INNOVATION IN HEART FAILURE

FROM PILLS TO DEVICES

September 6 - 7, 2019

Auditorium H. et N. Obegi
Hotel-Dieu de France
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to attend "The 2nd Annual Meeting of the Cardiology Department" held on September 6 and 7, 2019, at Hotel-Dieu de France.

After the success of last year’s meeting, “Innovation in Cardiology”, we decided to tackle the topic of congestive heart failure, a growing epidemic and a leading cause of morbidity and mortality worldwide. The management of this disease is becoming complex and integrates medical therapy as well as genetics, percutaneous interventions and devices. By bringing together top cardiovascular experts from Europe and the USA with local faculty members, we hope to offer you an in-depth review of the most important studies, state of the art interventions and recent international guidelines. Our goal is to conclude with a comprehensive but simple approach to manage this disease.

I would like to address a special welcome to our colleagues from the American University of Beirut, who are joining us as guest faculty members. We are greatly looking forward to share their expertise and experience. I would also like to welcome all heart failure specialists from other Lebanese or Middle-Eastern institutions. The meeting has ample time for questions and discussions and is designed to allow close interaction with all international faculty members.

I hope to see you all at our meeting.

With warm regards,

Rabih Azar, MD, MPH, FACC
Chief of Cardiology
Hotel-Dieu de France Hospital
Friday September 6

18:00 – 19:00: Opening Ceremony
Welcome Speeches

Key Lecture: Patient / Physician Shared Decision Making: Levels of Evidence
Marc Pfeffer, USA

19:00: Cocktail Reception

Saturday September 7

08:00 – 09:00: Registration

Session 1: Medical and Resynchronization Therapies in Heart Failure
Moderators: Tony Abdelmassih, Hady Skoury

09:00 – 09:30: Heart failure with reduced ejection fraction: a lot to do, but is it enough?
Marc Pfeffer, USA

09:30 - 10:00: Heart failure with preserved ejection fraction: what to do?
Marc Pfeffer, USA

10:00 - 10:30: The current state of cardiac resynchronization therapy: for which patients and what are the results?
Maurice Khoury, Lebanon

10:30 - 11:00: Optimizing cardiac resynchronization therapy: from implant to clinical follow-up.
Mario Njeim, Lebanon

11:00 – 11:30: Coffee Break
Session 2: Devices and Structural Interventions in Heart Failure
Moderators: Samir Arnaout, Roland Kassab

11:30 – 12:00 : Management of mitral regurgitation and aortic stenosis in Heart Failure. When and how?
Mike Rinaldi, USA

12:00 – 12:30 : Managing atrial fibrillation in patients with heart failure: can rhythm control cure the failing heart?
Nassir Marrouche, USA

13:00 – 13:30 : Two decades of LVAD devices: what have we achieved?
Pascal Leprince, France

13:30 - 14:30: Lunch

Faculty Members
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- Prof. Rabih Azar - Chief of Cardiology
- Ass. Prof. Toni Abdelmassih
- Prof. Simon Aboujaoudé
- Prof. Georges Badaoui
- Dr. Antonio Frangieh
- Dr. Fouad Hage
- Dr. Zena Kadri
- Prof. Roland Kassab
- Dr. Mario Njeim
- Prof. Elie Salamé
- Prof. Antoine Sarkis

Guest Faculty Members
American University Hospital
Division of Cardiology

- Prof. Ziyad Ghazzal, Vice-Dean, Founder and Director of the Heart and Vascular Institute
- Prof. Samir Arnaout
- Ass. Prof. Maurice Khoury
- Ass. Prof. Hady Skoury
International Speakers

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