

For Immediate Release



Beirut: 29-4-2019

## **Statement Issued by AUB Medical Center Administration**

“Over more than 150 years, AUB has always been committed to the safety, health and wellbeing of its communities.

Recent media reports have circulated inaccurate information regarding the American University of Beirut Medical Center incinerator’s function to dispose of hospital cytotoxic waste.

The Medical Center Administration would like to clarify that AUBMC adheres to the highest international standards set for safe and sustainable management of healthcare waste and is committed to disposing of cytotoxic waste within its healthcare facility by adopting World Health Organization guidelines and other relevant authorities for the safe management of cytotoxic waste from health-care activities.

The incinerator is the only internationally approved technology for treating Cytotoxic waste, which can only be disposed of through incineration at extremely high temperatures. Cytotoxic waste should never be mixed with other waste and should never be landfilled nor treated with other types of waste. In addition, the current incinerator at AUBMC, which is currently functional but emitting the higher levels of smoke, is in the process of being upgraded to a new one which meets the highest standards of a more efficient and environmentally friendly incinerator.

The American University of Beirut will be working closely with the Ministry of Public Health and the Ministry of Environment to improve the standards of healthcare waste management at AUB and at the national level.”

ENDS

**For more information please contact:**

Simon Kachar  
Director of News and Media Relations  
Mobile: (+961) 3-427-024  
Office: (+961) 1-374-374 ext: 2676  
Email: [sk158@aub.edu.lb](mailto:sk158@aub.edu.lb)

**Note to Editors**

**About AUB**

Founded in 1866, the American University of Beirut bases its educational philosophy, standards, and practices on the American liberal arts model of higher education. A teaching-centered research university, AUB has more than 900 full-time faculty members and a student body of about 9,100 students. AUB currently offers more than 120 programs leading to bachelor's, master's, MD, and PhD degrees. It provides medical education and training to students from throughout the region at its Medical Center that includes a full-service 420-bed hospital.

**Stay up to date on AUB news and events. Follow us on:**

Website: [www.aub.edu.lb](http://www.aub.edu.lb)  
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/aub.edu.lb>  
Twitter: [http://twitter.com/AUB\\_Lebanon](http://twitter.com/AUB_Lebanon)