

24<sup>th</sup>

ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
**(LEAD24)** *Vaccines and Vaccination*

*Save the Date*

November 24 (Onsite) - 25 (Hybrid), 2023  
Gefinor Rotana Hotel, Beirut, Lebanon

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The global health scene has been overtaken since 2020 with the pandemic expansion of COVID-19, & the variety of public health challenges it posed to health practitioners at all levels. Fortunately, in a relatively short period of time, several vaccines were tested & licensed, & rapidly distributed to all parts of the world despite initial delays experienced by less developed nations in procuring them.

The magnitude of the vaccination program, implemented amidst a dangerous outbreak with a previously unknown agent raised several immunological, medical, political, & socio-cultural controversies all over the world. It coincided with the emergence of a universal anti-vaccination movement alimented by a variety of conspiracy theories & a myriad of fake news disseminated through uncensored social media. Facing public expressions of hesitancy or outright refusal of the vaccine, governments have been resorting to measures ranging from the extremely coercive to the enticing. Vaccine failures, their adverse effects, and the appropriateness of recommended doses have become matters of debate among lay people in public arenas. Concomitantly, the uptake of all vaccines, including those recommended for children & elderly persons, have been deeply affected & may delay efforts for disease elimination for several years.

**The Lebanese Epidemiological Association (LEA)** is inviting you to its **24<sup>th</sup> LEA Day**, organized this year around the theme of "Vaccines & vaccination". Target conference participants include academic, governmental & field experts in Epidemiology, Public Health & Primary Health Care, as well as students in all branches of health-related science. This meeting was made possible through a generous, no-string attached donation from Moderna.

The conference will be hybrid, with presentations at the venue & online, while the entire event will be streamed live.

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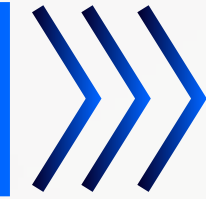
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**Opening Ceremony**

17:00 - 18:00

Registration

18:00 - 18:30

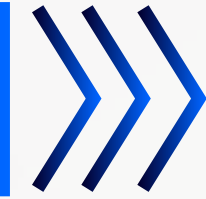
**Welcome** LEA President | **Salim Adib**  
WHO Representative in Lebanon | **Abdinaser Abubakar**

18:30 - 19:15

**Keynote Speech:** Vaccinations: Issues & Controversies  
(Emeritus Professor of Public Health, Bordeaux University, France) | **Roger Salamon**

19:15 - 20:30

**Musical Prelude**  
AUB Classical Music Club  
**Welcome Cocktail**

**Scientific Day****09:00 - 11:00****Session 1: Vaccination Services & Surveillance**Moderators: **Pierre Abi Hanna** (Lebanese U) - **Ghina Mumtaz** (AUB)

09:00 - 09:15

Issues in Procurement & Delivery of Vaccines in Lebanon? (Dep. of Primary Health Care, MOPH) | **Randa Hamadeh**

09:15 - 09:30

Pfizer Vaccine Effectiveness Against Confirmed COVID-19 Infection Among Sentinel Outpatients, July-December 2021 (Epidemiological Surveillance Unit- MOPH) | **Lina Chaito**

09:30 - 09:45

Epidemiology of Rubella in Sudan 2010-2022: A Call for Urgent Rubella Vaccine Roll-Out (Sudan Field Epidemiology Training Program) (on-Line) | **Amina Khairy**

09:45 - 10:00

Prospects for New Vaccines (Professor of Molecular Virology, AUB) | **Nada Melhem**

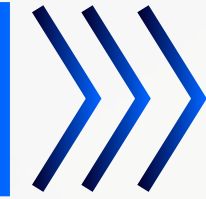
10:00 - 10:15

Gaps in Basic Vaccination Coverage (Al Hayaa al Saheya al Islamiyah- NGO) | **Rana El Haidari**

10:15 - 11:00

Panel Discussion

**11:00 - 11:30****Coffee Break**

**11:30 - 13:30****Session 2: Multi-Sectoral Approach to Vaccination**Moderators: **Walid Ammar** (USJ) - **Monique Chaaya** (AUB)

11:30 - 11:45

Public Health Challenges in the Nabatieh Municipality (Mayor of Nabatieh) | **Ahmad Kahil**

11:45 - 12:00

The Use of the Call Center 1787 in Lebanon During the COVID-19 Pandemic (ESU-MOPH) | **Betty Taslakian**

12:00 - 12:15

I am affiliated with the Quality Assurance of Pharmaceutical Products Program at the Ministry of Public Health (QAPPP-MoPH) (One Year Analysis of Adverse Events Following COVID-19 Vaccination in Lebanon) | **Rita Karam**

12:15 - 12:30

Panel Discussion

**12:30 - 13:30****Lunch Break****13:30 - 16:30****Session 3: Vaccine-Related Behaviors**Moderators: **Salim Adib** (AUB) - **Sirine Anouti** (UNODC)

14:30 - 14:45

The CIMA Blueprint: Uniting Protagonists in a Systematic Journey for Early Childhood (Assoc. Prof. Dep of Global Public Health, Sweden) | **Ziad Khatib**



14:45 - 15:00

Determinants of COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy in Three Communities in the USA  
(Associate Professor of Medicine, AUB) | **Zeina Kanafani**

15:00 - 15:15

Health Service Providers' Views on Barriers & Drivers of Childhood Vaccination Among Rohingya Refugees  
(Centre for International Health Protection, Robert Koch Institute, Berlin, Germany) (Online) | **Sarah Reda**

15:15 - 15:30

A Different Perspective of COVID-19 Pandemic: Efficacy & Safety of mRNA Vaccines (Nephrology, Professor of Medicine, Lebanese University) | **Antoine Barbari**

15:30 - 16:30

Adding New Vaccines to EPI in France (Professor of Epidemiology, Bordeaux University) | **Rachid Salmi**

16:30 - 16:45

Panel Discussion

16:45

Closing Remarks

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