It is with great pleasure that I announce the appointment of Dr. Hazem Assi as Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine, subspecialty Hematology-Oncology, in the Department of Internal Medicine.

Dr. Assi received his Doctor of Medicine degree from the Lebanese University in 1998 and completed his medical and Hematology-Oncology training in 2004 at the Institut Gustave Roussy in France, the leading European cancer treatment center, and Paris Nord University. His clinical fellowship training included advanced courses in Clinical Oncology, Clinical Hematology, and Clinical Research in Breast Diseases as well as Masters in Medical and Biological Sciences. He also successfully completed the European Examination in Medical Oncology (ESMO Exam).

Since 2005, he has worked as Hematology-Oncology Consultant at the Moncton Hospital, New Brunswick, Canada and was Assistant Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at Dalhousie University where he became Medical Director of the Hematology-Oncology Clinical Trials Program. Dr. Assi’s clinical and research interests include solid tumors (mostly genitourinary, gastrointestinal, breast), brain, sarcoma, and melanoma. For the past 10 years, he participated in over 50 clinical trials (Phase II and III) as local Principal Investigator and in many trials as Sub-Investigator with many cooperative groups (NCI and NCIC) and industry-sponsored trials. He has many publications as original articles and reviews in peer-reviewed journals.

In addition to clinical practice and research, he was extensively involved in medical education at the undergraduate and postgraduate level, and previously served as program director of Internal Medicine at Horizon Health Network in Moncton, Canada.

Dr. Assi will be an active member of the N. K. Basile Cancer Institute and the Oncology Group Practice within the Division of Hematology-Oncology. He will be seeing patients in the Subspecialty Clinics and OPD. He can be reached at his office (extension 5147), in clinic (extension 5800), at beeper # 0415, and by e-mail: ha157@aub.edu.lb.

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