The First Joint Regional Conference between the Children’s Cancer Institute in Lebanon and St Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis, TN, USA

CHILDHOOD CANCER: ADVANCES AND REGIONAL CHALLENGES
May 11-12, 2013, Beirut, Lebanon

The goal for this meeting is to foster improved acquaintance, collaboration, and identify common interests and challenges among pediatric oncology units in the region.

The program will feature: 1) timely topics and renowned speakers from St Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Memphis, TN, USA, and 2) regional presentations from 15 countries, focusing on special issues related to childhood cancer in the region. Detailed program information, as well as free registration, is available online at www.cccl.org.lb

The Conference will be held in close physical and temporal association with another large meeting, the Middle East Medical Assembly (MEMA), which draws a wide audience of physicians and health care professionals from the Middle East, and boasts a long history of distinguished guest speakers from around the world. For more information on the MEMA program, which includes a symposium on Pediatric Immune Deficiency disorders in the region, please see their official webpage at http://mema.aub.edu.lb
Childhood Cancers: Advances and Regional Challenges

Preliminary Scientific Program

Saturday May 11, 2013

AM session:

8:30-8:40  Opening Remarks  
Dr Hassan Solh

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Dr Raya Saab

8:50-9:30  Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia  
Dr Sima Jeha, St Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Memphis, TN, USA

9:30-10:00 Management of acute myeloid leukemia in children and adolescents: Balancing treatment intensity with acute and long-term toxicity  
Dr Raul Ribeiro, St Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Memphis, TN, USA

10:00-10:30  Febrile Neutropenia Management  
Dr Miguela Caniza, St Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Memphis, TN, USA

10:30-11:00  Coffee Break

11:00-11:30  Radiation therapy in Hodgkin Disease  
Dr Matt Krasin, St Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Memphis, TN, USA

11:30-12:00  Pharmacogenomics of childhood ALL  
Dr Jun Yang, St Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Memphis, TN, USA

12:00-12:30  Viral Infections in Immunocompromised Hosts  
Dr Miguela Caniza, St Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Memphis, TN, USA

12:30-2:00  Lunch break (+Poster presentation)
Saturday May 11, 2013

PM session:

2:00-2:30 Advances and Updates in Rhabdomyosarcoma
*Dr Sheri Spunt, St Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Memphis, TN, USA*

2:30-3:00 Surgical Control of Chest Wall Tumors
*Dr Bhaskar Rao, St Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Memphis, TN, USA*

3:00-3:30 Coffee break

3:30-4:00 Radiation therapy for pediatric solid tumors
*Dr Matt Krasin, St Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Memphis, TN, USA*

4:00-4:30 Internal Hemiplevectomy in bone tumors
*Dr Bhaskar Rao, St Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Memphis, TN, USA*

4:30-5:00 Establishing a limb salvage program
*Dr Rachid Haidar, American University of Beirut, Lebanon*
Sunday May 12, 2013

AM session:

8:30-9:10  St. Jude International Outreach Program: Impact of Twinning projects in pediatric hematology/oncology programs in Latin America.  
*Dr Raul Ribeiro, St Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Memphis, TN, USA*

9:10-10:10  State of Pediatric Oncology in the region:

  9:10-9:20:  *Dr Hassan El-Solh, Lebanon*
  9:20-9:30:  *Dr Iman Sidhom, Egypt*
  9:30-9:40:  *Dr Amani Al-Kofide, KSA*
  9:40-9:50:  *Dr Iyad Sultan, Jordan*
  9:50-10:00: *Dr Azzam Al-Zoebie, UAE*
  10:00-10:10: *Dr Muhammad Saghir Khan, Pakistan*

10:10-10:30  Coffee break

10:30-12:00  State of Pediatric Oncology in the region

  10:30-10:40:  *Dr Tarek El Khoury, Syria*
  10:40-10:50:  *Dr Raghad Al Saeed, Iraq*
  10:50-11:00:  *Dr Hani Saleh, Palestine*
  11:00-11:10:  *Dr Bharat Agarwal, India*
  11:10-11:20:  *Dr Yasser El Wali, Oman*
  11:20-11:30:  *Dr Hussein Al Mukharraq, Bahrain*
  11:30-11:40:  *Dr Raquesh Mittal, Kuwait*
  11:20-11:30:  *Dr Samvel Danelyan, Armenia*
  11:30-11:40:  *Dr Faten Fedhila, Tunisia*
  11:40-11:50:  *TBA*
11:50-12:00: TBA

12:00-12:30  Discussion

12:30-1:30  Lunch break (+Poster session)

Sunday May 12, 2013

PM session:

1:30-3:00  Collaborative St Jude sponsored programs

  1:30-2:00  CCI National Bone Tumor Program, Lebanon

  2:00-2:30  CCI Regional Retinoblastoma Program, Lebanon

  2:30-3:00  Discussion

3:00-3:20  Coffee break

3:20-5:00  Supportive and Nursing care in Pediatric Cancer

  3:20-3:40  Vascular access and infection prevention
    Dr Miguela Caniza, St Jude Children’s Research Hospital

  3:40-4:00  Palliative care in Pediatric Oncology

  4:00-4:20  Practice Improvement in Pediatric Oncology Nursing

  4:20-4:40  Advanced Practice Nursing in Pediatric Oncology

  4:40-5:00  Discussion