

## **AUBMC Celebrates 10-year Anniversary of CAP Accreditation with Reaccreditation**

**(September 30, 2014) Beirut, Lebanon** – The American University of Beirut Medical Center Pathology and Laboratory Medicine received in August 2014 its reaccreditation by the College of American Pathologists (CAP) based on the results of a recent onsite inspection.

“We are proud of this achievement and there is no better gift than receiving this news on our 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of being CAP accredited.” said Dr. Ghazi Zaatari, chairman of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. “Service excellence and patient care are priority at AUBMC. This reaccreditation reaffirms our commitment to providing the highest quality laboratory services and reliable testing results to our patients and affirms our leadership position in the healthcare industry in Lebanon and the region.” he added.

During the CAP accreditation process, inspectors examined the laboratory’s records and quality control of procedures for the preceding two years. CAP inspectors also reviewed laboratory staff qualifications, as well as the laboratory’s equipment, facilities, safety program and record, and overall management.

The CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program is an internationally recognized program and the only one of its kind to utilize teams of practicing laboratory professionals as inspectors. The goal of the CAP program is to improve patient safety by advancing the quality of pathology and laboratory services through education and rigorous standards, which meet or exceed regulatory requirements.

The CAP is a medical society that serves more than 17,000 physician members and the laboratory community throughout the world. It is the world’s largest association composed exclusively of pathologists and is widely recognized as the leader in laboratory quality assurance. The CAP is an advocate for high quality and cost-effective patient care.

AUBMC was the first medical institution in Lebanon to receive CAP Accreditation.

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### **Note to Editors**

#### **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 first medical institution in the Middle East to have earned the three 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.