



## Obituary

### Obituary of Prof. Samir Ballas

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The Passing of Dr. Samir Ballas  
August 12, 2022

#### **Dear Colleagues,**

I regret to announce that Dr. Samir Ballas passed away on August 12. He was devoted to caring for adults with sickle cell in Philadelphia at Thomas Jefferson University.

Samir K. Ballas, MD received his medical degree with distinction from the American University of Beirut-Lebanon. He completed his residency training in Hematology at the Cardeza Foundation of Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Dr. Ballas was Emeritus Professor of Medicine and

Pediatrics at Thomas Jefferson University and Honorary Staff member of the Department of Medicine/Hematology at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. Former Director of the adult Sickle Cell Program of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the Philadelphia Region. His major research includes:

- 1) red cell disorders in general and the hemoglobinopathies in particular;
- 2) the pathophysiology and management of sickle cell pain;
- 3) molecular and cellular factors that affect the phenotypic expression of sickle cell disease; and
- 4) preventative and curative therapy of sickle cell disease.

He was member of the Editorial Board of the *American Journal of Hematology*, *Hemoglobin*, and *Advances in Hematology*, *Mediterranean Journal of Hematology and Infectious Diseases*. He also served as the Editor of *The Hemoglobinopathies Cochrane Review Database*. He has authored or co-authored over 700 articles and abstracts in a diverse number of publications including but not limited to the *Annals of Internal medicine*, *American Journal of Hematology*, *Blood*, *Transfusion*, *British Journal of Haematology*, *Journal of Biological Chemistry*, *Human Genetics* and *JAMA*, *Mediterranean Journal of Hematology and Infectious Diseases*.

**Giuseppe Leone for the Editorial Board of the Mediterranean Journal of Hematology and Infectious Diseases.**