

## [AAAAI Foundation and Dennis K. Ledford, MD FAAAAI and University of South Florida Allergy & Immunology Division Lectureship \(5<sup>th</sup> year\)](#)

3521 Managing Asthma in Older Adults

Sunday, February 26, 2023

Convention Center, Ballroom Level, Hemisfair C1, 12:30 pm – 1:45 pm

**Lecturer: Nizar Jarjour, MD**

Cognitive, Anatomic and Biomarker Changes in Older Adults with Asthma

The Dennis K. Ledford Lectureship will be presented by Nizar Jarjour, MD during session 3521 Managing Asthma in Older Adults on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> in Convention Center, Ballroom Level, Hemisfair C1, 12:30 pm – 1:45 pm (presentation at 1:25pm)

### **Dennis K. Ledford, MD FAAAAI**



Dennis K. Ledford, MD is Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics and Ellsworth & Mabel Simmons Professor of Allergy & Immunology at the University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine. Dr. Ledford attended the University of Tennessee Medical School, completed a residency program at the University of Tennessee and received postgraduate training in Allergy and Immunology at the University of South Florida and in Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology at New York University.

Dr. Ledford's 41 years of experience in the specialty have been marked with numerous honors and accolades. He was listed in the America's Top Doctors Guide in 2010 and was given a Most Compassionate Doctor Award from Vitals in 2012. He served as President of the American Academy of Allergy and Immunology (2011-2012) and was the Chair of the ARTrust Steering Committee (now the AAAAI Foundation) from 2012-2015. Ledford has chaired the Work Group on Post Graduate Medical Education, Future of Allergy and Immunology Task Force of AAAAI and ACAAI since 2009. In 2015, Dr. Ledford was named Best Allergist/Immunologist in Tampa Bay by *Tampa Bay Magazine*, won the Outstanding Clinician Award from the World Allergy Association and was inducted into the Barness/Behnke Chapter of the Gold Humanism Honor Society, which honors role-model physician teachers recognized for demonstrated excellence in clinical care, leadership, compassion and dedication to service. Dr. Ledford has said that he, "chose a career in medicine because I wanted to make a lifetime commitment to a profession that could improve people's lives," which succinctly embodies the mission of AAAAI Foundation, and we are proud to establish this lectureship in honor of his significant achievements as an academican, researcher and practitioner. This Lectureship was announced at the 2018 AAAAI/WAO Joint Congress in Orlando, with the inaugural presentation at the 2019 AAAAI Annual Meeting.

## Nizar N. Jarjour, MD, ATSF



Dr. Nizar Jarjour joined the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health faculty in 1990 after completing his Fellowship in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine. In 2004 he was promoted to Professor of Medicine and head of the Allergy, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine Division. Dr. Jarjour leads an internationally renowned research program focused on the mechanisms and treatment of asthma, most recently focused on finding better treatments for patients suffering from severe asthma. He has been a principal investigator on the NIH-funded Severe Asthma Research Program (SARP), as well as the Precision Interventions in Severe and Exacerbation Prone Asthma (PreclSE). His work has generated 250 papers and more than 22,000 scientific citations, leading to an H factor of 75 (Google Scholar). In addition to his research program on asthma, Dr. Jarjour served as an assistant director for the NIH-funded General Clinical Research Center (GCRC) and the Clinical Translational Research Award (CTSA) for 17 years. Dr. Jarjour has also served as a member of the American Board of Internal Medicine-Pulmonary Board Committee and the FDA Pulmonary and Allergy Drug Advisory Committee. In 2018, he earned the designation of Certified Physician Executive (CPE) by the American Association for Physician Leadership. He has also received several awards and recognitions from prestigious institutions and international professional societies including his induction as an American Thoracic Society Fellow (ATSF) in 2019.