INTRODUCTION

Since 1902, the American University of Beirut Medical Center (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 (FM) at AUB. Established in 1867, the Faculty of Medicine has trained generations of medical students and physicians, and its graduates can be found at leading institutions around the world.

AUBMC is the first medical institution in the Middle East to have earned five international accreditations of Joint Commission International (JCI), Magnet, College of American Pathologists (CAP), Joint Accreditation Committee for EBMT and ISCT Europe (JACIE), and the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education - International (ACGME-I) attesting to its superior standards in patient-centered care, nursing, pathology/laboratory services, and graduate medical education. AUBMC’s impact on the medical sector and on improving people’s lives is without equal in the Arab world.

AUB Faculty of Medicine also received the World Federation Medical Education full accreditation from the Association for Evaluation and Accreditation of Medical Education Programs (TEPDAD) International Medical Education Accreditation Council.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The American University of Beirut Medical Center (AUBMC) is an academic medical center dedicated to the passionate pursuit of improving the health of the community in Lebanon and the region through the delivery of exceptional and comprehensive quality care to our patients, excellence in education and training, and leadership in innovative research.
AUBMC AND FM LEADERSHIP TEAM

- Dr. Ghazi Zaatari
  Interim Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at AUB

- Mr. Joseph G. Otayek
  Medical Center Director

- Dr. Pierre Sfeir
  Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs and Chief Medical Officer

- Dr. Samir Alam
  Chief of Staff

- Mr. Hisham Bawadi
  Nursing Director

- Ms. Cherine Chehab
  Clinical Support Units Director

- Mr. Rawad Jamaleddine
  Quality, Accreditation, and Risk Management Director

- Ms. Lama Itani
  Human Resources Director

- Mr. Namir Kanaan
  Engineering Director

- Mr. Jad Khayat
  Finance Director

- Mr. Raed Rafeh
  Logistics Director

- Ms. Rula Antoun
  Information Technology Director

- Dr. Simon Kachar
  AUB Director of News & Media Relations - Head of AUBMC Communications and Public Relations Unit

PATIENT VISITS

AUBMC is considered the main tertiary/quaternary referral medical center in Lebanon and the region. AUBMC operates 369 beds, serving 44,728 inpatients annually. The outpatient facilities receive 425,661 outpatient visits annually (339,040 private, 31,381 outpatient department, and 55,240 emergencies). AUBMC seeks to provide the highest standards of patient-centered care, quality and safety, partnered with service excellence.
CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

Clinical Centers of Excellence
AUBMC is now home to five clinical Centers of Excellence: the Abu-Haidar Neuroscience Institute (AHNI), which is dedicated to clinical and basic neurosciences; the Children’s Cancer Center of Lebanon (CCCL), which is affiliated with St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, and serves as a referral center for Lebanon and the region for pediatric cancer; the Naef K. Basile Cancer Center (NKBCI), which is dedicated to the treatment of adult cancers; the Nehme and Therese Tohme Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Center, the first MS Center in the Middle East; and the Mufid Farra Heart and Vascular Outpatient Center.

Research Centers of Excellence
AUB’s Faculty of Medicine and Medical Center aim to serve as the regional hub for research initiatives by addressing the research needs of the region, improving research standards especially for human subject research, and increasing partnerships and research collaborations between institutions as well as within AUB.

Research Centers of Excellence are also being established to take basic and clinical research at AUB to international standards. The goal is to establish five Basic and Translational Research Centers of Excellence in:

- Cancer Biology
- Cardiovascular Sciences
- Genetics
- Neuroscience
- Therapeutic Stem Cells
Clinical Research

AUB and the Faculty of Medicine are committed to leading clinical research. As such, they have created the Human Resource Protection Program (HRPP), which will help AUBMC to be at the forefront of ensuring ethical treatment of human research participants aligned with the highest standards.

The mission of the Clinical Research Institute (CRI) is to build capacity in clinical research and provide faculty members with the infrastructure and services to support them in conducting innovative clinical research. The CRI includes 4 units (Biostatistics Unit, Clinical Epidemiology Unit, Clinical Research Unit, and Research Education Unit), 5 programs (Faculty Advancement Program, Nursing Advancement Program, Fellowship and Residency Research Program, Medical Research Volunteer Program, and Research Personnel Program), in addition to one center, the AUB GRADE Center.

Evidence-Based Healthcare Management Unit (EHMU)

EMHU is a cross-disciplinary research unit based in the Faculty of Medicine (FM) at the American University of Beirut (AUB) and includes members from Olayan School of Business (OSB), Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS), Hariri School of Nursing (HSON), Faculty of Engineering and Architecture (FEA), and AUBMC. Launched in 2010, EHMU aims to contribute to the development and improvement and strengthening of management and leadership in healthcare settings through the promotion of evidence-based decision making both academically and practically.

Bioethics and Professionalism

AUBMC is the first institution in the region to launch a Bioethics and Professionalism Program. The Salim El-Hoss Bioethics and Professionalism Program (SHBPP) at the American University of Beirut Faculty of Medicine (AUB FM) is an interdisciplinary resource for faculty, students, healthcare providers and policy makers who are involved in bioethics education, medical professionalism and humanism, research, and consultation in Lebanon and the region.
FACULTY OF MEDICINE DEPARTMENTS

- Anesthesiology
- Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics
- Anatomy, Cell Biology, and Physiology
- Dermatology
- Diagnostic Radiology
- Emergency Medicine
- Experimental Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology
- Family Medicine
- Internal Medicine
- Neurology
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Ophthalmology
- Otolaryngology
- Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
- Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine
- Pharmacology and Toxicology
- Psychiatry
- Radiation Oncology
- Surgery

SPECIALIZED CLINICAL SERVICES/PROGRAMS

Multiple services (including Centers of Excellence, specialized clinical services and units) were established to meet the needs of our patients. These services target health areas that are prevalent or important to Lebanon and allow AUBMC to lead the delivery of patient care through a focus on a comprehensive and multidisciplinary approach. This approach is believed to improve patient outcomes and satisfaction.

FM STUDENTS
115 students admitted to medical program 2020-2021

FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS
- AUB: 109
- Non-AUB: 6

FIRST-YEAR MD CLASS, ENTERED FALL 2018
- Applicants: 272
- AUB: 189
- Non-AUB: 83

TOTAL FM STUDENTS ENROLLED, FALL 2020
- MD Program Medicine I: 115
- Medicine II: 117
- Medicine III: 113
- Medicine IV: 105

MD FINANCIAL AID, FISCAL YEAR 2020
- Number of medical students applied for financial aid: 336
- Number of medical students received financial aid: 322
- Students receiving financial aid: 96 % (excluding MD-PhD students)
- Amount of financial aid received: USD 4,554,248
Patients can receive all their medical needs from a team of healthcare professionals dedicated to their treatment. In addition to the four Centers of Excellence mentioned above, below is a list of some of the specialized clinical services and units available at AUBMC:

- AUBMC Special Kids Clinic (ASKC)
- Balance Center
- Cardiac Rehabilitation Center
- Calcium Metabolism and Osteoporosis Program-Bone Density Unit
- Center for Skull Base Surgery
- Children’s Heart Center (supported by the Brave Heart Fund)
- Comprehensive Adult and Pediatric Epilepsy Program
- Executive Health and Travel Medicine Program
- Hamdan Voice Unit
- Inherited Metabolic Disease Program (IMDP)
- Mamdouha El-Sayyed Bobst Breast Unit
- Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Unit
- Mikati Foundation Hepatopancreaticobiliary and Liver Transplantation Unit
- Developmental Care and Early Intervention Program (DCEIP)
- Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program
- The Dr. Agnes Varis Healing Program for Substance Use Disorders
- Women’s Health Center
- Wound Care Center

OUR CERTIFICATIONS/ACREDITATIONS

- Certification by the Lebanese Ministry of Public Health
- Joint Commission International (JCI)—AUBMC was the 1st Medical Center in Lebanon to receive JCI accreditation for the 5th time in a row
- Magnet® designation—AUBMC was the 1st Medical Center in the Middle-East to receive this honor and the 2nd outside the US to receive Magnet designation twice.
- College of American Pathologists (CAP)—AUBMC’s
HSON Accreditation
The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education CCNE (http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation) has acted to reaccredit Bachelor’s and Master’s nursing programs at the Rafic Hariri School of Nursing (HSON) for 10 years retroactive to May 14, 2012.
OFFICES AND DEPARTMENTS

Continuing Medical Education (CME) Office
The Continuing Medical Education Office at AUBMC, in joint sponsorship with the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, provides credits and accreditation for physicians, nurses and Healthcare Professionals (HCPs). Physicians in Lebanon and the region can now attend educational workshops in Lebanon and gain AMA or ANCC credits without traveling. This places AUBMC in a leadership role to continue to serve the medical educational needs of physicians and nurses in Lebanon and the region with the overarching goal of improving healthcare delivery.

External Medical Affairs (EMA) Office
Established in 2010, the EMA Office provides customer centered assistance to health institutions/schools, creates new opportunities and markets to the FM/AUBMC in the areas of medical service, education, and research, and supervises the exchange of experts in the fields of health and medical sciences.

Patient Affairs Unit
Aligned with AUBMC’s goal to provide patient centered care and service excellence, the Patient Affairs Unit was established in September 2010. The mandate of the unit is to ensure patient satisfaction and optimal patient experience for all those who visit AUBMC. The office caters for various services including Patient Advocacy, Patient Education, Complaint Management, Volunteering, and Patient Satisfaction.

The Office of Communications and Public Relations
The Office of Communication and Public Relations at AUBMC, and as part of AUB’s Office of Communications, is the focal point of all strategic communications for the Medical Center and the Faculty of Medicine. The office ensures that patients, healthcare providers and the community are aware of the excellent services provided by AUBMC/FM. In addition to strategic communications, the Department is also responsible for public relations, media relations, and marketing initiatives.
SAAB MEDICAL LIBRARY

The Saab Medical Library (SML), a partner of the university’s healthcare system, serves as a gateway to international up-to-date electronic and print biomedical information, assisting AUB in accomplishing its mission and goals in the medical education, advancement of knowledge through research, delivery of quality healthcare and outstanding community services. Its resources focus on those that assist in the practice of Evidence-Based medicine. In addition to its good collection, the librarians provide professional services to all its users as well to other non-AUB healthcare professionals.

Collections
- 80 e-databases
- 10,000 e-journals
- 25,000 e-books
- 50,000 print books

Special Collections
- 2000 hardcopy historical books
- 28 Digitized History of Medicine Collection
- Lebanon Hospital for the Insane annual reports, photos, etc.
- Avicenna’s Book of Canon, 1593 with translated Table of Content and Index and links to original text

Lebanese Corner
A repository of Lebanese medical publications, this is a valuable resource to researchers interested in health in Lebanon as it houses mainly grey literature that is not captured anywhere else.

Evidence by Specialty
A collection of the latest EBM documents by subject specialty.

All of the above collections are housed in a user-friendly home page that is accessible also remotely 24/7.
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