

Call for Abstracts

Call for Abstracts for the **Association of Academic Health Centers-International** conference in **Beirut, Lebanon, September 27-29, 2018: “Transformation of Medical Education in the New Era”**, in association with The American University of Beirut Medical Center, Columbia University/Narrative Medicine Program, Lebanese American University Gilbert and Rose-Marie Chagoury School of Medicine, and the University of Balamand Faculty of Medicine.

With the impending impact of Artificial Intelligence on healthcare delivery and rapid evolution of medical practice, the very future of medicine is in transition. Bold, new solutions are being sought. ***How must medical education change to meet the impending challenges in healthcare delivery?***

We welcome submission of abstracts for **short oral communications and/or poster presentations** on work you are doing on big data and artificial intelligence, narrative medicine and medical humanities, practice reforms and changes to the medical education of the next generation of physicians, and challenges and opportunities for medical schools in the MENA region.

Submissions can involve any aspect of medical education and practice, such as curriculum design, assessment of learning, program evaluation, educational strategies, leadership, and healthcare challenges, addressing any of the following themes:

1. Artificial Intelligence (AI) in medical education and practice:
 - a. Ease and challenges of working with big data for AI
 - b. Using AI and machine learning for improving clinical care
 - c. Ethical issues in AI
 - d. Data ownership
 - e. AI partnerships with industry or pharmaceutical
 - f. Preparing for engagement in AI - what does an investigator need to know? Who are natural allies with whom to work?
 - g. Creating transformational technology for healthcare
2. Broadening the Curriculum: Teaching humanities and beyond
 - a. Role of narrative medicine in building new competencies
 - b. Teaching and assessing narrative medicine
 - c. Empathy, reflection, trust, and the healthcare profession
 - d. Selection for humanitarian competence (admissions to medical schools and residency programs)
 - e. Narrative medicine practice: cost on the healthcare system
3. Academic Medical Centers: Responding to transformational advances
 - a. Use of technology in advancing healthcare
 - b. Delivering clinical education in the new era: who will teach, how, what standards? (Departments of medical education versus teaching academies, future of GME)
 - c. EMR and healthcare outcomes

4. Challenges and opportunities for medical schools in the MENA region
 - a. Accreditation and Certification: Where are we going? American or British? The ECFMG 2023 deadline: who will accredit the region?
 - b. Medical schools in the MENA: current and future challenges in medical education

All abstract submissions must be made electronically via email using the following addresses: sola.bahous@lau.edu.lb and sola.bahous@gmail.com. Authors are requested to indicate in the email the abstract category (short oral communication and/or poster presentation) and the selected theme. The deadline for abstract submission is **August 31st, 2018, 11:59 p.m. Eastern European Summer Time (4:59 PM EST)**.

General Instructions on Abstract Submission:

- Information about author(s) and corresponding affiliation(s) should be provided, and presenting author should be indicated
- Abstract length cannot exceed 300 words
- Abstracts must be submitted in English
- No references should be included in the abstract
- Only ONE table OR graphic is allowed if necessary for a better understanding of the work
- Abbreviations within the body of the abstract are allowed only after full spelling at first mention
- Abstracts must be prepared using the following subheadings: *Purpose, Background, Methods, Results, Conclusions, and Lessons Learned*.

Abstracts will be reviewed by a committee on the following elements: objectives of the study, conceptual framework, methods and modes of inquiry, data sources, results and substantiated conclusions, and scientific/scholarly significance. Authors will be notified of the committee decision on **September 7th, 2018**.

The meeting will take place at The American University of Beirut Medical Center.
We look forward to receiving your abstract.