

Lancet Palestinian Health Alliance Conference
Health of Palestinians inside and outside the occupied Palestinian territory
American University of Beirut, March 20-21, 2015
Olayan School of Business Auditorium (OSB) – Ground Floor

Day 1- March 20, 2015		
08:00 - 08:30	Registration	
08:30 - 08:40	Opening Remarks Moderator: Abdullatif Husseini, Qatar University (on leave from the Institute of Community and Public Health, BZU) Welcoming remarks: AUB and BZU Leadership	
08:40 - 09:30	Session I: Overview Moderator: Huda Zurayk, Faculty of Health Sciences, AUB	
08:40 - 08:50	The LPHA so far	Graham Watt University of Glasgow and Chair, LPHA Steering Group
08:50 - 09:10	The cumulative wounds of ongoing conflict: The burden of war in Gaza as of fall 2015	Jennifer Leaning Harvard University, USA
09:10 - 09:30	Questions and discussion	
09:30 – 11:10	Session II: The Summer 2014 War on the Gaza Strip Moderator: Ghassan Abu Sitteh, American University of Beirut Medical Center	
09:30 - 09:45	The impact of the 50-day Israeli aggression on Gaza's children	Khamis Elessi Islamic University, Gaza Strip, oPt
09:45 - 10:00	Some medical consequences of the Israeli operation "Protective Edge" 2014: Preliminary data from al-Shifa Hospital, Gaza Occupied Palestine	Mads Gilbert University Hospital of North Norway, Norway
10:00 - 10:15	The mortality in the Gaza Strip in the period July-September 2014	Mohammad Yagi WHO, Gaza Strip, oPt
10:15 - 10:30	Health of internally displaced persons in temporary UNRWA shelters during the 50 days of war in Gaza	Mohammad Maqadma
10:30 – 11:10	Discussion	UNRWA, Gaza Strip, oPt
11:10 - 11:45	Coffee Break	
11:45 – 13:00	Session III: Palestinian Refugees and Basic Rights Moderator: John Yudkin, University College, London	
11:45 -12:00	Determinants of school non-enrollment among Palestine Refugee children from Syria in Lebanon	Zahra Beydoun Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut, Lebanon
12:00 - 12:15	Addressing violence among Palestine refugees through primary health care	Maha El-Sheikh UNRWA, West Bank, oPt
12:15- 12:30	Lebanese perceptions on citizenship rights for children of Lebanese mothers and Palestinian fathers	Zeinab Cherri Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut, Lebanon
12:30 - 13:00	Discussion	
13:00 - 14:00	Poster Session I	
14:00 - 15:00	Lunch	

15:00 – 16:15	Session IV: The Environment and Health Moderator: Rima Habib, Faculty of Health Sciences, AUB	
15:00 - 15:15	The chronic water shortage and early childhood development in Palestine, making the link and implications for policy and practice	Ghassan Shakhshir Welfare Association, West Bank, oPt
15:15 - 15:30	Lung function and respiratory symptoms among female hairdressers in Palestine, a five year prospective study	Maysa Nemer University of Oslo, Norway
15:30 - 15:45	Potential health effects from contaminated fish muscle tissue, seawater and sand by heavy metals in the Mediterranean sea of Gaza, Palestine	Mohammed Abudaya Al-Azhar University, Gaza Strip, oPt
15:45 - 16:15	Discussion	
16:15 - 16:45	Coffee Break	
16:45 - 18:00	Session V: Evaluation of Care 1 Moderator: Richard Horton, The Lancet	
16:45 - 17:00	Use of antenatal corticosteroids among Palestinian obstetricians: A cross sectional study	Rose Najeeb Al-Makkassed Islamic Charitable Hospital, East Jerusalem, oPt
17:00 - 17:15	Determinants of neonatal mortality in Northern West Bank (Palestine - 2012)	Amira Shaheen An Najah National University, West Bank, oPt
17:15 - 17:30	Indications and patterns of lesions of liver biopsy and FNA cytology in adults and pediatrics patients in the West Bank during the period 2008-2013, a cross sectional study	Reham Ghanim Al-Makkassed Islamic Charitable Hospital, East Jerusalem, oPt.
17:30 - 18:00	Discussion	
18:00 - 19:30	Reception OSB Grounds with Music and Dance by the Beit Atfal as-Soumoud Palestinian Children and Youth Group.	

Day 2- March 21 2015		
08:00 - 08:30	Registration	
08:30 – 10:10	Session VI: Evaluation of Care 2 Moderator: Iain Chalmers, James Lind Initiative, United Kingdom	
08:30 - 08:45	Effectiveness of mechanisms and models of coordination health services provision in humanitarian crises: A systematic review	Lama Bou Karroum Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut, Lebanon
08:45 - 09:00	Assessment of meningitis in Gaza – surveillance, laboratory diagnosis and guidelines	Bjorn Iversen WHO, West Bank, oPt
09:00 – 09:15	Awareness, attitudes and knowledge of Palestinian doctors about evidence-based medicine	Loai Barquoni Ludwig Maximilian University, Germany
09:15 – 09:30	Umbilical cord care among newborn infants in Palestine: A randomized clinical trial of alcohol versus dry cord	Maher Shahrour Al-Makkassed Islamic Charitable Hospital, East Jerusalem, oPt
09:30 – 10:10	Discussion	
10:10 – 10:45	Coffee Break	
10:45 – 12:00	Session VII: Political Violence and Health Moderator: Harry Shannon, Faculty of Health Sciences, McMaster University	
10:45 – 11:00	Resilience in Palestinian refugee society: Strengths and drawbacks	Laila Atshan Independent consultant, West Bank, oPt
11:00 – 11:15	Sources of human insecurity in an Area C West Bank community, oPt	Nouh Harsha Pharmacist, West Bank, oPt
11:15 – 11:30	Life under occupation: A holistic assessment of adult functioning in the oPt	Brian Barber, University of Tennessee, USA
11:30 – 12:00	Discussion	
12:00 – 13:00	Poster Session II	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 15:15	Session VIII: Access to Health Care and the Right to Health Moderator: Espen Bjertness, Oslo University Medical School	
14:00 – 14:15	The prevalence of non-communicable diseases, and the entitlement to and the use of health services in the Gaza Strip: An analysis of a household survey	Majdi Ashour UNRWA, Gaza Strip, oPt
14:15 – 14:30	Impact of location on gender disparities in human capital formation in the occupied Palestinian territory	Maame Esi Woode and Mohammad Abu Zeineh Marseille University, France
14:30 – 14:45	Re-thinking a roadmap to pursue universal health coverage in Palestine- A discourse	Awad Mataria WHO, Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office, Cairo
14:45 – 15:15	Discussion	
15:15 - 15:45	Coffee Break	
15:45 – 17:25	Session IX: Fertility and Reproduction in Warlike Conditions Moderator: Gerd Holmboe-Ottessen, Oslo University Medical School	

15:45 -16:00	Family formation and reproduction in the post-Oslo era	Weeam Hammoudeh Brown University, USA
16:00 -16:15	The impact of child marriage on pregnancy outcomes: Evidence from Palestine using Propensity Score Matching	Marwan Khawaja UN-ESCWA, Beirut, Lebanon
16:15 -16:30	Fertility responses to violent conflict: Evidence from the Second Palestinian Intifada	Valeria Cetorelli London School of Economics, UK
16:30 -16:45	Anxious childbearing and precarious pregnancies: Documentation, registration and the politics of birthing at the 'right' time and place in the Israeli occupied West Bank	Doaa Hammoudeh Institute of Community and Public Health, Birzeit University, West Bank, oPt
16:45– 17:25	Discussion	
17:25 - 18:25	Session X: Reflections and Plenary with John Yudkin and Iman Nuwayhid Moderator: Graham Watt, University of Glasgow	
18:25 – 18:45	Closing with the Palestinian A Capella Group of the al-Fayha Youth Choir with Maestro Barkev Taslakian.	

First Author	Poster Session I March 20, 2015, 13:00 – 1400	Affiliation
Yehia Abed	Gaza war fatalities and injuries, 2014: Descriptive Study	Al Quds University – Faculty of Public Health, West Bank and Gaza Strip, oPt
Hanne Lossius	Israeli drone attacks on Gaza cause severe amputation injuries: A retrospective, clinical follow-up study of traumatic amputees in Gaza, occupied Palestine	The University of Bergen, Norway
Hana AL Khayyat	Consequences of war on health: Interviews with injured patients from the Gaza Strip admitted to East Jerusalem hospitals in the summer of 2014.	Institute of Community and Public Health, BZU, West Bank, oPt
Said Shehadeh with Layali Hamayel presenting	The War on Gaza: Engineering Mass Torture and Trauma to Break Palestinian Resilience	Psychologist in private practice, West Bank, oPt
Audunos Elias	War outcomes in 37 patients admitted from Gaza to East Jerusalem hospitals during the Israeli offensive in Gaza in July and August, 2014	University of Oslo, Norway
Danya Qato	Pharmacovigilance as a Right: Coupling the Agenda of Access to Medicines with an Agenda of Drug Safety in Palestine	School of, Public Health, Brown, University, USA
Rula Ghandour	National Health Surveys: Redressing the balance between international stakeholders and health priorities at the national level in the Arab region – the case of the Palestinian Family	Institute of Community and Public Health, BZU West Bank, oPt
Ishtaiwi Abuzayed	Human resources for UNRWA health program at Jordan Field, 2014	UNRWA, Amman, Jordan
Eman AbuHarma	Assessment of applicability of e-Health in Gaza governorates: Barriers and opportunities	Al Quds University, East Jerusalem and Gaza Strip, oPt
Nabil Al Barqouni	Impact of the recent attack on the utilization of medical services in Al-Nasser Pediatric Hospital: a comparative study	Islamic University of Gaza, Gaza Strip, oPt
Nimer Kassim	Use of UNRWA health care services in Lebanon by Palestine refugees from Syria	UNRWA Lebanon
Tamara Lotfi	Coordinating the provision of health services in humanitarian crises: a systematic review of suggested models	Center for Systematic Reviews in Health Policy and Systems Research (SPARK), AUB, Lebanon
Tareq Areqat	The role of Palestinian non-governmental organizations in the health sector: the case of Palestine	Institute of Community and Public Health, BZU, West Bank, oPt
Hanan Abu Qtesh	Palestinian women’s satisfaction with reproductive health services at the health centers of the Health Work Committees, West Bank	Health Work Committees, West Bank, oPt
Tayseer Sabbagh	Trends in Primary Health Care Visits Among Palestine Refugees Registered in Syria, 2011-2014	UNRWA, Syria
Nasser Yassin	Where Do We Go Now? Palestinian Refugees from Syria and the Inept Response to their Crisis	Issam Faris Intstitute, AUB, Lebanon
Alaa Aburub	Micronutrient Deficiency According to Palestinian Micronutrient Survey, 2013 (PMS)	Nutrition Department, MoH, West Bank, oPt
Jowel Choufani	Food security and nutritional status of elementary school girls in a Palestinian camp in Lebanon	Center for Research on Population and Health, AUB, Lebanon

Nadine Sahyoun with AnnieBelle Sassine presenting	Food security and health status of older Palestinian refugees living in Lebanon	Department of Nutrition and Food Science, University of Maryland, USA
Ramez Dweikat	Assessment of feasibility and effect on metabolic outcomes of the WHO PEN approach after 18 months of implementation: A retrospective survey to review an 18-month implementation period of the WHO PEN approach in Salfit district, Palestine	Palestinian Ministry of Health, West Bank, oPt
Ibtisam Titi	Evaluation of pre-and postnatal care of gestational diabetes and gestational hypertension in high risk pregnancy clinics in Hebron, West Bank: A follow up comparative study.	Palestinian Ministry of Health, West Bank, oPt
Akram Abusalah	The impact of prenatal maternal nutrition and feeding habits on low birth weight in the Gaza Strip, occupied Palestinian territory: a case-control study	Palestine College of Nursing (PCN), Gaza Strip, oPt
Khaled T. Herzallah	Pregnant Women Awareness of Vitamin D Deficiency in Eight Private Clinics in Ramallah District, Palestine	Medicare Laboratories, West Bank, oPt
Ahmed Shamallakh	Quality of life among patients with cancer in Gaza governorates	Ministry of Health, Gaza Strip, oPt
Nasser Abu-El-Noor	Quality of life of people wounded in the last war (2014) against Gaza Strip	Islamic University of Gaza, Gaza Strip, oPt
Lara Abusara	The associated factors for health and life satisfaction among Palestinian university students	Institute of Community and Public Health, BZU, West Bank, oPt
Imad El-Awour	Assessment of the impact of health education intervention on knowledge, quality of life and clinical control among patients with bronchial asthma in a primary health care setting in the Gaza strip	UNRWA, Gaza Strip, oPt
Taylor Long	Palestinian Factionalism and Social Welfare	University of Michigan, USA

First Author	Poster Session II March 21 2015, 12:20 – 13:20	Affiliation
Maher Khmour	Factors related to poor hypertension control in West Bank	Al Quds University, East Jerusalem, oPt
Hiba Darwish	Knowledge of sexually transmitted diseases among Palestinian youth	Palestinian Ministry of Health, West Bank, oPt
Yaser Issa	Prevalence of Salmonella in different poultry and meat food products in Hebron district: a prevalence study	Environmental Health Unit, Hebron Public Health Directorate, West Bank, oPt
Ahmed Mohammad Ali	Changing trends and future prediction of antimicrobial resistance in Palestine	Medicare laboratories, West Bank, oPt
Hammoda Abu-Odah	End stage renal disease In Gaza governorates and its relationship to risk factors	European Gaza Hospital, Gaza Strip, oPt
Rola Khair	PR, ER, Her2, and P53 expression & correlation between primary and metastatic breast cancer	Business Development Department, Jerusalem Pharmaceutical Company, West Bank, oPt
Haya Shojaia	Factors associated with self-rated health among elderly Palestinian women	Palestinian Ministry of Health, West Bank, oPt
Katie Bates with Valeria Cetorelli presenting	Inequalities in self-reported health and self-reported illness among women aged 15-54 in the oPt	London School of Economics, UK
Jeda Jaser	Wellbeing and associated factors in an Area C community on the West Bank: A cross sectional study	Birzeit Medical Clinic, West Bank, oPt
Nadia Al Bayoumi	The status of wellbeing in Gaza governorates: correlates and implications	School of Public Health, Al Quds University, East Jerusalem, oPt
Motasem Hamdan	Aggression and violence against workers in emergency departments in Palestine	School of Public Health, Al Quds University, East Jerusalem, oPt
Amani Sharawi	Nurses' job satisfaction in Nablus city	Institute of Community and Public Health, BZU, West Bank, oPt
Abeer Abu Seif	Health workers in danger in the occupied Palestinian territory in 2014	Advocacy Unit, WHO West Bank and Gaza, oPt
Sarrah Shahawy	Attitudes of Palestinian medical students on barriers to access of hospital sites of clerkship training.	Harvard Medical School, USA
Shatha Mansour	Knowledge of occupational safety precautions among nurses in the hospitals of the Nablus District, Palestine	Institute of Community and Public Health, BZU, West Bank, oPt
Hendya Abunabaa	Determinants of municipal solid waste management[MSWM] in the occupied Palestinian Territory (oPt).	Palestinian Ministry of Health/Primary Health Care Centers, West Bank, oPt
Mahmoud Zaqout	The impact of oral intake of Dydrogesterone on fetal heart development during early pregnancy	Abd Al Aziz Al Rantisi Specialist Pediatric Hospital, Gaza Strip, oPt
Maartje Van den Berg	Infant and neonatal mortality among Palestine refugees – A cross-sectional survey	UNRWA, Jordan
Ronal H. El-Sughayyar	The determinants of financial abuse among elderly in the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt): A cross sectional survey	Arroub Agricultural Secondary Co-educational School, West Bank, oPt

Lamis Abu Nahleh	Ageing and health: needs, rights and challenges of the elderly and their domestic caregivers in the West Bank of Palestine	Birzeit University, West Bank, oPt
Intima Alrimawi	Nurses' Perceptions about Child Abuse	College of Nursing, Birzeit University, West Bank, oPt
Sawsan Imseeh	Child discipline in the West Bank (WB), occupied Palestinian territory (oPt): A household survey	Institute of Community and Public Health, BZU, West Bank, oPt
Yoke Rabaia	Resilience revisited: children of Palestinian political detainees – coping and helping to cope	Institute of Community and Public Health, BZU, West Bank, oPt
Rabih El Chammay	Task shifting in a Community Mental Health Centre in a Palestinian Camp in South Lebanon: Lessons learned.	Ministry of Public Health Lebanon, Lebanon
Lubna Kharraz with Rasha Khayyat presenting	Assessment of the hygiene related risks on child illness at selected elementary schools in Nablus city	An-Najah National University, West Bank, oPt
Shahenaz Najjar	The Global Trigger Tool shows that one out of seven patients suffers harm in Palestinian hospitals: Challenges for launching a strategic safety plan	School of Public Health, KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium
Abbas Rattani	Obligations of professional medical associations, quiescence, and moral accountability in the context of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict	Meharry Medical College, Nashville, USA
Rami Al-Dibs	Areas "C": Marginalized, forgotten and in urgent need for interventions	Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, West Bank, oPt
Alexei Abrahams	Revitalization of Hebron's Old City: Findings of a pilot study	Brown University, USA
Suzan Mitwalli	Piloting the Multi Family Approach (MFA) in community based rehabilitation	Institute of Community and Public Health, BZU, West Bank, oPt