Dear AUB Community,

I have great pleasure in congratulating the team at AUBMC for their latest outstanding achievement in winning further endorsement from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education—International (ACGME-I). As many of you know, in July 2014 AUBMC became the first medical center in Lebanon, and only the fourth around the world, to gain institutional accreditation from ACGME-I. Following further rounds of evaluation, our first specific residency programs received Foundational and Advanced Specialty accreditations in Fall 2015 (namely Internal, Family and Emergency Medicine, and Obstetrics and Gynecology); the latest accomplishments, which became effective July 23, 2016, saw the Medical Center attain continuous institutional accreditation status, as well as adding General Surgery and Psychiatry to the suite of specific programs receiving both top-level accreditations; the Plastic Surgery program was awarded Foundational accreditation at the same time. In addition, five other programs have started along the path towards future ACGME-I certification (Otolaryngology, Diagnostic Radiology, Anesthesiology, Pediatrics and Ophthalmology).

These continuing achievements are thanks to the tremendous skills and efforts of the AUBMC leadership, under EVP and Dean of the Faculty of Medicine Mohamed H. Sayegh, MD, with Associate Dean for Medical Education Kamal F. Badr, MD, and Salah Zeineldine, MD, the Assistant Dean for Graduate Medical Education, along with everyone on the GME committee, and all those involved in the training of our talented medical graduates and supporting world-class research. This success could not have happened without their vision, attention to detail, and the excellence of their academic attainment.

While other medical centers in the Middle East may have gained ACGME-I status, I don’t believe any comparable institution can match the sheer range and quality of accreditations afforded to health science bodies at the American University of Beirut, including nursing, public health and numerous allied professional spheres. This latest accolade is indeed a significant milestone in AUBMC’s ambitious 2020 Vision, which encompasses establishing academic innovation through the creation of clinical and research centers of excellence and the provision of outstanding medical education.
I warmly thank Dr. Sayegh and his dedicated colleagues for these unstinting labors to make AUB and its medical center a regional and international leader in so many respects. Please join me in congratulating this exceptional team and saying how proud we all are of them and their pioneering efforts!

Best regards,

Fadlo R. Khuri, MD
President