

AUBMC holds Lebanon's First Annual Emergency Medicine Conference hosted by the Academic Department of Emergency Medicine

(November 19, 2015) Beirut, Lebanon – The Department of Emergency Medicine (DEM) at the American University of Beirut Medical Center (AUBMC) in collaboration with Johns Hopkins University and Emory University, the local chapter of the American Academy of Emergency Medicine (AAEM), and the Lebanese Academy of Emergency Medicine (LAEM) organized Lebanon's first annual conference discussing updates in emergency medicine.

The conference was held on November 6 and 7, 2015, and it was attended by 220 specialists including physicians, nurses, emergency medical technicians (EMT) and students from over 50 institutions across Lebanon. It provided training and education in emergency medicine, as well as clinical updates in the field including data from AUBMC DEM-led research on acute care in Lebanon.

"Since the establishment of the Academic Department of Emergency Medicine, and in addition to developing unique services and skills, it has led the way in educational innovations with respect to the training of residents and students," commented Dr. Mohamed H. Sayegh, Executive VP for Medical Affairs and Global Strategy and Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

"It is a testament to our commitment to academia and education and to providing the highest standards of clinical care," he added.

Attendees had the opportunity to improve critical skills in their practice. They learned about the pivotal role the Department of Emergency Medicine at AUBMC plays in the development of the specialty in Lebanon and the region including the value of its residency program and student clerkship. The audience gained more insight into the exceptional emergency medical care and expertise, education, research, and toxicology care service at AUBMC. Medical toxicology is a service uniquely offered at AUBMC through collaboration with the Emory University Toxicology Program. The conference covered multiple toxicology topics by experts who offer the service at AUBMC.

"The main objective of the conference was to offer evidence-based updates on key clinical emergency medicine topics from cardiovascular and neurologic emergencies to pediatric acute care and toxicology," said Dr. Eveline Hitti, Chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at AUBMC. International guest speakers from Johns Hopkins University and Emory University joined the speakers from the Department of Emergency Medicine at AUBMC in the two day conference.

The conference served as a forum that involved attendees in the most advanced discoveries in emergency medicine including AUBMC DEM research on pre-hospital care, sepsis, toxicology

and anaphylaxis in Lebanon. It provided a unique hands-on teaching opportunity for the attendees. “Such forums reinforce AUBMC’s leading role in the development of the specialty in Lebanon and its educational innovations in the training of residents and students,” said Dr. Ziad Kazzi, Emory University medical toxicologist and Partner Director of AUBMC Poison Center.

“The Department of Emergency Medicine at AUBMC is contributing significantly towards the development of the specialty, its residency program and student clerkship,” commented Dr. Amin Kazzi, Professor of Emergency Medicine and Founder and Founding Chair of the Department.

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About AUBMC

Since 1902, AUBMC has been providing the highest standards of care to patients across Lebanon and the region. It is also the teaching hospital for the Faculty of Medicine at AUB (established in 1867), which has trained generations of medical students and physicians, and whose graduates can be found at leading institutions around the world. AUBMC is the only medical institution in the Middle East to have earned the four international accreditations of JCI, Magnet, CAP, and ACGME-I attesting to its superior standards in patient-centered care, nursing, pathology/laboratory services and graduate medical education.

The Faculty of Medicine has graduated over 4,000 medical students and physicians; the Rafic Hariri School of Nursing provides excellent education for the nursing staff, and the Medical Center meets the health care needs of over 360,000 patient visits annually.

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