

The President of Lebanon awarded Dr. Mustafa Khogali the Order of Cedar, knights Rank for promoting primary care in Lebanon and the region.

When he joined the Department in 1991, there were only one FT instructor and two PT faculty members. Today the department has 2 Professors, 2 Associate Professors, 4 Assistant Professors, 3 Clinical Associates and 11 instructors. In 1993 the University Health Services moved under the umbrella of the Family Medicine Department (FMD). Later on the in-hospital team and emergency service were established.

Dr. Khogali stretched the walls of the department to embrace the community. The FMD established a family medicine clinic in the military hospital. This clinic, according to medical personnel in the army, proved to be a cost effective project and improved the quality of care. Its success opened the way to employ family physicians in the emergency room. The DFM was also actively involved with NGO in areas such as school health and geriatrics.

The DFM is a founder of the Arab Board in Family and Community Medicine. The DFM over the last decade was a center to upgrade the skills and knowledge of several institutions (Ministries of Health of Iraq, Jordan, and Lebanon; Harriri and Ghassan Kanafani Foundations, etc.) Dr. Khogali developed the ethics course given to third year medical students, as well as chairing the Bioethics Committee of the AUBMC. Since its establishment the DFM graduated 100 residents of whom 53 graduated during the period of his chairmanship 1991-2005.

The staff in the DFM is proud of this award and hope that the department will continue to consolidate its identity and to keep growing.