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Dr. Marwan Sabbagh Named Director of Barrow Neurological Institute's Alzheimer's Division

Barrow Neurological Institute has named Marwan Sabbagh, MD, as the director of its Alzheimer's and Cognitive Disorders Program. Dr. Sabbagh is one of Arizona's most admired and respected Alzheimer's disease physicians and scientists.

"I'm thrilled to be joining Barrow which is a world-class destination for renowned neurological treatment," says Dr. Sabbagh. "Alzheimer's disease is the fourth leading cause of death in the United States and my goal is to develop new treatments to prevent or slow the progression of the disease."

Alzheimer's disease affects 5.4 million Americans and 150,000 individuals in Arizona. More than 100,000 people die from the disease each year and it's estimated that 14 million Americans will have the disease by year 2050 – affecting one in eight baby boomers.

Alzheimer's Disease is a growing epidemic and with the addition of Dr. Sabbagh, Barrow is well situated to provide outstanding clinical care and to be on the cutting edge of research into new therapies," says Jeremy Shefner, MD, Associate Director and Chair of Neurology at Barrow.

Dr. Sabbagh's expertise includes the diagnosis, treatment and research of not only Alzheimer's disease, but other memory disorder conditions including dementia. He is also very active in the research behind the link between Alzheimer's disease and Down syndrome.

A University of Arizona medical school graduate, Dr. Sabbagh completed his residency in neurology at Baylor College of Medicine and a fellowship in geriatric neurology and dementia at University of California – San Diego School of Medicine. Before joining Barrow, he held a position at Banner Sun Health Research Institute. Dr. Sabbagh is board certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and is a member of the Academy of Neurology and Arizona Geriatric Society.

"I'm proud to be part of the Barrow team and helping in the fight against Alzheimer's disease," says Dr. Sabbagh. "Huge advances and groundbreaking treatments are being developed that could offer real meaningful progress in slowing this debilitating disease."

Barrow Neurological Institute, part of Dignity Health St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center is an internationally renowned medical center that offers care for people from throughout the world with brain and spine diseases, disorders and injuries. *U.S. News & World Report* routinely lists St. Joseph's among the best hospitals in the United States for neurological and neurosurgical care.