The Salim El-Hoss Bioethics and Professionalism Program at the American University of Beirut, Faculty of Medicine
In joint sponsorship with Yale University
announces its 9th national conference

Physicians, Torture and the Ethics of Medicine

Saturday November 23, 2013
Golden Tulip Serenada Hotel, Beirut, Lebanon
GENERAL INFORMATION

Program Overview
This activity is the 8th National Conference held by the Salim El-Hoss Bioethics and Professionalism Program at the American University of Beirut Faculty of Medicine. It aims at bringing physicians, residents, members of the healthcare team, nurses, public health professionals, and psychologists from all over Lebanon together to discuss issues pertaining to physicians involvement in torture, medical professionalism and the duties of the physician in times of armed conflict.

Objectives
Upon completion of this program, participant will be able to:
- Highlight the role of physicians in harsh abuses in the region
- Educate health professionals about their roles and duties in times of war/armed conflict/unrest
- Highlight the tenets of medical professionalism and of the Hippocratic oath
- Examine the declaration of Tokyo and the role that such declarations play in actual life
- Reflect on the notions of physician moral responsibility and moral courage

Target Audience
This annual scientific meeting has been designed for physicians, residents, and members of the healthcare team in all specialties, nurses, public health professionals, and psychologists.

Venue
The Physicians, Torture and the Ethics of Medicine conference will be held at the Golden Tulip Serenada Hotel, Beirut, Lebanon.

Accreditation/Designation Statement
This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of The Yale School of Medicine and American University of Beirut. Yale School of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians. School of Medicine designates this educational activity for a maximum of 4 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™. Physicians should claim only credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Lebanese Order of Physicians Statement
The Physician, Torture and the Ethics of Medicine course also complies with the Lebanese Order of Physicians Continuing Medical Education guidelines.
Disclosure Policy
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Registration
The registration fee is for this conference is $20. Registration will include syllabus, coffee break and lunch. For reservation and pre-registration kindly send an email to ba45@aub.edu.lb to reserve a seat.

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Dr. Vivienne Nathanson is the Director of Professional Activities at the BMA, responsible for overseeing the Association’s work on public health, medical ethics and international affairs. She is a teacher at Durham and Cambridge University and continues to educate in fora around the world. Her past roles include being a General Medicine Trainee, a Professor of Medical Management and a Professor of Public Health Ethics. Dr Nathanson has a particular interest in public health, ethics, weapons control and human rights.
PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

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08:30am – 09:00am  Registration

09:00am – 09:10am  Opening Words
                    Dr. Bassem Saab

09:10am – 09:15am  Welcome
                    Dr. Thalia Arawi

09:15am – 10:10am  Physicians who Abet Torture: Ethics without Accountability
                    Dr. Steven Miles

10:10am – 10:15am  Questions & Answers

10:15am – 10:45am  Screening of scenes from “Doctors of the Dark Side”

10:45am – 11:00am  Discussion
                    Dr. Sawsan Abdulrahim (moderator)

11:00am – 11:35am  Ethics and Professionalism in a Changing World
                    Dr. Vivienne Nathanson

11:35am – 11:40am  Questions & Answers

11:40am – 12:10pm  Coffee Break

12:10pm – 12:45pm  Physicians and Torture: Why Accountability Matters.
                    Dr. Steven Miles

12:45pm – 12:50pm  Questions & Answers

12:50pm – 13:25pm  The Medicalization of Torture: Israeli physicians and torture in
                    Occupied Palestine
                    Dr. Ghassan Soleiman Abu-Sittah

13:25pm – 13:30pm  Questions & Answers

13:30pm  Lunch
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