AUBMC receives international accreditation

The American University of Beirut Medical Center (AUBMC) formally received full accreditation by the Joint Commission International (JCI) on January 2, 2008.

AUBMC has a long tradition with The Joint Commission. It was the first hospital located outside the United States to be accredited in 1956 by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals. The hospital was repeatedly surveyed since and maintained its accreditation till 1986.

In its commitment for continuous systematic and organization-wide improvement in daily performance and outcomes of patient care, AUBMC applied to Joint Commission International to survey and reaccredit AUBMC. JCI is a division of Joint Commission Resources which is the largest acceditor of health care organizations in the United States that surveys nearly 20,000 health care programs through a voluntary accreditation process.

In the letter addressed to Dr. Nadim Cortas, VP for Medical Affairs and Raja N. Khuri Dean of Faculty of Medicine from JCIA Executive Director Ann K. Jacobson stated that “the Joint Commission International Accreditation has reviewed the survey findings for American University of Beirut Medical Center. It is with great pleasure that I inform you of the decision to grant accreditation to the American University of Beirut Medical Center. Congratulations to you, and all the other leaders and staff of American University of Beirut Medical Center.”

Dean Cortas and JCI team leader Albert Vogel

AUBMC doctors and staff attend accreditation ceremony
University of Beirut Medical Center in achieving this recognition of your commitment to provide quality care on an ongoing basis.

"The Joint Commission International Accreditation Hospital Standards are intended to stimulate continuous, systematic and organization-wide improvement in daily performance and in the outcomes of patient care. The citizens of Beirut should be proud the American University of Beirut Medical Center is focusing on this most challenging goal - to continuously raise quality to higher levels."

All members of the survey team expressed that AUBMC clearly ranks in the top 10 of the 142 hospitals accredited outside the United States. The team indicated that AUBMC has met all the measurable elements.

AUBMC is the private, not-for-profit teaching center of the Faculty of Medicine. It consists of a 420-bed hospital providing tertiary and quaternary medical care. The mission of AUBMC is to maintain a leadership role in consistently providing excellent, accessible, and comprehensive health services to the people in Lebanon and the region, while continuing and enhancing the tradition as a distinguished academic and research medical center.