



First Clinical Research Symposium

American University of Beirut Medical Center

Saturday March 6, 2010, 8:00 am - 5:15 pm, Issam Fares Auditorium

8:00-8:30 Registration

8:30-9:00 Opening Session

Ahmad Dallal, PhD, Provost

Mohamed Sayegh, MD, Vice President & Dean of Medicine

Ghada El-Hajj Fuleihan, MD, MPH, Associate Dean for Clinical Research

9:00-10:30 Chairs: Drs Ghada El-Hajj Fuleihan and Fuad Ziyadeh

9:00-9:30 **Mohamed Sayegh, MD**: Surrogate Markers in Transplantation: Are We There Yet?

9:30-9:45 **Ghada El-Hajj Fuleihan, MD, MPH**: Hypovitaminosis D in Lebanon: Risk factors and impact on musculoskeletal parameters

9:45-10:00 **Ali Taher, MD**: Thalassemia Intermedia: Revisited

10:00-10:15 **Raja Khauli, MD**: Evolution of Laparoscopic Donor Nephrectomy at AUBMC

10:15-10:30 **Sami Sanjad, MD**: A novel PCLN-1/CLDN16 gene mutation in familial hypomagnesemia with hypercalciuria and atypical phenotype.

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:15 Chairs: Drs Habib Dakik and George Nemer

11:00-11:15 **Ghassan M. Matar, PhD**, Prevalence and clinical relevance of *Helicobacter pylori* *cagA* and *vacA* genes in Lebanese patients with gastritis and peptic ulcer disease

11:15-11:30 **Nathalie Zgheib, MD**, The Influence of *CYP2C9* and *VKORC1* genetic polymorphisms on variability of Warfarin and Acenocoumarol Dose Requirements, Toxicity and Pharmacokinetics in a Sample of Lebanese Peoples

11:30-11:45 **Nadim Kanj, MD**, Hospital-Based Smoking Cessation Program: A 2-year Experience

11:45-12:00 **Rachid Haidar, MD**: Limb Salvage Surgery for Children and Adolescents with Malignant Bone Tumors in a Developing Country

12:00-12:15 **Aliya Dabbous, MD**: Naloxone Efficacy Versus Metoclopramide in Postoperative Nausea and Vomiting Treatment: A Pilot Study

12:15-1:30 Lunch break

1:30-3:00 Chairs: Drs Ghazi Zaatar and Ali Shamseddine

1:30-2:00 **Samia Khoury, MD**: CTLA4Ig from Bench to Bedside

2:00-2:15 **Kassem Barada, MD**: Gross Lower Gastrointestinal Bleeding in Patients on Anticoagulant and/or Antiplatelet Therapy: Endoscopic Findings, Management, and Clinical Outcomes.

2:15-2:30 **Habib A. Dakik, MD**: Risk Stratification of Patients Hospitalized with Acute Coronary Syndromes at the American University of Beirut Medical Center.

2:30-2:45 **Ali I Shamseddine, MD**: Cancer Epidemiology in Lebanon

2:45-3:00 **Nagi S. El Saghir, MD**: Trends in epidemiology and management of breast cancer in developing Arab countries: A literature and registry analysis

3:00-3:30 Coffee Break

3:30-5:15 Chairs: Drs Bahaa Nouredine and Joseph Ghafari

3:30-3:45 **Ziad Bashshur, MD**: Intravitreal Bevacizumab for Treatment of Neovascular Age Related Macular Degeneration: a two year prospective study

3:45-4:00 **Haytham Salti, MD**: Prevalence and Determinants of Retinopathy in a cohort of Lebanese type 2 Diabetic Patients.

4:00-4:15 **Shady Awwad, MD**: Accuracy of the Double-K adjusted Third Generation Formulas in Intraocular Lens Calculations in Eyes with Previous Keratorefractive Surgery

4:15-4:30 **Christiane Al-Haddad, MD**: Retinal Nerve Fiber Layer and Macular Thickness in Amblyopia and Anisometropia

4:30-4:45 **Maria Saadeh, DDS**: The Effect of Cancer Therapy on Dental and Skeletal Development in Children

4:45-5:00 **Anthony T. Macari, DDS**: Airway obstruction: new data on morphological changes indicate earlier intervention

5:00-5:15 **Ramzi V. Haddad, DDS**: Craniofacial anatomy in class III malocclusion