



AUB Medical Center and Najjar Hospital sign Memorandum of Understanding Friday February 5, 2010

Driven by Vice President for Medical Affairs and Dean of the Faculty of Medicine Mohamed Sayegh's vision for institutional expansion through local and regional medical bridges and in an effort to cater to all patient population groups in Lebanon, the American University of Beirut's Medical Center (AUBMC) signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on February 5 highlighting a new affiliation with Najjar Hospital.

Through this collaboration with Najjar hospital, AUBMC makes yet another commitment to its mission by increasing accessibility to superior and comprehensive healthcare services.

The focus of this MOU is both clinical and academic. As AUBMC expands and recruits more physicians and residents in training, this collaboration will congruently allow for patient populations with restrictive third party coverage to take advantage of AUBMC's faculty and clinical expertise, and will also serve to expand opportunities in education and training for AUBMC's physicians-in-training.

"AUBMC is consistently at the forefront of delivering quality and excellence in patient care, education of future leaders in medicine and biomedical research. Today marks another milestone in its endeavors towards collaborative and strategic partnerships as it continues to lead the way in building the academic bridges to excellence in health care, teaching and research. Najjar hospital is a reputable hospital and this collaboration will further enhance the delivery of healthcare in both esteemed institutions as they aspire to achieve the very best in patient care in Lebanon and the region," said Dr. Sayegh.

"This step from AUBMC is to re-ignite an old relationship that was active between 1982 and 1988 and resulted in positive outcomes according to the feedback of all the physicians that experienced this period. Unfortunately, circumstances of our beloved Lebanon led to the freezing of this relationship. Today exemplifies the meaning of cooperation between organizations of similar services towards growth and success, regardless of their size. We look forward to a long and fruitful collaboration with AUBMC," said Mr. Ghazi Najjar, owner and general manager of Najjar Hospital.

Both institutions will work closely to ensure optimum quality standards in healthcare delivery and ancillary services while coordinating on medical and educational activities.