



#### Short Biography for MDS symposium Dubai March 2019

Dr. Samer D. Tabbal earned his MD degree from the American University of Beirut in 1993. After his neurology residency training in the USA, he completed 2 years of fellowship training in movement disorders at Columbia University in New York City under Dr. Stanley Fahn, a world-renowned authority in movement disorders. He moved in 2003 to the Washington University in St Louis where he served as the Director of the Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) Program for Parkinson Disease and Other Movement Disorders. The DBS program that he lead became one of the top 4 DBS programs in the USA in terms of number of DBS surgeries performed. He then joined in January 2013 the American University of Beirut Medical Center where he is developing a movement disorder center of excellence that includes a DBS surgery program.

Dr. Tabbal is certified by the American Board of Psychiatry & Neurology since 1999. He published several articles in peer-reviewed journals that address the mechanism of action of deep brain stimulation and its effects on brain imaging, movement control, cognition and mood. He also studied neuroprotection in the MPTP-animal model of Parkinson disease.