

Dear colleagues, friends and guests,

On behalf of the American University of Beirut it is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 5th National Conference of the Salim El Hoss Bioethics and Professionalism Program at AUB's Faculty of Medicine in collaboration with the Lebanese Order of Physicians and in joint sponsorship with the Cleveland Clinic.

AUB's Faculty of Medicine is committed to furthering the cause of ethics and professionalism in health care and medicine – a very dynamic field.

There are many challenges we face as medical professionals on a day to day basis – some are challenges we know, others are new ones we find ourselves faced with.

That is why regional and national conferences such as this are critically important. They bring together health care professionals, lawyers, policy makers and other key players in medicine and medical ethics. The topic of today's conference is Ethics and Medical Reliability. The risk of medical errors, how to reduce, how to deal with them, how to disclose them are all important questions that will be discussed during this conference.

I encourage you to maximize this opportunity to listen and learn from your peers and others from different professions to address this important and critical issue in the field of medicine.

Once again pleased allow me to welcome you to this conference and best of luck.