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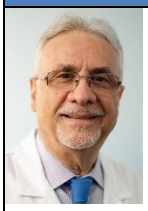
# "Cholesterol Crystals in Atherosclerosis and Carcinogenesis: Injury and Inflammation"

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Friday, December 4, 2026 ~ 8:00am to 9:00am

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## George Abela, MD, MBA

is Professor of Medicine and Chief of the Division of Cardiology at Michigan State University, where he has served for nearly three decades. A nationally and internationally recognized cardiologist, physician-scientist, and educator, Dr. Abela's pioneering research has transformed our understanding of atherosclerosis, plaque rupture, and the role of cholesterol crystals in cardiovascular disease. His groundbreaking work has also expanded into cancer biology, diabetic retinopathy, and other inflammatory diseases.

Dr. Abela received his medical degree from American University of Beirut, completed residency and fellowship training at Emory University and the University of Florida, and earned an MBA from Michigan State University. Throughout his distinguished career, he has held faculty appointments at both Harvard Medical School and Michigan State University, authored numerous influential scientific publications, and received multiple honors for excellence in research, teaching, and clinical care.

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