institution and secured prestigious national and international quality accreditation.

Dr. Al Balbissi is American board certified in Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Diseases, and Interventional Cardiology. He also carries board certification in Echocardiography, Nuclear Cardiology and the Arab and Jordanian board certification in cardiovascular medicine. He is a member of the American Society of Echocardiography, the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology, and is a fellow of the Society of Cardiovascular Angiography and Intervention and the American College of Cardiology. He is also a member of the Jordanian Society of Cardiology.

His research interests center on clinical advancements in Interventional Cardiology and use of advanced cardiac imaging techniques in structural heart disease. He has published several articles in peer-reviewed leading medical journals. The results of Dr. Al Balbissi's research have been presented at several professional conferences, including those of the American College of Cardiology, the Society of Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions, and National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.

For his work, Dr. Al Balbissi was awarded multiple times along his career. He received the Johnson City Medical Center Chief Resident Award in 2005 and received the Cardiovascular Medicine Chief Fellow Award in 2007. He is the recipient of the 2006 Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award and, since then, has been a member of The Gold Humanism Honor Society. Moreover, for his remarkable work as the chair of the cardiology department at Johnson City Medical Center, Dr. Albalbissi was awarded the James Gibson Medical Staff Leadership Award in 2016.

Dr. Albalbissi areas of interest are in High-risk coronary interventions including chronic total occlusion percutaneous coronary interventions, Cardiogenic shock and cardiac mechanical support devices, Invasive hemodynamics and pulmonary hypertension treatment, Structural heart disease including Transcutaneous Aortic valve implantation.