

First Annual Lebanese Pharmacy Schools Symposium

United in Action: Pharmacy Education and Practice Advancement

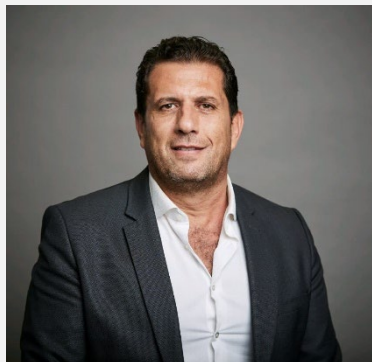
Day 1: Saturday, February 17, 2024 - Irwin Building, LAU Beirut Campus

Table Discussion/Panel Discussion Leaders

Biographies

Theme I: Pharmacy Education in Lebanon: Challenges and Opportunities (10:30 am – 12:30 pm)

Table 1: Military – (Irwin Hall Stage)
General Pharmacist Ali Hussein



Brigadier general pharmacist Ali Hussein is an officer in the Lebanese armed forces since 1996, currently the head the Central Military Pharmacy in the Military Healthcare. General Ali Hussein holds a bachelor of pharmacy from Beirut Arab University. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in clinical pharmacy from the same university. He is a member of the advisory committee of the faculty of pharmacy at BAU. He is also a member of the military tender committee for medications. Adding to that, general Hussein is the medical coordinator for the pharmacy students undergoing an internship in the central military pharmacy. He is a senior member of the qualifying and testing board for the employment of new pharmacists in the Military Healthcare. As head of the central military pharmacy, he oversees critical medical operations with precision and dedication. General Hussein attended several congresses related to healthcare in Lebanon and abroad, where he continues to broadens his expertise and contribute to military medical advancements sharpening his skills in leadership and healthcare management.

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Table 3: Local Industries/Companies –
(Faculty Lounge)

Mr. Nabil Ghorayeb (Algorithm)



Nabil is a board member and Senior Executive at Algorithm SAL, a leading pharmaceuticals manufacturer with a solid footprint in the Middle East. It is a licensee of various multinationals offering their differentiated products to the market through state-of-the-Art manufacturing.

He also serves as a Board Member of various Pharmaceuticals and Medical devices' companies in the region.

He is also Board member and senior Executive of Biologix, a company based in Dubai that promotes, sells, and distributes biotechnology products across the MENA.

His experience varies from Manufacturing, Marketing, Corporate Strategy and BD with over 30 years of experience in the pharmaceuticals industry.

Formerly a Teacher at American University of Beirut and University of St. Joseph in Economics and Management Sciences.

Graduated from Université Paris IX Dauphine, and holder of an MBA from New York University. He is currently a board member of SPIL (Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Association), is married and has two children.

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Table 5: Medicine – (6th Floor Conference Room-1)

Dr. Sola Bahous (LAU)



Dr. Aoun Bahous is Professor of Medicine and Dean of the Lebanese American University School of Medicine. She holds an MD degree from the Lebanese University, a PhD degree from Pierre and Marie-Curie University in France, and a Master in Health Professions Education from the University of Illinois at Chicago. She is fellow of the American Society of Nephrology, and her clinical and research expertise extends to the fields of hypertension, hemodynamics, arterial stiffness, and medical education.

Table 6: Nursing – (6th Floor Conference Room-2)

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Table 7: Alumni – (6th Floor Conference Room-3)

Racelle Farah (LAU)



Racelle Farah is an accomplished pharmacist with over 9 years of expertise dedicated to Quality Assurance and Regulatory Affairs within the medical devices industry. Racelle earned her Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree from LAU. Her expertise has been refined through hands-on experience in various roles within the medical devices industry, including Lead auditor for Quality management system as per ISO 9001, ISO 13485 and GMP, in addition to Medical Documentation according to the regulatory requirements worldwide. Beyond her professional endeavors, Racelle is an active board member of Rotary International club of Kesrouan, where she has served as the President of the Rotaract Club for year 2015. She actively participates in various community service projects, demonstrating her commitment to making a positive impact on society. In addition, she was elected as a municipal board member in 2016, where she held a key position as Chair for the Health Committee.

Table 8: Students – (6th Floor Hall)

Sarah El Ali (LAU)



Sarah El Ali is a driven and dedicated fifth year pharmacy student at the Lebanese American University. With a passion for patient care and community service, Sarah has diverse experiences in the pharmacy field; she is currently pursuing her clinical internship and has already practiced in hospital and community settings. Furthermore, she has earned several certifications, demonstrating her commitment to continuous learning and professional development. Beyond her academic pursuits, Sarah constantly demonstrates leadership skills as she serves different roles in several associations and student clubs, and participates in the organization of co-curricular activities and events.

& Lynne Shamitivity

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Cyrielle Saba (LAU)



& Nada Al Kadry (LIU)



& Marianne Atallah

Cyrielle Saba graduated with a BS in Pharmacy from the Lebanese American University in 2023. She is currently pursuing a PharmD degree at the same university with an interest in infectious diseases and oncology. With aspirations to work in retail in the United States, Cyrielle is dedicated to making a positive impact in the field of pharmacy.

Nada al Kadry, a 5th-year pharmacy student at Lebanese International University (Bekaa), has consistently earned a place on the dean's honor list since her first year. Nada is driven by a profound passion for healthcare. Throughout her college journey, she has honed her skills in medication therapy management, drug dispensing, and patient counseling through internships at various community pharmacies. Active participation in pharmacy organizations and clubs, coupled with attendance at numerous online webinars and seminars, showcases Nada's commitment to staying updated in the field. Her current aspiration is to graduate and attain a Doctor of Pharmacy degree, seeking to accumulate extensive medical experience and ultimately make a positive impact on people's lives.

Theme II: Pharmacy Practice in Lebanon: Challenges and Opportunities (3:00 pm – 5:30 pm)

Table 1: Military – (Irwin Hall Stage)

Col. Habib Abdo



& Captain Nisrine Hatoum



Lieutenant Colonel Habib Abdo is an officer in the Lebanese Armed Forces since 2006, currently the Head of Central Military Laboratories in the Military Healthcare. He is a member of the Army's Strategic Planning Committee. Lt. Col. Abdo holds a PharmD and a University Diploma in epidemiology from Saint Joseph University, and an M.B.A. in Healthcare Institutions Management from the Sorbonne. He also holds a B.A. in Political Sciences from the Lebanese University and has a Master's Degree in International Affairs and Diplomacy from the same university. He has several publications, studies and thesis on the medication market in Lebanon facing globalization and other economic changes in addition to lecturing in local universities of Saint Joseph University, Antonine University and USEK on health economics, Nation-building, and transparency. He is currently a lecturer in the master's program at the University of Balamand in health and laboratory management. He is also a lecturer at the American University of Beirut in strategic planning in healthcare. He is an active participant in the local and international annual congresses and seminars of the related topics to healthcare sector and its economic, political and other driving factors. He has experience in healthcare strategy, project management, and healthcare policy. His skills include strategic planning and execution of healthcare projects, stakeholder engagement and collaboration, and strong analytical and problem-solving abilities. He has successfully secured funding for healthcare initiatives and has managed project budgets and resources, ensuring compliance with regulations and policies.

Nisrine HATOUM, Pharm.D., MS, Head of Central Military Hospital Pharmacy Department.
Captain Pharmacist Nisrine HATOUM earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree (PharmD) from the Saint Joseph University USJ, in 2012, her University Diploma in Clinical Pharmacy from USJ in 2013 and her Masters degree in microbiological quality control of food products, pharmaceuticals and cosmetics from USJ, in 2014.
She began her career as a Clinical Pharmacist at Hotel Dieu de France Hospital in Beirut, where she worked from 2013 to 2015. She then worked as a community pharmacist in Beirut from 2015 to 2017 before joining the Lebanese Armed Forces.
Since 2017, Captain Hatoum has been serving in the military, first as the Head of Pharmacy Department at Mount Lebanon Military Medical Central in Sarba from 2017 to 2020. Currently, she serves as the Head of Central Military Hospital Pharmacy Department in Badaro.
In addition, Captain Hatoum is a member of a committee responsible for purchasing laboratory products, solvents, and reagents and a member of a committee responsible for studying patients' requests with the aim of approving treatment with intravitreal injections.

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Elsie Nassar (LAU)



Elsie Nassar, Pharmacist graduated from LAU, Country manager of Evapharma in Lebanon. Enthusiastic, highly motivated and results oriented country manager with 22 years of experience in the pharmaceutical field. Worked in multinational companies, market access with Lebanese ministry of Health and Lebanese Army in executing sales strategies. Result oriented. Skilled in team leadership, relationship building, and data analysis with a strong commitment to achieve sets target and driving business growth.

Table 8: Students – (6th Floor Hall)

Adriana Sadek (LAU)



& Zeina Ayache

Adriana is currently a professional year 3 (P3) student pharmacist at the LAU School of Pharmacy, B.S. Pharmacy Class 2024. With a passion for advancing her education, she aspires to join the PharmD program next year to further enrich her knowledge and skills in the field. She has served as the professional year 2 (P2) class representative for the academic year 2022-2023. Her involvement extends beyond the classroom, as she actively contributes to the co-curricular activities committee, where she held the position of chairperson for both the Media and Pharmacy Education subcommittees. She also served as the secretary of the Students' Volunteering club and played a pivotal role in organizing various volunteering opportunities. Additionally, she is an active member in the NAPHASS pharmacy club and LPSA. Throughout her academic journey, Adriana has had the privilege of undertaking several internships in both Lebanon and the US at major hospital and community pharmacies, which has provided her with valuable hands-on experience. Looking ahead, Adriana plans to pursue a residency following the completion of her PharmD.

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