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Dr. Bechara Choucair is Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Public Health. Appointed by Mayor Richard M. Daley on November 25, 2009, Dr. Choucair is re-shaping the department to meet the public health challenges of the 21st century. From 2001-05, Dr. Choucair served as Medical Director of Crusader Community Health in Rockford, Illinois. From 2005-09, he was Executive Director of Heartland International Health Center. He has served as Chair of the Clinician's Network of the National Health Care for the Homeless Council.

Education:

- Family Practice Residency, 2000
Baylor College of Medicine; Houston, TX
- Master's Health Care Management, 2009
University of Texas; Dallas, TX
- Doctor of Medicine, 1997
American University of Beirut; Beirut, Lebanon
- Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, 1993
American University of Beirut; Beirut, Lebanon

Organizations & Affiliations

- Vice Chair for Community Medicine; *Department of Family and Community Medicine at Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University*

Honors & Awards

- Loretta Lacy Maternal & Child Health Advocacy Award; *Illinois Maternal & Child Health Coalition, 2009*
- Health Professions Training & Education Award; *National Association of Community Health Centers, 2008*
- American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation; *Pfizer Teacher Development Award, 2007*
- Forrest Riordan Humanitarian Award, 2005