

# Department of Emergency Medicine

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The Department of Emergency Medicine (DEM) at the American University of Beirut Medical Center aims to provide the highest quality adult and pediatric emergency patient care, education, and research.

In order to accomplish this mission, the DEM aims to provide its professional services utilizing Board Certified Emergency Medicine Physicians, Emergency Medicine Residents and Registered Nurses certified in ACLS. The Emergency Department staff works together to give optimal patient care; to share health and safety skills and knowledge with the community; to train students and residents in various health care professions; and to advance emergency care through medical and nursing research.

The Department of Emergency Medicine (DEM) was established in June 2007 as an integrated academic and clinical department within the Faculty of Medicine. This follows decades of service provided by various clinical departments through what was traditionally referred to as the "Emergency Unit (EU)."

The facility that houses the DEM was recently renovated and consists of a 33-bed clinical area, which is set-up to handle twice the number of patients, and is now a state of the art facility. It provides emergency care to the largest load of patients in Lebanon (~39,400/year), and now joins the majority of the LCME-founding medical schools and academic centers which have established such integrated departments of emergency medicine.

The DEM is currently in the process of recruiting the core faculty necessary for the success of its mission in patient services, education, training and research. We anticipate that once recruitment is completed, the DEM will proceed with the establishment of a Residency program in Emergency Medicine. Current courses that include emergency medicine are offered by the different clinical departments of the Faculty of Medicine with contributions from DEM faculty. Medical students and residents currently rotate in the DEM as part of their clerkships in clinical departments or as part of their core rotations. Electives in Emergency Medicine (2-4 weeks) are also offered by the department for both medical students and residents.