

AUBMC, the First in Lebanon to Remove a Vascular Malformation from the Eye Socket of a Child

Beirut, December 9, 2019: In line with its commitment to providing cutting edge medical treatment and technology, the American University of Beirut Medical Center (AUBMC) recently performed a novel and risky surgery to remove a large vascular malformation from the eye socket of an eight year old child.

The rare and state-of-the-art minimally invasive procedure was performed by a multi-disciplinary team including Dr. Ramzi Alameddine specialized in Ophthalmology and Oculoplastic Surgery, and Dr. Nadim Muallem, specialized in Interventional Radiology.

The procedure aimed to remove a progressively enlarging tumor that is composed of abnormal blood vessels that were pushing the eye out and causing loss of vision.

Dr. Alameddine said, “During surgery, the mass was radiographically mapped, and filled with glue to solidify the abnormal vessels and allow them to be removed with lower risk of bleeding or damage to critical eye structures.”

Dr. Muallem said, “By adopting advanced techniques and skills, we help in saving lives and improve patient’s quality of life.”

The success of this case signals AUBMC’s expanded capabilities to address the most complex and challenging cases for patients who otherwise had to seek treatment abroad. It further cements the position of AUBMC and the country as a leading destination for the most complex cases and surgical treatments.

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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 healthcare needs of over 360,000 patient visits annually.

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