

Get to Know the Leader



Leader Spotlight: Ali Youssef, Director of Emerging Technology Security

For over 20 years, Ali Youssef has been a driving force behind innovation and security at Henry Ford Health. His journey began in Boston designing medical devices at startups, followed by time at General Motors building large-scale Wi-Fi infrastructure. When he joined Henry Ford, it became the perfect space to merge his passions—technology, healthcare, and meaningful impact.

Since then, Ali has grown from Network Engineer, to Wireless Architect, to Principal Mobility & Digital Health Architect... and now Director of Emerging Technology Security, leading the way in one of the most rapidly advancing fields in healthcare.

What *fuels* Ali every morning?

It's the knowledge that every framework his team builds directly protects patients and empowers clinicians. It's the constant evolution of technology. It's the joy of collaborating across IT, clinical engineering, operations, and patient care teams. And it's the inspiration he finds daily—so much so that he's written two books (with a third on the way!) and published multiple whitepapers with peers he deeply admires.

Ask Ali to describe the culture here, and he beams. ✨

He'll tell you about HFH's relentless dedication to patient safety, our willingness to tackle complexity, and the way we stand behind our people—especially during the most challenging moments, like Covid. He sees a culture committed to learning, growing, collaborating, and stepping up when it matters.

🗨 Fun Facts About Ali

- He grew up on the island of Cyprus
- He just learned to ski last year—and is still injury-free!
- He is incredibly proud of his wife, Dr. Emily Brunner, recently named MARRCH's 2025 Physician of the Year

Ali continues to give back through mentorship, industry leadership, and ongoing research—including his recent award-winning publication on medical device security frameworks.

His passion is simple: advancing healthcare innovation, safely.
And we're grateful he's helping lead the way.

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