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## AUB establishes inter-disciplinary Vascular Medicine Program

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Dear all,

It gives me great pleasure to send you this email to announce the establishment of the inter-disciplinary Vascular Medicine Program at AUB. This program is of paramount importance to AUB and AUBMC as it strongly aligns to our mission to improve the lives the community in Lebanon and the region and is a cross –faculty and interdisciplinary initiative.

As many of you know, vascular disease is the underlying cause of many of the major global health issues including hypertension, stroke, coronary artery disease, and venothrombotic disorders to name a few. As leaders in the provision of health, education and research, it is only fitting for AUB to establish such a program to participate and benefit from the vast resources being directed towards the growing burden of cardiovascular disease.

The Vascular Medicine Program (VMP) at AUB will also look to benefit from and utilize the numerous resources and areas of expertise across campus. To date the participating faculties and units are the Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences, Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, the Rafic Hariri School of Nursing and AUBMC. This includes the participation of fifteen departments and eighty faculty members. The VMP will function as a collegiate cross-campus multi-unit entity coordinated through the “VMP Central Office” which is staffed as follows:

- Director: Kamal Badr, MD – Professor of Medicine
- Co-Director: Robert Habib, MD – Associate Professor of Medicine, Director, Outcomes Research Unit, Clinical Research Institute
- Co-Director: Hussain Ismail, MD – Assistant Professor of Medicine  
Dr. Adel Birbari, Professor of Medicine and Physiology, will be assisting the VMP Central office as a Senior Advisor.

The Vascular Program has identified short and long-term objectives. The short-term objective is to, over a period of two years, lay the foundations and develop the mechanisms for academic, administrative, and clinical cooperation among all participating entities. The long-term objective is the ultimate creation of a clinical Center of Excellence in Vascular Health at AUB, linked to the Heart and Vascular Center of Excellence under development as part of the AUBMC 2020 Vision.

I would like to thank you all for your support of this important program and I appreciate your cooperation and collaboration as we move forward with the implementation of this initiative.

Best regards,  
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Professor of Medicine and Immunology  
Vice President of Medical Affairs, American University of Beirut



### Story Highlights

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