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SYLLABUS

Program

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 2025

8:00–8:30 am	Check-in and Badge Pick-up
8:30–9:00 am	Opening Ceremony (Non-CME)

SESSION 1: MAKING AN IMPACT LOCALLY AND REGIONALLY

9:00–10:30 am	<p>Panel Discussion: The Transformation of AUB: Excellence in Pursuit of the Greater Good</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Kamal Badr</p> <p>Panelists: Dr. Eli Akl, Dr. Zaher Dawy, Dr. Nadia El Cheikh, Mary Jaber Nachar, Dr. Philip Khoury, and Dr. Huda Zoghbi</p> <p>Cancer Prevention and Control in Lebanon and the Region</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Ali Taher</p> <p>No Ceasefire in Sight: AUB, Law 174, and the Ever-Evolving Arsenal of Big Tobacco Dr. Alan Shihadeh</p> <p>Legacy of Impact: Tobacco-Free University and Cessation Services for a Healthier Future Dr. Maya Romani</p> <p>Cancer Control at the National Level: It Takes a Village Dr. Arafat Tfayli</p> <p>The Spectrum of Endocrine-Cancer Cross Talks Dr. Ghada El Hajj Fuleihan</p>
10:30–10:35 am	Short Video
10:35–10:50 am	Coffee Break

SESSION 2: DRUG DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATIVE THERAPIES

Moderators: Drs. Rihab Nasr and Wassim Abou Kheir

10:50 am–12:50 pm	<p>Emerging Paradigm in Drug Discovery and Proximity Pharmacology Dr. Haian Fu</p> <p>Managing Acquired Resistance in EGFR-Mutated Tumors Dr. Shi-Yong Sun</p>
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Blood Chemicals and Antitumor Immunity

Dr. Jing Chen

Adult T Cell Leukemia: From the Bench to the Bedside

Dr. Ali Bazarbachi

GDF-15 at the Cancer–Diabetes Interface: A Novel Therapeutic Target for Emerging Diabetes-Related Complications

Dr. Assaad Eid

TET in the Fly Brain: Glial-ECM Regulation, Developmental Dynamics, and Therapeutic Insight

Dr. Margret Shirinian

Environmental Influences on the Inheritance and Expression of Traits: Lessons from Folate Biology

Dr. Bermans Iskandar

Early Detection of Ovarian Cancer: An Update

Dr. Robert Bast Jr.

12:50–2:00 pm

Lunch Break and Abstract Poster Viewing

SESSION 3: HEALTH EQUITY IN CANCER

Moderators: Drs. Shadi Saleh and Fadi El Jardali

2:00–3:30 pm

Health Equity in the New World Order

Dr. Otis Brawley

CAR-T Therapy and Global Accessibility

Dr. Amelia Langston

**Immunotherapy in Breast Cancer
Review of Topic and Potential Impact**

Dr. Ruth O'Regan

Applicability in LMICs

Dr. Nagi El Saghir

**Small Cell Lung Cancer Beyond Platinum
Immunotherapy Strategies**

Dr. Taofeek Owonikoko

Targeted Therapy Strategies

Dr. Charles Rudin

3:30–3:35 pm

Short Video

3:35–3:50 pm

Coffee Break

SESSION 4: ADVANCES IN CANCER BIOLOGY AND THERAPEUTICS

Moderators: Drs. Souha Kanj Sharara and Joseph Kattan

3:50–5:40 pm

20 Years of Progress in the Treatment of Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

Dr. Roy Herbst

Targeting EGFR in Lung Cancer

Dr. Suresh Ramalingam

Organ Preservation in H&N Cancers

Dr. Nabil Saba

Immunotherapy Beyond PD1 Blockade-Future Perspectives

Dr. Robert Ferris

Exploiting the Vulnerabilities of the Metastatic Process

Dr. Adam Marcus

Targeting VIP to Reset the Cancer Microenvironment

Dr. Edmund Waller

5:40–5:50 pm

Closing Remarks

Dr. Suresh Ramalingam

General Information

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The *Festschrift for Fadlo R. Khuri, MD* is a one-day celebration and medical event highlighting Dr. Fadlo R. Khuri's academic career and discussing updates in medical topics focusing on oncology. This high-impact program explores key advances and debates in cancer therapy.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of this event, participants will be able to:

1. Discuss various cancer therapy advances
2. Describe cancer pathogenesis and potential future treatment options
3. Discuss controversies on cancer therapy and access to therapy
4. Identify various cancer prevention and control measures

TARGET AUDIENCE

This event is designed for physicians in all specialties, specifically oncologists and hematology-oncologists. This event is by invitation only due to limited places.

VENUE AND DATE

The event is on August 30, 2025, at Bathish Auditorium, West Hall, American University of Beirut.

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