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Dear AUB community,

I am delighted to announce that last week AUBMC completed a five-day survey by the Joint Commission International (JCI), at the end of which the lead surveyor advised the AUBMC leadership that she will be recommending granting AUBMC another three-year reaccreditation. The distinguished JCI medical panel commended the quality of patient care at AUBMC and applauded the academic culture of education and research. The process of JCI accreditation is a long and arduous one, requiring the spirited cooperation of senior administration, physicians, nurses, medical technicians, and staff at every level and over months of hard preparation. The survey process focuses on patient care quality and safety, and in particular on the performance improvement initiatives in those areas. This is a very rigorous activity at AUBMC and it is coordinated very closely with the Board of Trustees. During their exit conference, all four surveyors praised the good practices at AUBMC and expressed their admiration for the level of teamwork and collaboration among disciplines.

I want to take this opportunity to recognize the great accomplishments that AUBMC has achieved over the past five years in attracting so many new talented physicians, and in promoting the academic mission and advancing patient care. Plans for development of regional partnerships with Iraq and the Gulf have created more opportunities for patient care and research. The humanitarian values the medical center upholds have been recently demonstrated through the operation of urgent care centers in the Bekaa and North Lebanon, and through a mobile medical clinic for indigent care. I would especially like to highlight the responsiveness of the medical center leadership in assuring budget accountability while expanding clinical and academic services, as we proceed collectively to fulfill the great ambitions of the AUBMC 2020 vision.

Please join me in congratulating our colleagues at the AUBMC, and in particular VP and Dean Mohamed Sayegh and his senior academic and administrative team. They have brought both vision and professional distinction to the medical services of the University, which have been so essential to its mission since virtually our founding days.

With best wishes,
Peter Dorman