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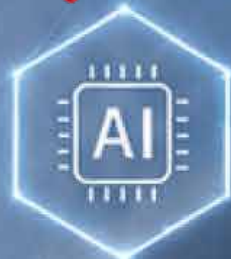
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PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER 2026

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13:00 – 14:00	Registration & Welcome Coffee		
14:00 - 16:00	Session 1: Academic Pharmacy: Curriculum, Standards and Competencies <i>Moderator: Fouad Sakr, Lamis Karaoui</i>	Session 1A: Research and Emerging Evidence I <i>Moderator: Mira Hleyhel</i>	
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Moderator: Rachel Abdo</i> Turn off the Burn: Role of PPIs in the Management of GERD - <i>Algorithm Symposium</i> Fady Haddad, MD		
16:30 – 17:00	Coffee Break		
17:00 - 18:15	Session 2: Community Pharmacy: Patient Centered Services <i>Moderators: Ayman Alameddine, Marlène Abou Jaoudé</i>	Session 2A: Research and Emerging Evidence II <i>Moderator: Nadine Bou Mansour</i>	
18:15 – 18:45	Advancing Geriatric Pharmaceutical Care in Lebanon: Pharmacists' Competencies, Capacity Building, and Implications for Pharmacotherapy Optimization Philippe Cestac, PhD, Lina Traboulsi, PharmD, MPH, PhD Candidate, Jihan Safwan, PharmD, MPH, PhD Candidate		



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SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER 2026

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10:00 – 11:15	Opening Ceremony		
11:15 – 11:45	<i>Moderator: Pascale Salameh</i> International Plenary Keynote - Turning Resilience Into Pharmaceutical-Sector Reform Catherine Duggan , CEO, International Pharmaceutical Federation Luís Lourenço , Vice President, International Pharmaceutical Federation		
11:45 – 11:50	OPL MOUs signature		
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12:15 - 13:30	Session 3: Advancing Pharmacy Practice: Leadership, Public Health and National Strategy <i>Moderators: Abeer Zeitoun; Ihsan Karaki</i>	Session 3A: Hospital Pharmacy: High-Risk Care and Medication Safety <i>Moderator: Carole Dib</i>	Session 3B: Research III: NCD Care, Medication Use and Personalized Therapy <i>Moderator: Deema Rahme</i>
13:30 – 14:55	Lunch Break		
14:55 – 15:30	<i>Moderator: Layal Saad</i> A transformative STEP in Weight Management - <i>Novonordisk Symposium</i> Rita Nemr, MD		
15:30 - 16:45	Session 4: Clinical Pharmacy: Cardiovascular & Cardiometabolic Care <i>Moderator: Anna Maria Henaine</i>	Session 4A: Industrial Pharmacy: Quality Resilience, Sustainability and Innovation <i>Moderator: Soumana Chamoun Nasser</i>	Session 4B: Research IV: Health-System Quality & Digital Adoption <i>Moderator: Zeinab Abbas</i>
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18:30 – 19:00	Closing Ceremony		

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14:00 – 14:15	A Framework for Diagnosis and Prescribing in the LAU Pharmacy Curriculum	Imad Btaiche, PharmD Roy Kanbar, PharmD, PhD
14:15 – 14:30	National Qualification Framework in Lebanon: The MEHE Perspective	Pierre Gedeon, PhD
14:30 – 14:45	Updating Lebanese Core Pharmacy Competencies: The Academic Board Project	Pascale Salameh, PharmD, MPH, PhD, HDR
14:45 – 15:00	Advocacy for the Pharmacy Profession is a Moral Responsibility	Naser Zaki Alsharif, PharmD, MS, PhD
15:00 – 15:15	Antithrombotic Stewardship: From Competency Development to Practical Implementation	Nibal Chamoun, PharmD, BCPS, CACP
15:15 – 16:00	Panel Discussion on Pharmacy Competencies	
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17:00 – 17:15	The Expanding Role of Pharmacists in Cancer Screening: Improving Awareness and Reducing Disease Burden	Jad Ghaddar, <i>PharmD, EMMC, BCOP</i>
17:15 – 17:30	Supporting Patients with Cancer in Community Pharmacy: Practical Strategies for Everyday Practice	Carl Aoun, <i>PharmD, BCPS</i>
17:30 – 17:45	From PCOS to Menopause: Expanding the Role of Community Pharmacists in Women’s Health	Dina Itani, <i>BS Pharm, MPH, BCPPS</i>
17:45 – 18:00	Toxicological Risks Associated with Cosmetic Products and Their Ingredients	Diane Antonios-Gholam, <i>PharmD, PhD, ERT</i>
18:00 – 18:15	Beyond the Prescription: Optimizing Medication Use in Older Adults	Elina Sadek, <i>PharmD, BCGP</i>
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14:00 – 14:15	Factors Associated with Poor Sleep Quality Among Lebanese Adults During Prolonged National Crises	Lourdes Saade, <i>PharmD, MSc</i>
14:15 – 14:30	Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices of Community Pharmacists Towards Anti-Aging Products in Lebanon	Mariam Hassoun, <i>PharmD</i> Rayan Daher, <i>PharmD</i>
14:30 – 14:45	Clinical Decision-Making in Benzodiazepine Deprescribing by Pharmacists Versus ChatGPT-5.5 in the Elderly	Carine Saab, <i>PharmD</i>
14:45 – 15:00	Pharmacist-Led Screening and Prescribing for Minor Ailments in French Community Pharmacies	Ismail Akalai Ben Zakour, <i>PharmD</i>
15:00 – 15:15	Assessment in Pharmacy Education, Evaluation and Prediction through Human and Machine Lenses	Sandrella Bou Malhab, <i>BS Pharm, MSc, PhD</i>
15:15 – 15:30	DOACs in Everyday Use: Antithrombotic Stewardship Initiatives	Rawane Beydoun, <i>PharmD</i>
15:30 – 15:45	Health Coaching: The Expanding Role of Community Pharmacists	Hiba Koleilat, <i>PharmD, MSc, MA, BCPS</i>

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Session 2A: Research & Emerging Evidence II Moderators: Nadine Bou Mansour		
17:00 – 17:15	Drug-related problems in Lebanese Community Dispensaries Amid Economic Collapse	Souraya Domiati, <i>PharmD, MSc, PhD</i>
17:15 – 17:30	Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices towards Infertility and Assisted Reproductive Technology among Lebanese Women Experiencing Difficulty Conceiving	Reva Mosleh, <i>PharmD, MSc, PhD Candidate</i>
17:30 – 17:45	The Double Burden of Migraine in Crisis-Affected Settings	Nisreen Mourad, <i>PharmD, MS, PhD Candidate</i>
17:45 – 18:00	Beyond Aesthetics: The Role of Botulinum Toxin Type A in Chronic Migraine Management	Marianne Haddad Hjeij, <i>PharmD, PhD</i>
18:00 – 18:15	Epilepsy Burden in Lebanon: Economic Costs and Quality of Life	Samar Younes, <i>PharmD, MSc, PhD Candidate</i>

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12:15 – 12:30	Redefining the Pharmacist as Manager, Leader, and Changemaker	Alaa El Sarout, <i>PharmD, MBA, MSc</i>
12:30 – 12:45	The Role of Pharmacists in Public Health: Advancing Community Health Through Pharmaceutical Services - The OPL Perspective	Dana el Ghoutani, <i>BS Pharmacy</i>
12:45 – 13:00	Updating the Pharmaceutical Research Strategy in Lebanon: A Consensus-Informed Update	Rony Zeenny, <i>PharmD, MPH, PhD, BCPS, FASHP</i>
13:00 – 13:15	From Fragmented Signals to National Visibility: Developing a Pharmacist-Led Medication Shortage Reporting Platform in Lebanon	Sabine Habr, <i>PharmD</i>
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15:30 – 15:45	Navigating Amiodarone: A Clinical Pharmacist’s Guide to Efficacy, Monitoring, and Toxicity	Rasha Alhaji Chehade, <i>MS in Clinical Pharmacy</i>
15:45 – 16:00	Oral Anticoagulation Revisited: From Warfarin to Factor XI Inhibitors	Diala Al Najjar, <i>PharmD, BCPS</i>
16:00 – 16:15	Updates In Dyslipidemia and Hypertriglyceridemia: Translating Evidence into Pharmacy Practice	Ghida Halik, <i>PharmD</i>
16:15 – 16:30	Generation GLP-1: The Other Side of the “Miracle” Recognizing Hidden Adverse Effects	Dania Ghaziri, <i>PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP</i>
16:30 – 16:45	Ferroptosis: The Hidden Key Behind the Progression of Diabetic Nephropathy	Hayat Azouri, <i>PhD</i>
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Session 5: Advancing Community Pharmacy Practice: From Standards to Implementation Moderators: Nadia Dalloul; Luna El Bizri		
17:30 – 17:45	Strengthening Good Pharmacy Practice Implementation in Lebanese Community Pharmacies: A National Roadmap	Hilda Sarkis Ghazi, <i>PharmD, MPH</i>
17:45 – 18:00	Medication Therapy Management in Lebanese Community Pharmacies: From Everyday Counseling to a Structured, Measurable and Reimbursable Pharmacist-Led Service	Aline Bou Maroun, <i>PharmD, BCPS</i>
18:00 – 18:15	Empowering Pharmacists to Strengthen Medication Safety: The Lebanese National Pharmacovigilance Program (LNPVP)	Rita Karam, <i>PharmD, PhD</i>
18:15 – 18:30	Prevent, Preserve, Protect: Advancing Antimicrobial Stewardship in the Community	Nisrine Haddad, <i>PharmD</i>
18:30 – 19:00	Closing Ceremony Summary of Scientific Committee Activities Pascale Salameh, <i>PharmD, MPH, PhD ,HDR</i> Summary of OPL Achievements Abdul Rahman Merkbawi - <i>President of the OPL</i>	

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Session 3 A: Hospital Pharmacy: High-Risk Care and Medication Safety Moderator: Carole Dib		
12:15 – 12:30	Anticoagulation and Hemostasis in Critical Care Settings	William E. Dager, <i>PharmD, BCPS, FCSHP, FCCP, FCCM, FASHP</i>
12:30 – 12:45	Small Patients, Bigger Impact: Advancing Pediatric Medication Safety through Pharmacy Excellence	Therese Saad, <i>PharmD, EMHCL, PhD</i>
12:45 – 13:00	High-Alert Medications: Reducing Risk Across the Medication-Use Process	Elsy Ramia, <i>PharmD, MPH, BCPS, CPPS</i>
13:00 – 13:15	Zero Harm Rx: Making Risk Management the Standard Dose	Jennifer Kozaily, <i>PharmD, LLM</i>
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15:30 – 15:45	The Lebanese National Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Risk Management Framework: A Blueprint for Building a Resilient and Sustainable Medicine Supply System	Roula Bou Assi, <i>PharmD, MBA, DBA Candidate</i>
15:45 – 16:00	Counterfeit Medicines: Strengthening Patient Safety Through Vigilance and Supply Chain Integrity	May Fakhoury, <i>PharmD, PhD, MBA</i>
16:00 – 16:15	Quality of Generic Medications in Lebanon: The OPL Perspective	May Saab, <i>BS Pharm, PhD</i>
16:15 – 16:30	Medication Waste Management: The OPL blueprint	Randa Aoun, <i>PharmD</i>
16:30 – 16:45	3D Printing for Pharmaceutical Applications: Current Landscape and Future Directions	Antonio El Hajj, <i>BS Pharm, MS, PhD Candidate</i>

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Session 3 B: Research III: NCD Care, Medication Use and Personalized Therapy Moderator: Deema Rahme		
12:15 – 12:30	Patient Perceptions and Empowerment in Community Pharmacy-Based Non-Communicable Disease Care in Lebanon	Shahnaz Masri, <i>BS, PharmD, MSc</i>
13:00 – 13:15	Knowledge, Attitudes, Practices, and Barriers Related to Non-Communicable Disease Prevention and Management Among Community Pharmacists in Lebanon: A National Cross-Sectional Study	Mariam Hmeidan, <i>BPharm, MSc</i>
12:30 – 12:45	Self-Medication among Lebanese Adults Following the Economic Crisis: Prevalence, Determinants, and Crisis-Related Escalation	Chaza Alaeddine, <i>PharmD, MSc</i>
12:45 – 13:00	Can Personalized Therapy Reduce Drug-Induced Latrogenesis?	Krikor Sahakian, <i>PhD</i>
13:15 – 13:30	Q&A / Discussion	
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Session 4 B: Research IV: Health-System Quality & Digital Adoption Moderator: Zeinab Abbas		
15:30 – 15:45	Determinants of Objective and Perceived Knowledge on Substandard and Falsified Medicines: A Cross-Sectional Study	Rana Hatem, PharmD, MPH, PhD Candidate
15:45 – 16:00	Clinical Indicators Tracking Program (CITP) in Lebanese Hospitals: A baseline survey to Inform Standardization	Riwa Kfoury, PharmD, MPH, PhD
16:00 – 16:15	Artificial Intelligence and Digital Health Adoption Among Lebanese Community Pharmacists: Perceptions, Barriers, and Training Needs	Nadine Saleh, PharmD, MPH, PhD
16:15 – 16:30	The State of Disease Research in the Middle East and North Africa: 1980 to 2023	Georges Choueiry, PharmD, MPH, PhD Candidate
16:30 – 16:45	Antimicrobial Stewardship in the Community: A Study on Leftover Antibiotics’ Effect on Self-Medication	Wissam Kabbara, PharmD