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Education and Professional Experience:

- 1- Baccalaureate degree in Experimental Science, International College, Beirut Lebanon in 1985.
- 2- Bachelor in Science (Biology), American University of Beirut (AUB), 1988.
- 3- MD Degree, AUB, 1992.
- 4- Residency in Internal Medicine, SUNY Buffalo, 1996.
- 5- Fellowship in Geriatrics, SUNY Buffalo, 2001.
- 6- Board Certified in Medicine and Geriatrics
- 7- Attending physician, Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, SUNY Buffalo, 1996-current.
- 8- Head of Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee.
- 9- Recipient of Geriatric Academic Career Award, Department of Health and Human Services, 2003.
- 10- Three teaching Awards
- 11- Enrolled in Department of Counseling, School, and Educational Psychology, SUNY Buffalo.

Scholarly Interest :

I am interested in incorporating technology into teaching, and assessing the impact of computer-based programs on adult learning. I am in the process of developing an animated, interactive CD-ROM (through my Geriatric Academic Career Award) on age-related changes in organ systems, and the clinical significance of these changes, in regards to diagnosis and management of disease, and appropriate medication prescribing. The CD will include animated video clips of silhouette characters, detailed organ anatomy, and real-time organ function. There will be a text that describes the animations.

The field of interactive computer-based learning has grown tremendously; however, the effectiveness of these programs on adult learners has not been clearly documented.

I have also research projects on behavioral symptoms in dementia, and use of SPECT scans in early dementia. Prior publications have focused on behavioral symptoms in dementia, and pneumonia in hospitalized older adults.

Personal Background:

I was born in Beirut Lebanon. I speak 3 languages. My high school degree was in Experimental Science. I graduated from the American University of Beirut (AUB) with Bachelor in Science in 1988, and MD degree in 1992. I completed my Internal Medicine Residency in SUNY Buffalo, joined the faculty in 1996, and completed a Fellowship in Geriatrics in 2001. I am now on the tenure tract, at the Assistant Professor level, at SUNY Buffalo. I am Board Certified in Medicine (1996; 10th Decile) and Geriatrics (2002; 10th Decile). I have been practicing in the State of New York for the past 8 years.