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Curriculum Vitae and Bibliography

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Social Status: Married to Nadine Nashawaty, 3 children

Education:

Lycée Franco-Libanais	1979	Lebanese Baccalaureate
Beirut, Lebanon	1979	French Baccalaureate

American University of Beirut		
School of Arts and Sciences	1979-1982	BS Biology
School of Medicine	1982-1986	MD

Post Graduate Education:

Univ. Hospitals of Cleveland Cleveland, OH	1986-1990	Post-Doctoral Fellow in Neurology
Mount Sinai Medical Center Cleveland, OH	1990-1991	Resident in Internal Medicine
Univ. Hospitals of Cleveland Cleveland, OH	1991-1993 1993-1994	Resident in Neurology Chief Resident, Neurology
Cleveland Clinic Foundation Cleveland, OH	1994-1996	Fellow, Epilepsy and Clinical Neurophysiology

Certification and Licensure:

Educational Council for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG), Certificate # 3998374
Ohio State Medical License # 64001, July, 1992 (FLEX June, 1992)
ACLS certified
Diplomate of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology
Diplomate of the American Board of Epilepsy and Clinical Neurophysiology
Recertified, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, 2009-2019, certificate number 45647

Professional Appointments: (list in chronological order beginning with most recent):

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Lebanese American University	2017-present	Assistant Dean for Clinical Research
	2016-present	Director, Neurology Residency Program
	2010-present	Head, Division of Neurology
	2010-present	Associate Professor
	2010-present	Coordinator Neurosciences module, Med II
LAU Medical Center-RH	2011-present	Co-Director, Neurology rotation, Med III
	2011-2015	Head, Medical Practice Plan
	2010-present	Head, Section of Neurology
	2010-present	Head, Neurophysiology laboratories
Rizk Hospital Beirut, Lebanon	2004-2007	President, Executive Committee
	2004-2007	Ethics Committee
	1999-2001	Chairman, Department of Internal Medicine
	1998-2010	Head, Epilepsy and Clinical Neurophysiology
	1998-2010	Head, Division of Neurology
	1998-2000	Head, House Staff Committee
	1997-2010	Staff, Neurology
Lebanese University	1999-present	Faculty of Neurology
	1999-present	Training Neurology Residents (only 2 hospitals from the 36 affiliated to the UL could do it from 1999-2006)
Kaiser Permanente, Cleveland, Ohio	1996-1997	Staff, Neurology Acute Care
Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Cleveland, Ohio	1989-1990	Instructor of Neurology

Academic Leadership Responsibilities and Professional Services:

LAUMCRH	Emergency Room Committee	2017-present
	Ethics Committee	2017-present
	Bylaws Committee	2011-2015
	Board Member	2011-2013
	Head of MPP committee	2011-2016
	Head of Neurophysiology laboratories	2011-present

Member of bylaws committee that developed Bylaws of the hospital.

As head of MPP committee: attended weekly board meetings at LAUMCRH, advise and assist in various decision making at hospital.

As head of Neurophysiology laboratories: created these laboratories at LAUMCRH: chose machines, trained technicians, created video EEG monitoring unit, started WADA testing, implemented quality assurance, developed templates for reporting system...

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LAU	Assistant Dean for Clinical Research	2017-present
	University Promotion Council, SOM elected member	2017
	Director, LAU Neurology Residency Program	2015-present
	Peer Review Committee of SOM, Chair	2014-present
	Head of SOM MPP committee	2011-2016
	Co-Director, Neurology rotation, Med III	2011-present
	Coordinator, Neurosciences Module, Med II	2010-present

Developed since 2009 the neurology program at LAU and LAUMCRH.

2009: designed from scratch a 12 weeks neurosciences module for LAU Med II students (including neuroanatomy and psychiatry): put together structure of the module, weekly themes and PBL cases, learning objectives, schedule, exam questions, contacted psychiatrists from outside LAU to come and teach, taught 55 hours during the module...

2011: asked by Dean of SOM to create a 4 weeks Neurology rotation for Med III students: developed learning objectives and policies of rotation, and 8 standardized 1 hour lectures that are given monthly to students during this rotation, developed evaluations and exam questions of rotation.

2014: LAU Neurology Residency Program: created and developed in its entirety. Currently 4 residents in the program, fairing well on exams compared to residents from other programs. All Neurology programs continue to be developed as needs change and SOM continues to grow: e.g. will soon open a stroke unit at LAUMCRH, first in Lebanon.

2017: nominated Assitant Dean for Clinical Research. Neurology division very active in this field with 11 projects (3 with grants) ongoing at the same time; culture needs to spread to involve the whole hospital. Great potential, need to create Clinical Research Unit, provide vision, leadership and support to our faculty to help enhance research, develop research policies and solicit funds necessary to implement research programs.

Clinical Studies:

1- Long term open label study in patients with partial onset seizures with or without secondary generalization phase IV, Investigator, Rizk Hospital, 1999-2000

2- A randomized, double-blind, cross over study for the acute treatment of migraine, Investigator, Rizk Hospital, 2000-2001.

3- Open naturalistic individual dose optimisation trial in recently diagnosed patients with epilepsy who are treatment naïve or have failed one antiepileptic drug treatment in monotherapy, Investigator, Rizk Hospital, 2001-2002.

4- Quality of Life issues in Epilepsy in Iran, Gulf and Near East, Investigator, 2001-2002.

5- Partial Epilepsy, Investigator, 2002-2003.

6- Registry study, Investigator, 2004-2005.

7- Evaluation of daytime Quality Impairment by Nocturnal awakenings in Outpatient's eXperience, National Coordinator, 2005-2009

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- 8- Characteristics of insomnia in a primary care setting, National Coordinator, 2005-2009
- 9- Lebanese Stroke Registry: National coordinator, 2006-2011
- 10- Optic Study, Investigator, 2007-2011
- 11- Performs Study, Investigator, 2012-2013
- 12- Cortical excitability changes predict response to Fampridine in MS patients with walking disabilities, Primary Investigator, 2016-2017
- 13- Cortical Excitability Changes in Relapsing Remitting Multiple Sclerosis Patients Started on Gilenya (Fingolimod), Primary Investigator, 2016-present
- 14- The effects of transcranial direct current stimulation on hand dexterity in multiple sclerosis, Co-Primary Investigator, 2015-present
- 15- Abnormalities of Ulnar Nerve Conduction in Carpal Tunnel Syndrome, Co-Primary Investigator, 2015-2017
- 16- Investigating Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy, Co-Primary Investigator, 2017-present
- 17- The effects of transcranial direct current stimulation in Essential Tremor, Co-Primary Investigator, 2015-present
- 18- A Multicenter, Multinational, Observational Study to Collect Information on Safety and to document the Drug Utilization of Fampyra When Used in Routine Medical Practice in Lebanon, Investigator, 2017-present
- 19- Real World retrospective study of effectiveness and safety of Gilenya (FINgOlimod) in relapsing remitting Multiple Sclerosis in the Middle East and North Africa Countries (FINOMENA), Investigator, 2017
- 20- Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation (tDCS) as a prophylactic treatment in migraine patients, Primary Co-Investigator, 2017
- 21- Vitamin B6 toxicity on the nervous system, Primary Co-Investigator, 2017-present
- 22- The Efficacy of Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation in Patients with Medication Overuse Headaches Secondary to Chronic Migraines, Primary Co-Investigator, 2017-present
- 23- A 12-week double-blind, randomized, multi-center study comparing the efficacy and safety of once monthly subcutaneous AMG 334 against placebo in adult episodic migraine patients (EMPOwER), 2018-present
- 24- An open label, single arm, 4 year study to evaluate effectiveness and safety of ocrelizumab treatment in patients with progressive multiple sclerosis, 2018-present

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Professional Society Memberships:

Society for Neuroscience	1989-present
American Academy of Neurology	1991-present
American Epilepsy Society	1994-present
American EEG Society	1994-present
Lebanese Neurological Association	1998-present
Executive Committee	2003-2005
Lebanese League Against Epilepsy Founding member	2001-present
President	2003-2005
Vice President	2010-2012
East Mediterranean Epilepsy Academy (EMEPa) Executive Board	2003-2006

Major Administrative Responsibilities:

Lebanese American University	2017-present	Assistant Dean for Clinical Research
	2017	University Promotion Council, SOM member
	2016-present	Director, Neurology Residency Program
	2010-present	Head, Division of Neurology
	2010-present	Coordinator Neurosciences module, Med II
	2010-2015	Interviewer of medical students applicants
LAU Medical Center-RH	2010-present	Head, Section of Neurology
	2010-present	Head, Neurophysiology laboratories
	2011-2015	Head, Medical Practice Plan
	2011-present	Co-Director, Neurology rotation, Med III

Additional administrative functions:

1. 2011: visited the Burcke rehabilitation facility in New York on behalf of LAU. Sent a complete report to the Board of the hospital regarding a rehabilitation facility to be done in Lebanon by LAU
2. May 2016: Instrumental role in the memorandum of understanding signed between LAU and Al Hamidi Charity Medical Center in Tripoli for collaborative research projects
3. 2016: Visited the BUCK institute for research in San Francisco, USA, and presented our research work to the CEO. Instrumental role in the memorandum of understanding signed between LAU and the BUCK institute in September 2016 in New York

Public Services:

Epilepsy Awareness campaign: Planned and executed during the presidency of the Lebanese League Against Epilepsy: Lectures open to the grand public, Lecture at schools, TV/radio/newspaper interviews, still going on!

Alzheimer's disease Awareness campaign: Trained Internal Medicine and Family Medicine Physicians, Helped Dr. Randa Choueiry develop a project on dementia applied to the Internists, Member of the Scientific Committee of the Lebanese Alzheimer Association, several lectures to the grand public, project of a daytime "nursery" for mild to moderate Alzheimer patient.

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Awareness Program with NOODT about brain death and organ donations; undergone training with the Spanish team; several lectures to grand public all over Lebanon; trainings for nurses, intensive care physicians; seminars with religious authorities.

Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Campaign: Several patient awareness lectures nationally and regionally; participated in MS day; several interviews with media (last one listed in Media Appearances below as an example)

Member of Advisory Board for several pharma companies: Biogen Idec, Novartis, Merck, Pfizer...

Awards:

First Prize Award, best research, Cleveland Clinic Neuroscience Day, 1993

Congresses Organized:

President, First International Meeting of the Lebanese Society of Neurology and the Lebanese League Against Epilepsy, Beirut, November 2004

Media Appearances (selected):

2017: <https://web-release.info/new-hope-ms-patients/>

2015: MTV Alive, the Clinic, watch at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NC-7mQjwz2E>

2015: TV Show Madarat, Dubai

2013: Daily Star

2013: MTV The Doctors

2012: MTV The Doctors

2010: Sept. 10, MTV Sante

Several appearances and radio interviews on LBC, LBCi, Hiya, Tele Lumiere, Nour Sat, Manar, Sawt Lebanon...

Journal Reviewer:

Neurology

Life Science

Brain Research

Lebanese Medical Journal

Grants (obtained) PI or Co-PI:

PI initiated study: Cortical excitability changes predict response to Fampridine in MS patients with walking disabilities, **Principal Investigator**, 2016-2017, Grant from Biogen Idec Switzerland: 37,250 \$

PI initiated study: Cortical Excitability Changes in Relapsing Remitting Multiple Sclerosis Patients Started on Gilenya (Fingolimod), **Principal Investigator**, 2017-2019, Grant from Novartis Switzerland: 200,000 \$

Investigating Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy: **Co-Principal Investigator**, 2017-2018, Grant from LAU GSR: 25,000 \$

Grants (applied for):

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CNRS: Vitamin B6 Toxicity on the Nervous System, **Co-Principal Investigator**, Applied Oct 2017 for 40,000 \$, pending

Migraine Research Foundation: The efficacy of transcranial Direct Current Stimulation in patients with medication overuse headaches secondary to chronic migraines, Co-Principal Investigator, Applied July 2017 for 31,500 \$, refused

Teaching Activities:

Medical Grand Rounds, American University of Beirut:

Pulmonary infiltrates and eosinophilia	June, 1986
MPTP and the blood-brain barrier	June, 1988
Neurologic complications of AIDS	February, 1993

Neurosurgical Grand Rounds, American University of Beirut:

The "biochemical" blood-brain barrier	February, 1993
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Departments of Neurology and Neurosurgery,

University Hospitals of Cleveland

Free radicals and MPTP neurotoxicity	December, 1988
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Epidemiology of Parkinson Disease	February, 1989
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Case Western Reserve University,

School of Medicine, Year II Curriculum,

Nervous System/Mind Committee

Instructor 1989, 1990, 1992

Epilepsy Grand Rounds, Cleveland Clinic Foundation:

Functional MRI: an overview	April, 1995
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Memory and Seizures	November, 1995
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Neurology Grand Rounds, Department of Neurology,

University Hospitals, Lexington, Kentucky

Classification of seizures	July, 1996
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Neurology Grand Rounds, Department of Neurology

Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit

Temporal Lobe Epilepsy	August, 1996
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Neurology Grand Rounds, Department of Neurology

American University of Beirut

Clinical Manifestations of Seizures in Childhood	January, 1997
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Medical Grand Rounds

Rizk Hospital, Lebanon

Evaluation of Stroke	September, 1997
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Seizures: Lateralizing Signs	April, 1998
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Pharmacological Advances in Treatment of Epilepsy	April, 1999
Advances in the Treatment of Headaches	April, 2000
Toxocara and Encephalopathy: Case Report	April, 2001
Advances in the Treatment of Multiple Sclerosis	April, 2002
Manifestations of Seizures in the Lebanese Population	November, 2002
Neutralizing Antibodies in Multiple Sclerosis	March, 2003
Classification of Seizures	May, 2004
Women and Epilepsy	November, 2004
Sleep Disorders	April, 2005
Differential Diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis	November, 2005
Psychogenic Seizures: the Rizk Hospital Experience	April, 2006
Degenerative Neurological Encephalopathies	January, 2007
Brain Death	January, 2009
Update on Alzheimer Disease	Dec., 2009
LAUMCRH	
Brain Death in Organ Donation	June, 2011
Parasomnias and Insomnias	2012
Multiple Sclerosis: new paradigm of evaluation	2013
Pain management	2014
Multiple Sclerosis: Real World Experience	2015
Stem Cells in Neurology	2016
Retrospective in Research	2017
Clemenceau Medical Center	
Semiology of seizures	January, 2009
Lebanese University School of Medicine	
Med II curriculum, yearly 12 hours lectures	2000-present
Balamand University	
School of Medicine, Year II Curriculum, Neuropharmacology, 18 hours course	2008-2009
LAU Med II Neurosciences	
Clinical Sciences lectures Byblos Campus	2011-present
LAUMC-RH Neurology Rotation, Med III students	
Monthly lectures, 4 hours	2011-present
Simulation session, Byblos, 2 hours every other month	2013-present

Neurologists trained:

Dr. Mahmoud Moussaoui 2003

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Dr. Rechdi Ahdab	2005
Dr. Abdallah Rahbani	2005
Dr. Samar Ayache	2008
Dr. Faten Abou Ghazale	2008
Dr. Samer Abes	2016
Dr. Roudy Nawar	2017
Dr. Manale Nader	2018
Dr. Madiha Shatila	2019
Dr. Joumana Freiha	2020
Dr. Karim Makhoul	2020
Dr. Romy Zgheib	2021

Graduate Students Thesis Advisor/Reviewer:

Pierre Khodeir	2014	MD thesis: cerebral white matter hyperintensities, an analysis of cerebral risk factors in Lebanon
Manal Kordahi	2014	MD thesis: cerebral white matter hyperintensities, an analysis of cerebral risk factors in Lebanon
Ghattas Labaki	2014	MD thesis: cerebral white matter hyperintensities, an analysis of cerebral risk factors in Lebanon

Scientific Presentations and Lectureships:

Society for Neuroscience Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, 1987 (Oral Presentation)
American Academy of Neurology Meeting, Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, 1988 (Oral Presentation)
Society for Neuroscience Meeting, Toronto, Canada, 1988 (Invited speaker)
21st American Chemical Society Central Regional Meeting, Cle. OH, USA, 1989 (Invited speaker)
Society for Neuroscience Meeting, Phoenix, Arizona, USA, 1989 (Oral Presentation)
American Academy of Neurology Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, USA, 1989 (Oral Presentation)
American Academy of Neurology Meeting, Miami Beach, Florida, USA, 1990 (Oral Presentation)
American Academy of Neurology Meeting, Boston, MA, USA, 1991 (Oral Presentation)
American Academy of Neurology Meeting, San Diego, California, USA, 1992 (Oral Presentation)
Course "Scientific Basis of Neurology", American Academy of Neurology Meeting, San Diego, California, USA, 1992 (Invited lecturer)
Merritt-Putnam Epilepsy Update, Miami Beach, Florida, 1993 (Invited Speaker)
Cleveland Clinic Neuroscience Day, Cleveland, Ohio, 1993, First prize award winner
Immune Mediated Neurological Diseases, Phoenix, AZ, 1993 (Invited speaker)
The Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Residents Program in Epilepsy, NC, 1993
American Epilepsy Society Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, USA, 1995 (Oral Presentation)
The Cleveland Clinic Comprehensive Clinical Neurophysiology Course, Clev., Ohio, 1996 (Invited Speaker)

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The Bowman Gray SOM, Fellows Program in Epilepsy, Winston-Salem, NC, 1996
Seventh International Cleveland Clinic-Bethel Symposium, Cle. Ohio, 1996 (Invited Speaker)
EpiFellows National Speaker Training Program for Parke Davis, Colorado Springs, 1999 (Invited Speaker)
Parke Davis Epilepsy Symposium, Beirut, Lebanon, 1999
Parke Davis, Epilepsy Satellite Symposium of the Pan Arab Neurological Meeting, Beirut, Lebanon, 2000
Parke Davis Epilepsy Symposium, Zahle, Lebanon, 2000
Merck Sharp and Dohme, Headache Symposium, Beirut, Lebanon May 2000
MESOT Course: Transplant Procurement Management, Lebanon, 2000 (Invited Speaker)
Merck Sharp and Dohme, Headache Symposium, Beirut, Lebanon, 2000
Transplant Procurement Management course, Lebanon, 2001(Invited Speaker)
Iranian Congress of Neurology, Tehran, Iran, 2001(Invited Speaker)
Syrian Neurological Congress, Latakiah, 2001(Invited Speaker)
Merck Sharp and Dohme, Headache Symposium, Beirut, Lebanon, 2001
MS Symposium, Marakesh, Morocco, 2001(Invited Speaker)
Sanofi Synthelabo, Epilepsy Symposium, Faraya, Lebanon, 2001
Iranian Congress of Neurology, Tehran, Iran, 2002(Invited Speaker)
MS Symposium, Red Crescent, Iran, 2002 (Invited Speaker)
Merck Sharp and Dohme, Headache Symposium, Beirut, Lebanon, 2002
First French Syrian Neurology Congress, Damascus, 2002 (Invited Speaker)
Biogen Scientific Dinner, ENS meeting, Berlin, 2002 (Guest Speaker)
MS Symposium, Hammamet, Tunis, 2002
Transplant Procurement Management course, Lebanon, 2002 (Invited Speaker)
GCC meeting, Bahrain, October 2002 (Invited Speaker)
Sanofi Synthelabo, Epilepsy Symposium, Tripoli, Lebanon, 2002
Pan Arab Neurological Meeting, Cairo and Sharm el Sheikh, 2003 (Invited Speaker)
Algorithm MS Symposium, Isphahan, Iran, 2003
Algorithm MS Symposium, Tabriz, Iran, 2003
Algorithm MS Symposium, Mashad, Iran, 2003
Merck Sharp and Dohme, Stroke Symposium, Beirut, Lebanon, 2003
Merck Sharp and Dohme, Headache Symposium, Tripoli, Lebanon, 2003
Biogen, First Latin American MS Symposium, Sao Paulo, Brasil, 2003
Biogen MS symposium, Mexican Neurology Society Meeting, Puerto Valarte, 2003
First Epilepsy Course, Ryad, Saudi Arabia, 2003 (Invited Speaker)
Biogen MS Symposium, Madrid, Spain, 2003
Symposium on Neutralizing Antibodies in MS, St Jean Cap Ferrat, 2003 (Guest Speaker)
Iranian Congress of Neurology, Tehran, Iran, 2003 (Invited Speaker)

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ENS meeting, Biogen Scientific Dinner, Istanbul, Turkey, 2003
ENS meeting, MS symposium, Istanbul, Turkey, 2003 (Invited Speaker)
Merck Sharp and Dohme, Headache Symposium, Tripoli, Lebanon, 2003
Merck Sharp and Dohme, Headache Symposium, Beirut, Lebanon, 2003
Merck Sharp and Dohme, Headache Symposium, Zahle, Lebanon, 2003
Merck Sharp and Dohme, Headache Symposium, Saida, Lebanon, 2003
Algorithm MS Symposium, Amman, Jordan, 2003
Algorithm MS Symposium, Kuwait City, Kuwait, 2003
Biogen MS Symposium, Rome, Italy, 2003
Biogen MS Symposium, Athens, Greece, 2003
First CEMA Epilepsy Course, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, 2003 (Invited Speaker)
MS Symposium, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, 2003
Epilepsy training program, Glaxo Welcome, Beirut, Lebanon, 2003 (Guest Speaker, Trainer)
Algorithm MS Symposium, Chiraz, Iran, 2004
Algorithm MS Symposium, Tehran, Iran, 2004
GCC meeting, Qatar, 2004 (Invited Speaker)
Regional MS Symposium, Beirut, Lebanon, 2004 (Invited Speaker)
Sanofi Epilepsy Symposium, Hammamet, Tunis, 2004
Iranian Congress of Neurology, Tehran, Iran, 2004 (Invited Speaker)
Moroccan Congress of Neurology, Casablanca, Morocco, 2004 (Invited Speaker)
ILAE meeting, Symposium of Non Epileptic Psychogenic Seizures, Lisbon, Portugal, 2004 (Invited Speaker)
President, First International Meeting of the Lebanese Neurological Association and the Lebanese League Against Epilepsy, Beirut, 2004 (Invited Speaker)
Iranian MS Day, Tehran, Iran, 2004 (Invited Speaker)
Algorithm MS Symposium, Saudi Arabia, 2004
Algorithm MS Symposium, Iran, 2005
Iranian Congress of Neurology, Tehran, Iran, 2005 (Invited Speaker)
Congress of Neurology, Neurology in Women, Kuwait, 2005 (Invited Speaker)
Biogen Idec MS Symposium, Prague, July 2005 (Trainer, Guest Speaker)
Algorithm MS Symposium, Kuwait, September 2005
Congress of Neurology, Qatar, 2005 (Invited Speaker)
18th World Congress of Neurology, Sydney, Australia, 2005 (Invited Speaker)
Emirates Neurosciences Conference, UAE, 2005 (Invited Speaker)
Iranian MS Day, Tehran, Iran, 2005 (Invited Speaker)
Algorithm MS Symposium, Kuwait, 2005
Moroccan Congress of Neurology, Fes, 2006 (Invited Speaker)

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UCB Special Epilepsy lecture, Byblos, Lebanon, 2006
Eastern Mediterranean Congress, MS Lecture, Dead Sea, Jordan, 2006 (Invited Speaker)
Eastern Mediterranean Congress, Epilepsy Lecture, Dead Sea, Jordan, 2006 (Invited Speaker)
Eastern Mediterranean Congress, Epilepsy Lecture, Dead Sea, Jordan, 2007 (Invited Speaker)
ILAE Epilepsy Meeting, Luxor, Egypt, 2007 (Invited Speaker)
Iranian Congress of Neurology, Tehran, Iran, 2007 (Invited Speaker)
ENS Biogen Idec MS Satellite Symposium, Rodos, Greece, 007
Algorithm MS Symposium, Rasht, Iran, 2007
Algorithm MS Symposium, Kirman, Iran, 2007
ECTRIMS Biogen Idec MS Satellite Symposium, Prague, 2007
Pan Arab Neurological Meeting, Tunis, 2007 (Invited Speaker)
Biogen Idec: MS Symposium, Oran, Algeria, 2007
Biogen Idec: MS Symposium, Algiers, Algeria, 2007
Serono Special MS lecture, Sidon, Lebanon, 2007
Sanofi Aventis: Epilepsy Symposium, Lebanese Society of Neurology course, 2007
Lebanese Society of Neurology, Continuum, Epilepsy, 2008 (Invited Speaker)
Biogen Idec: MS Symposium, Constantine, Algeria, 2008
Eastern Mediterranean Congress, Epilepsy Lecture, Dead Sea, Jordan, 2008 (Invited Speaker)
Alzheimer's Association Caregiver's Meeting, Lebanese Order of Physicians, 2009 (Invited Speaker)
Algerian Neurology Society Meeting, Epilepsy Lecture, Algiers, Algeria 2009 (Invited Speaker)
Algerian Neurology Society Multiple Sclerosis Meeting, Algiers, 2009 (Invited Speaker)
Jordanian Society of Neurology Meeting, Amman, 2009 (Invited Speaker)
Pain Consensus Expert Meeting for the Middle East, Dubai, 2010 (Invited Expert)
2nd East Mediterranean Epilepsy Congress, Dubai, 2010 (Invited Speaker)
Lebanese Alzheimer Society: Dementia public awareness Lecture, LOP, 2010 (Invited Speaker)
Glaxo Smith Kline, Epilepsy Lecture, Dubai, 2010
Kuwait Society of Neurology Meeting: Temporal Epilepsy, Kuwait, 2010 (Invited Speaker)
Eli Lilly: 3 Lectures on Neurophysiology of Pain: Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Ras al Sin, 2010
Eli Lilly, Neurobiology of Depression, Vienna, 2010
Novartis: Updates on Treatment of Multiple Sclerosis, Tripoli, 2011
Annual Meeting of Internal Medicine Meeting, Beirut, 2011 (Invited Speaker)
Lundbeck: Updates in the treatment of Alzheimer's Disease, Beirut, 2011
3rd International Congress of the Lebanese Society of Neurology, Broumana, 2011 (Invited Speaker)
Eli Lilly: Neurobiology of Depression, Beirut, 2011
Multiple Sclerosis Symposium, Beirut, 2011 (Invited Speaker)
Novartis: Updates in the Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease, Beirut, 2011

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5th Meeting of the Lebanese Society of Critical Care Medicine, Beirut, 2011 (Invited Speaker)
NOODT Symposium: Public Awareness, Brain Death and Organ Donation, Beirut, 2012 (Invited Speaker)
4th International congress of the Lebanese Society of Neurology, Broumana, 2012 (Invited Speaker)
2nd Multiple Sclerosis Symposium, Beirut, 2012 (Invited Speaker)
Syrian Neurological Association Meeting on Dementia, Beirut, 2012 (Invited Speaker)
NOODT Symposia: 2013 (Invited Speaker)
21st Saudi Neurology Annual meeting, Riyadh, 2013 (Invited Speaker)
Novartis Neurosciences Workshop, Jeddah, 2014 (Invited Speaker)
Second International Conference of the Kurdistan Neurological Association, Erbil, 2014 (Invited Speaker)
Leb. University Faculty of Medicine: Biologics & Autoimmune Diseases, Beirut, 2014 (Invited Speaker)
20th National Congress of Neurology, Hammamet, Tunisia, 2014 (Invited Speaker)
NOODT seminar, USJ, Faculty of Nursing, 2014 (Invited Speaker)
MENACTRIMS 1st congress, Dubai, 2014
Alzheimer's Association Caregiver's Meeting, Beirut, 2015 (Invited Speaker)
Algerian International Neurology Congress, Oran, 2015 (Invited Speaker)
7th International Congress of Lebanese Society of Neurology, Beirut, 2015 (Invited Speaker)
8th Annual Congress of the Lebanese Society of Critical Care, Beirut, 2015 (Invited Speaker)
NOODT International Congress, Beirut, 2015 (Invited Speaker)
11th Annual Meeting of the Lebanese Society of Internal Medicine, Beirut, 2016 (Invited Speaker)
Pfizer Dementia symposium, Internal Medicine Congress, Beirut, 2016
Merck Strategic MS Advisory Board for the Near East (Guest Speaker)
8th International congress of the Lebanese Society of Neurology, Beirut, 2016 (Invited Speaker)
Merck MS Symposium, Mashad, Iran, 2016
MS Symposium, Oman 2016
World Congress of Neurology, Kyoto, Japan, 2017 (Poster presentation)
Merck MS Symposium, Yerevan, Armenia, 2017
Merck, Symposium, Jordanian Neurology meeting, Amman, Jordan 2017
Merck Scientific Training, Beirut, Lebanon 2017
Migraine Advisory Board Meeting, Novartis, Beirut, Lebanon, 2017 (Expert meeting)
Symposium Biogen Lebanese Society of Neurology Meeting, Beirut, 2017
ECTRIMS meeting, advisory board, Merck, Paris, France 2017 (Expert meeting)
Biogen Idec First Plegridy Launch in the Middle East, Dubai, UAE 2017 (Guest Speaker/expert panel)
NETFORMS meeting, Budapest, Hungary, 2018 (Guest Speaker)
Roche Scientific Training, Istanbul, Turkey, 2018 (Guest Speaker)
16th Pan Arab Union of Neurological Societies (PAUNS) Meeting, Amman Jordan, 2018 (Invited Speaker)
Academy of Knowledge, Dubai, 2018 (Invited Speaker)

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