# Dr. Marrouche named director of Tulane University Heart and Vascular Institute

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A pioneer in the treatment of atrial arrhythmias, Dr. Nassir Marrouche will expand electrophysiology and cardiac imaging services at Tulane’s affiliated hospitals and integrate these with the research and educational missions of the institute. (Photo by Rusty Costanza)

Internationally renowned electrophysiologist Dr. Nassir F. Marrouche has been named director of the Tulane University Heart and Vascular Institute (TUHVI).

A pioneer in the treatment of atrial arrhythmias, Marrouche will expand electrophysiology and cardiac imaging services at Tulane’s affiliated hospitals and integrate these with the research and educational missions of the institute.

“The TUHVI will provide advanced care and cutting-edge technologies and interventions for patients with both common and complex cardiac disorders,” said Victor Thannickal, MD, John W.

Deming Department of Medicine Chair. “Dr. Marrouche is a visionary leader who brings energy and innovative approaches to addressing cardiovascular health in our region and beyond.”

In his new role, Marrouche will work closely with Interim Section Chief of Cardiology Dr. Asif Anwar in recruitments and cardiology service coverage at Tulane Medical Center and University Medical Center. He will also explore opportunities for growth of cardiology services and programs in partnerships with other hospitals in the region.

“I am honored to gain the trust of Tulane leadership and to serve as the new Director of the Tulane Heart & Vascular Institute,” said Dr. Marrouche. “Leveraging on the collective potential of our great university, the superb clinical, educational and innovative talent we have in addition to the amazing partners in New Orleans and Louisiana, we will succeed in positioning TUHVI as a leading top 10 cardiovascular institute nationally and globally.”

Marrouche joined Tulane in 2019 as a professor in the Department of Medicine. He is executive director of the Tulane Research Innovation for Arrhythmias Discoveries (TRIAD) which he initiated to bring together a multi-disciplinary team of physicians, scientists, researchers and computer scientists.

He received his medical degree from the University of Heidelberg, Germany. He went on to complete his residency in Internal Medicine and Cardiology at Klinikum Coburg,teaching hospital of the University of Wurzburg. He completed fellowships in electrophysiology at the University of California, San Francisco, and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. He served on the faculty at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, was appointed as the head of the Electrophysiology Labs and the Atrial Fibrillation Program at the University of Utah, where he founded the Comprehensive Arrhythmia Management Center. At the University of Utah, he and his team collaborated to develop the groundbreaking Utah Classification System, which is now used by multiple centers around the world using 3D delayed-enhancement MRI to identify a patient’s stage of fibrosis for use in management of atrial fibrillation screening, diagnosis, staging and therapy.