This consolidates the growth and changes that have taken place in the department in the past few years, including establishment of the Adolescent Clinic, raising the age of admission of pediatricians, including PICU, to 21 years and ER to 19 years.

At this stage, the department thanks Dr Majd Ariss for her leadership in establishing this program with the help of other staff from our department (Dr Nadera Haddad and Dr Marianne Majdalani) and from collaborating departments (Dr Mona Nasrallah from the Department of Internal Medicine, Dr Madeleine Badaro Taha from the Department of Psychiatry, Dr Ghina Ghaziri from the Department of Obstetrics/Gynecology, and initially, Dr Jinane Usta from the Department of Family Medicine). The next step is the Adolescent Floor (project already approved by the Medical School).

These changes are all part of the reorganization of the Department of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine that have been taking place over the past few years and include, among other things, ACGME compliance, expansion and upgrading of the PICU and other services in the department. This makes the Department of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine the first department in the region to achieve the above milestones.