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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

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| Current | Professor , Head of ID division, Department of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine.
Director of Center for Infectious Diseases Research at the Faculty of Medicine (CIDR), American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon |
| 2012 | Professor , Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics, AUB |
| 2010 | Director , Center for Infectious Diseases Research, AUB, Lebanon |
| 2010 | Founding Director , Fellowship Program, Pediatric Infectious Diseases, AUB, Beirut, Lebanon |
| 2009 | Head , Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases, AUB, Beirut, Lebanon |
| 2009-2010 | Vice-Chairperson , Institutional Review Board, AUB, Lebanon |
| 2005 | Director , Lebanese Inter-hospital Pneumococcal Surveillance Program |
| 2005 | Professor , Department of Pediatrics, AUB, Lebanon |
| 2001 | Visiting Professor , Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina, USA |
| 1999-2005 | Associate Professor , Department of Pediatrics, AUB, Lebanon |
| 1996-2012 | Associate , Department of Biochemistry, AUB, Lebanon |
| 1996-1999 | Assistant Professor , Department of Pediatrics, AUB, Lebanon |
| 1995-1997 | Assistant Professor , Department of Pediatrics, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina, U.S.A |
| 1993-1995 | Research Associate , Department of Medical Research, Veterans Administration Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina, U.S.A |
| 1991-1993 | Assistant Medical Director , Subspecialty Pediatric Clinics, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina, U.S.A |
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ACADEMIC DEGREES

- 1989-1993** **Fellow in Pediatric ID**, Duke University Medical Center, Department of Pediatric Infectious Diseases, Durham, North Carolina, U.S.A.
- 1986-1989** **Residency in Pediatric**, Department of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina, U.S.A.
- 1982-1986** **MD**, American University Of Beirut
- 1979-1982** **BSc**, Chemistry Medicine, American University Of Beirut

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Role of sphingolipids in cell signaling, apoptosis, and stress in the context of cancer (p53, Noxa), infection (adenovirus, influenza virus), the immune response (PKC-theta, Fas), and hypoxia (cardiomyocyte adaptation, dihydroceramide desaturase)
- Molecular basis of primary immunodeficiencies
- Molecular epidemiology of infectious agents, e.g. rotavirus, norovirus, Streptococcus pneumoniae, and multi-resistant bacteria
- Measurement of burden of infectious diseases (rotavirus, influenza, Streptococcus pneumoniae)
- Clinical vaccine trials (Influenza, conjugate meningococcal vaccines)