

Sherif Emil, MD,CM



Associate Professor & Director
Division of Pediatric General Surgery

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Dr. Sherif Emil has been appointed as the new director of the Division of Pediatric General Surgery at the Montreal Children's Hospital. Dr. Emil was born in Cairo, Egypt and grew up in several developing countries where his parents practiced as physicians. He graduated as salutatorian of his high school from Cairo American College, and moved to the US in 1982 to start his undergraduate studies at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Dr. Emil graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering, and spent one year in graduate studies at Rice University in Houston, prior to starting his medical education at McGill. After graduating from McGill in 1991, he moved to California to start his residency in general surgery at Loma Linda University. During his residency, he spent two years in laboratory research at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. He completed his residency in 1998 and spent a year as a lecturer in surgery at Loma Linda University School of Medicine, prior to returning to McGill to complete a two year clinical fellowship in pediatric surgery. He returned to California in 2001 to join the surgical faculty at the University of California, Irvine, where he was rapidly promoted to the rank of Associate Professor. He assumed the position of Chief of Pediatric Surgery at UCI in 2005, and remained in that position until his recruitment by the Montreal Children's.

Dr. Emil has been active in basic and clinical research, publishing more than 40 manuscripts and several book chapters on several topics in pediatric surgery. His laboratory research on inhaled nitric oxide in the 1990's produced the first publications on this topic in the surgical literature. His clinical and research interests include neonatal bowel obstruction and perforation, gastroesophageal reflux, pediatric appendicitis, minimally invasive thoracic surgery, and surgical outcomes. His research results were recently featured nationally in *Surgery News*.

Sherif has a passion for teaching, and was involved in teaching activities at UCI spanning from first year medical students to senior surgical and pediatric residents. He was honored with five major teaching awards during his seven years at UCI. He has had a keen interest in health care policy since his residency years. His work with UCI medical students on the drive for national health insurance earned him the American Medical Student Government Leadership and Service Award in 2008. Sherif also has an ongoing interest in international surgery, and has participated in three missions to east Africa where he operates, teaches, and lectures.

Dr. Emil is a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada, the American College of Surgeons, and the American Academy of Pediatrics. He is a member of several professional organizations, including the Canadian Association of Pediatric Surgeons, the American Pediatric Surgical Association, the Pacific Association of Pediatric Surgeons, the International Pediatric Endosurgery Group, the Pacific Coast Surgical Association, and the Association for Academic Surgery. His many accomplishments led to his selection as one of *America's Best Doctors* in 2007.

Sherif is committed to continuing a strong clinical and academic profile for the Division of Pediatric General Surgery, to initiating innovative clinical programs, and to offering the children of Montreal and Quebec the best surgical care. He and his wife Marie, a Montreal native, are excited to return to Quebec, and rejoin the Montreal community.