

# CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY

---

The Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery is dedicated to providing comprehensive, quality surgical care to patients with heart, vascular, and thoracic disease. The department's clinical services include adult cardiac surgery, congenital cardiac surgery, adult and pediatric heart transplantation, general thoracic surgery, vascular surgery, and trauma.

Other equally important goals of the department are to:

1. Educate medical students through lectures, clinical rotations, research projects, and faculty role modeling.
2. Train the next generation of competent surgeons in the specialty. The department provides opportunities for an ACGME-approved residency in cardiothoracic surgery (three-year program).
3. Partner with the Global Health Institute of Loma Linda University by providing expert surgical help to other countries in need.
4. Provide support for innovation and promotion of clinical research.
5. Promote collaboration with adult cardiology to offer advanced therapies to select patients with complex cardiovascular disease (e.g., transcatheter aortic valve replacement [TAVR], percutaneous mitral valve repair [MitraClip], mechanical circulatory support [LVADs]).
6. Provide clinical support and professional resources as a tertiary care center to community-based cardiac surgery programs in the region.

## **Chair**

Anees J. Razzouk

## **Vice Chair**

Joshua Chung

## **Head**

Ahmed Abou-Zamzam

## **Primary faculty**

Joshua Chung

Rosario Florida

Joshua T. Gysbers, PA

Nguyen Le

Timothy Martens

Jennifer Mohr, PA

Nancy Reeves, PA

David G. Rabkin

Anees J. Razzouk

O. Howard Shattuck, PA

Bruce Toporoff

Nicole Wheeler

Salman Zaheer