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A Message from the Chairperson of the Assembly

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the Middle East Medical Assembly (MEMA) 2014 Updates and to the American University of Beirut. A tradition and a ritual that AUBMC has been holding generation after generation, meetings after meetings, successes after successes, a landmark of AUB's glorious role and radiant achievement in Lebanon and the Middle East. Like every healthy and surviving entity, MEMA continues to evolve towards a specialized, and multidisciplinary scientific meeting simulating AUBMC 20/20 vision, and reassuring AUB's place as a host of world experts in medical knowledge and research. It also aims to enrich medical education, research skills and quality accessible health care in Lebanon and the Region. In its evolving dimensions, MEMA is making a new leap into a new future of superb scientific and clinical achievements, an era of preemptive medicine, and information technology that will shape our entire knowledge and practice of medicine and medical and public health education, as AUB and AUBMC.

This year the program's main focus is on "Hematological Malignancies", updates and challenges, sponsored jointly by MD Anderson Cancer Center (MDACC) Global Academic Programs (GAP) and in collaboration with King Hussein Cancer Center, Jordan. In addition, the program also addresses core themes that emphasize primary health care providers, nursing care skills, as well as innovative clinical research, through well designed workshops, plenary and key lectures, and lecture sessions in various fields of hematology, immunology, and stem cells.

I do hope you will make the most of this scientific event. I am sure you will find time to enjoy Lebanese hospitality and warmth, the 150 year old beautiful campus of AUB, our beloved Beirut and the whole country.

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General Information and Accreditation

Overview

The Middle East Medical Assembly offers a panoply of high standard educational activities for participants. Attendees can enhance their clinical skills, explore practice performance issues, benefit from the newest and most advanced techniques, participate in sessions addressing specialty topics and interact with internationally renowned experts.

MEMA 2014 Updates will feature state-of-the-art educational sessions focused on Hematological Malignancies, Nursing and Clinical Research workshops, General Practitioners and Family Medicine session, symposia and special memorial lectures.

Learning Objectives

At the end of this activity, the audience will be able to:

- Describe an overview on clinical trials in Hematological Malignancies
- Describe the role of nurses in Hematological Malignancies
- Describe the work-up of patients, management, diagnosis and indication of referral for complete blood counts (CBC)
- Discuss updates on treatment and target therapy of acute lymphocytic and myeloid leukemias
- Describe types of managements for hematological malignancies

Target Audience

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European Hematology Association Accreditation

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The program of the "MEMA 2014 Updates" has been reviewed and approved for CME accreditation by the European Hematology Association CME Unit. The EHA-CME Unit has approved this educational activity for a maximum number of CME credits. Each physician should only claim credits for time that she/he actually spent in the educational activity. We are pleased to inform you that the "MEMA 2014 Updates" April 24 – 26, 2014, 2014 has been awarded ___ **EHA-CME Credit Points**.

All participants may print a European Hematology Association CME System approved CME certificate indicating the number of EHA-CME Credit Points awarded, directly from the system on the CME section of the EHA website at (<http://cme.ehaweb.org/>)

CME and CNE Accreditation

MEMA also complies with the **Lebanese Order of Physicians** and the **Order of Nurses in Lebanon** Continuing Medical Education guidelines.


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Further information on the European Hematology Association CME System is available at www.ehaweb.org.

If you require more information or assistance you may contact:


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The speaker evaluation forms are located in your conference bag and available at the registration desks. Your comments and feedback are important for future planning. Please complete the speaker evaluation form and return it to the registration desk in order to issue your certificate.

Program 

Schedule at a Glance and Program

	Thursday, April 24		Friday, April 25	Saturday, April 26
	Grounds of SML	IFH	IFH	IFH
7:30				
8:00				
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9:00			Registration	Registration
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10:00			Naji Sahyoun Memorial Lecture	Hematological Malignancies
30'			Khalil Abu Feisal Lecture	
11:00				
30'			Lunch Break	
12:00	Registration			Lunch Break/Alumni Luncheon
30'		Nursing Workshop	Hematological Malignancies	
1:00		Clinical Research Program Workshop		
2:00				Pharma Symposium 2
30'				
3:00			Pharma Symposium 1	Hematological Malignancies
30'			Keynote Lecture	
4:00				
30'				
5:00			Primary Care Session	
30'	MEMA OPENING CEREMONY			
6:00				
30'	RECEPTION			
7:00				
30'				
8:00				Fundraising Scholarship GALA DINNER (8:00pm)

Thursday April 24, 2014: Issam Fares Hall

Nursing Workshop: Evidence and Quality in Oncology Nursing Care In Collaboration with the Clinical and Professional Development Center



Moderators: Iman Kouatly, RN, BSN, MPH, Mohammad Ali Hamandi, RN, BSN, MPH,
Hera Artinian, RN, BSN, MPH and Samar Nouredine, RN, FAHA, PhD

13:00 – 13:05	INTRODUCTION
13:05 – 13:20	Quality of oncology nursing care: Quality indicators <i>Ghina El Khatib, RN, BSN, MPH</i>
13:20 – 13:40	Psychosocial care and support for patients with hematologic malignancies <i>Rebecca El Asmar, RN, MSN</i>
13:40 – 14:10	Exploring the universe of evidence – based nursing <i>Aida Farha, BS Pharmacy</i>
14:10 – 14:30	Fertility recovery and prevalence of pregnancy after hematopoietic stem cell transplantation <i>Mohamad Baydoun, RN, MSN</i>
14:30 – 14:45	COFFEE BREAK

Clinical Research Program Workshop

Moderators: Samia Houry, MD

14:45 – 15:15	Common pitfalls in research protocol development <i>Dima Suki, MD, PhD</i>
15:15 – 15:45	Clinical case series: Planning and oversight <i>Deborah Mukherji, MD and Dima Suki, MD, PhD</i>
15:45 – 16:15	Clinical research self-audit procedures <i>Deborah Mukherji, MD and Dima Suki, MD, PhD</i>
16:15 – 16:45	Ethical considerations in clinical research <i>Dima Suki, MD, PhD</i>
16:45 – 17:00	BREAK

Opening Ceremony and Exhibit

17:00 – 18:00	Opening Ceremony at Issam Fares Hall
18:00 – 18:30	Opening of the exhibit area on the grounds of the Saab Medical Library followed by a reception

Friday April 25, 2014: Issam Fares Hall

Plenary Lectures

Introduced by: Ali Taher, MD, PhD

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| 10:00 – 11:00 | Introduced by: Ali Taher, MD, PhD
The Naji Sahyoun Memorial Lecture: Immune therapy: A new dawn in cancer treatment
<i>Samir Khleif, MD</i> |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | Introduced by: Arafat Tfayli, MD
The Khalil Abou Feisal Lecture: Palliative care
<i>Frank Ferris, MD</i> |
| 12:00 – 12:45 | LUNCH BREAK |

Hematological Malignancies

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| 12:45 – 12:55 | Welcome and Introduction
<i>Ali Bazarbachi, MD, PhD and Hagop Kantarjian, MD</i> |
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Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia

Moderators: Miguel Abboud, MD and Walid Moukadem, MD

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| 12:55 – 13:10 | Treatment of Philadelphia-positive ALL
<i>Elias Jabbour, MD</i> |
| 13:10 – 13:25 | Targeted therapy in Philadelphia-negative ALL
<i>Hagop Kantarjian, MD</i> |
| 13:25 – 13:40 | Minimal residual disease and molecular genetics
<i>Fareed Barakat, MD</i> |
| 13:40 – 13:50 | Questions and Answers: panel discussion |

Acute Myeloid Leukemia

Moderators: Hassan El Solh, MD

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| 13:50 – 14:05 | The management of older patients with AML
<i>Guillermo Garcia Manero, MD</i> |
| 14:05 – 14:20 | The management of adult patients with AML: Subsets and MRD
<i>Hagop Kantarjian, MD</i> |
| 14:20 – 14:35 | Role of allogeneic stem cell transplantation in AML/MDS
<i>Mohamad Mohty, MD</i> |
| 14:35 – 14:45 | Questions and answers: panel discussion |
| 14:45 – 15:00 | COFFEE BREAK |

Myelodysplastic Syndromes

Moderators: Ziad Salem, MD

15:00 – 15:15	Prognostic models: Clinical and biological factors <i>Hagop Kantarjian, MD</i>
15:15 – 15:30	Optimal frontline therapies <i>Guillermo Garcia Manero, MD</i>
15:30 – 15:45	Management of patients with failure of hypomethylating agents <i>Elias Jabbour, MD</i>
15:45 – 15:55	Questions and answers: panel discussion

Pharma Symposium 1 supported by MSD (NON-CME)

Moderator: Arafat Tfayli, MD

15:55 – 16:30	Progress and Research with anti-emetics in Oncology <i>Richard Gralla MD, FACP</i>
16:30 – 17:00	Advances in antifungal prophylaxis in patient with hemtaologic malignancies <i>Zeina Kanafani, MD</i>

Keynote Lecture

17:00 – 18:00	Introduced by: Ali Bazarbachi, MD, PhD Stem cell transplantation: Current trends and future perspectives <i>Mohamad Mohty, MD</i>
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Complete Blood Counts (CBC): Red Flags in Primary Care

Moderators: Mona Osman, MD and Khalil Ashkar, MD

Panel: Ali Taher, MD, PhD, Elias Jabbour, MD and Ali Bazarbachi, MD, PhD

18:00 – 18:30	Anemia
18:30 – 19:00	Thrombocytopenia
19:00 – 19:30	Leukocytosis
19:30 – 20:00	General Interpretation of abnormal CBC components

Saturday April 26, 2014: Issam Fares Hall

Hematological Malignancies

Chronic Myeloid Leukemia

Moderators: Sally Temraz, MD and Nizar Bitar, MD

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| 10:00 – 10:20 | Optimizing frontline therapy in CML
<i>Hagop Kantarjian, MD</i> |
| 10:20 – 10:35 | Management of patients failing frontline therapy
<i>Lina Marei, MD</i> |
| 10:35 – 10:50 | Eradication of MRD and stopping therapy
<i>François-Xavier Mahon, MD</i> |
| 10:50 – 11:00 | Questions and answers: panel discussion |
| 11:00 – 11:20 | COFFEE BREAK |

Myeloproliferative Neoplasms

Moderators: Nagi El Saghir, MD

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| 11:20 – 11:40 | Update on the management of MPN: Jak-2 inhibitors and beyond
<i>Hanan Hamed, MD</i> |
| 11:40 – 11:50 | Questions and answers: panel discussion |

Multiple Myeloma

Moderators: Ali Shamseddine, MD and Ahmad Ibrahim, MD

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| 11:50 – 12:05 | Management of non-transplant candidates
<i>Mohamad Kharfan Dabaja, MD</i> |
| 12:05 – 12:20 | Optimal frontline therapy in transplant candidates
<i>Jean Luc Harousseau, MD</i> |
| 12:20 – 12:35 | Novel agents in myeloma
<i>Mohamad Mohty, MD</i> |
| 12:35 – 12:45 | Questions and answers: panel discussion |
| 12:45 – 14:30 | LUNCH BREAK / ALUMNI LUNCHEON (By invitation only) |

Pharma Symposium 2 supported by Amgen (NON-CME)

14:30 – 15:30 New paradigm in the management of multiple myeloma
TBA

Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia and Indolent Lymphomas

Moderators: Zaher Chakhachiro, MD and Nabil Shamseddine, MD

15:30 – 15:45 Frontline therapies in CLL
Susan O'Brien, MD

15:45 – 16:00 Management of follicular lymphoma
Bertrand Coiffier, MD

16:00 – 16:15 Management of splenic lymphoma
Olivier Hermine, MD

16:15 – 16:30 Novel agents in CLL
Susan O'Brien, MD

16:30 – 16:40 Questions and answers: panel discussion

16:40 – 16:55 COFFEE BREAK

Aggressive Lymphomas

Moderators: Rami Mahfouz, MD

16:55 – 17:15 Management of mantle cell lymphoma
Olivier Hermine, MD

17:15 – 17:35 Management of diffuse large B cell lymphoma
Bertrand Coiffier, MD

17:35 – 17:55 Management of adult T cell leukemia/lymphoma (ATL)
Ali Bazarbachi, MD, PhD

17:55 – 18:10 Novel agents in lymphoma
Bertrand Coiffier, MD

18:10 – 18:20 Questions and answers: panel discussion

18:20 – 18:35 Conclusions and adjourn

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