It is with great pleasure that I announce that Dr. Nagi S. El Saghir is appointed as full-time faculty member at AUB. Dr. Saghir is Professor of Clinical Medicine, subspecialty Hematology-Oncology in the Department of Internal Medicine, and is an active member of the Naef K. Basile Cancer Institute, under the directorship of Dr. Fady Geara, where he is charged with building and directing the Breast Cancer Program and Center of Excellence. Since 1993, Dr. Saghir has been a member of the Division of Hematology-Oncology in the Department of Internal Medicine at AUB, and was promoted to clinical associate professor in 1998 and to clinical professor in 2007.

Dr. Saghir received his MD degree from the Free University of Brussels, Belgium (1978). He completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Brooklyn Hospital-Downstate, State University of New York (SUNY) (1981) and his fellowship in Hematology-Oncology at St. Luke’s-Roosevelt Hospital Center-Columbia University, New York (1983). He is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology. From 1983 to 1993, Dr. Saghir was on the faculty of: SUNY-Downstate; Long Island University School of Health Professions, King Saud University; King Khalid University Hospital; and Wayne State University.

Dr. El Saghir has focused his research on breast cancer including early detection, prevention, and treatment, especially groundbreaking observations in Lebanese and Arab young women with high incidence rates, increased proportions of locally advanced disease, and high rates of mastectomy. He is a highly sought-after speaker in Lebanese, Arab, and International conferences.

Dr. Saghir is Founding President of the Lebanese Society of Medical Oncology, Co-Chair of Breast Health Global Initiative-Chicago Summit 2010, Coordinator of the Scientific Committee of Euro-Arab School of Oncology, Deputy Editor of ‘The Breast’, and International Editor of ‘Journal of Clinical Oncology’. He served as President of the Lebanese Society of Internal Medicine, President of ‘Best of ASCO’ (currently the major annual cancer meeting in the region), Chair of European School of Oncology Conference, Chair of Pan Arab Breast Cancer Research Group, and member of European Society of Medical Oncology. Dr. Saghir is recipient of many awards including Medal of Honor for Achievements from the President of Lebanon, Cairo University Hospitals, Lebanese Order of Physicians, and Lebanese Association for Women’s Rights.
Dr. Saghir can be reached at his office in Building 56 (ext 7977), in clinic (ext 7489), at beeper # 0534, and by e-mail: ns23@aub.edu.lb

Please join me and Dr. Fady Geara in welcoming Dr. Nagi S. El Saghir to the full-time academic ranks of the Department of Internal Medicine and the Naef K. Basile Cancer Institute.