

Amin Nabih Kazzi, MD, FAAEM, MAAEM

Dr. Amin Kazzi is:

1. a Professor of Clinical Emergency Medicine
2. The Founding Former Chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at the American University of Beirut (AUB)
3. In 2010, he moved on to serve for 5 years as the Deputy Chief of Staff at the AUB Medical Center.
4. In 2016, he served as the official Advisor to the Lebanese Minister of Health Wael Abou Faour.
5. He is currently President for the Lebanese Society of Emergency Medicine.
6. The founding Editor-in-Chief for the *Mediterranean Journal of Emergency Medicine & Acute Care* (Med-JEM) which targets the developing nations globally.

Dr Kazzi completed his medical education (MD) at the University of California, Los Angeles (MD 1988), then categorical residency training in Emergency Medicine (EM) in Detroit, Michigan (1991).

Board Certified in EM, he then practiced for 14 years at the University of California, Irvine, where he succeeded in establishing the first academic department of emergency medicine among the 5 campuses of the University of California.

Dr Kazzi is internationally renowned in EM for his leadership role as President for the American Academy of Emergency Medicine (AAEM), for its California and Mediterranean chapters (CAL/AAEM & MAEM) and for the Lebanese Society (LSEM).

Dr Kazzi earned a number of key international leadership and recognition awards, the most important being the 2nd out of 3 recipients of the honorary designation as *Master of the Academy of Emergency Medicine* (MAAEM), the (European Society of Emergency Medicine) *EuSEM & AAEM Founder's Award*, the *AAEM International Leadership Award*, the *Resident Association Special Recognition Award*, the *Robert McNamara National Academic Achievement Award*, & the *David Wagner Award* for longstanding special national (US) impact in the specialty.

More recently, in September 2015, the AAEM Board of Directors voted unanimously to rename its annual international leadership award “*the Amin Kazzi International Emergency Medicine Leadership Award*” in appreciation for his longstanding exceptional service and profound contribution to AAEM and to the international development of EM.

As a 1985 recipient of the *President Bachir Gemayel Foundation Honorary Award*, he had committed to acquiring knowledge and developing skills unavailable in Lebanon, and to bringing that home. So, he did... Dr Kazzi returned to in Lebanon in 2006 to establish the specialty of EM and standards for excellence in EM care. Working with an exceptional team of stellar faculty, he established an academic department of EM, the first in the Middle East. Residency programs emerged across Lebanon – including an American Council of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) International-accredited Emergency Medicine program at AUB. This is one of a few in the world.