

Dr. Nabil Kronfol: The Gentleman with Great Impact on Health & Health Education in Lebanon & the Region



In parallel to the academic achievements, Dr. Kronfol was instrumental in promoting health and health education in Lebanon and the region. He served as Advisor to several Ministers of Public Health and Minister of Social Affairs and Health in Lebanon. In this capacity, he had a pivotal role in the establishment of the Planning Unit at the Ministry of Health in Lebanon, back in 1983. At the regional level, he contributed to the establishment of prominent institutions, such as the College of Health Sciences in Bahrain, and four Nursing Schools in the UAE. Dr. Kronfol served, as well, on the Board of Trustees of the Aga Khan University, and assisted in the establishment of its Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences in Karachi. Furthermore, he helped establish educational programs such as the WHO-sponsored Diploma in Public Health in Syria, which was later adapted to Jordan, as well as the Masters in Epidemiology in Egypt on behalf of the Arab Ministers of Health. In a nutshell, he served as WHO consultant to almost all countries in the region, often on more than one assignment.

Dr. Kronfol is widely recognized as an accomplished health professional and leader who has served with dedication and zeal in Lebanon, and nearly all member states of the Eastern Mediterranean region over the last forty-five years.

Back in 1974, Dr. Kronfol started as Assistant Professor at the American University of Beirut Faculty of Health Sciences, and became Full Professor ten years later, meanwhile assuming the positions of Chairman and Deputy Vice President of Health at the University. His teaching and influence on the next generation of healthcare professionals graduating from AUB are vivid in everyone's memory. This period was also punctuated by the publication of several articles and books contributing to the prolific numbers during his career of 28 books or chapters in books, and more than 75 articles in refereed journals authored/co-authored by Dr. Kronfol.



Dr. Kronfol honored by Dean Iman Nuwayhid, 2014



Dr. Kronfol receiving MD with Penrose award, 1969



Dr. Kronfol being honored by Bahrain MOH

Among the long list of accomplishments of Nabil Kronfol, it is relevant to mention those related to his following positions:

- President and Founder, Lebanese Healthcare Management Association
- Board of Directors, Lebanon's Hospital for Mental Health hospital Co-Founder, Center for Studies on Ageing – Lebanon Founding Board member and Chairman of the Technical Advisory Committee, Middle East North Africa Health Policy Forum Board of Directors, Joint Commission Resources, USA
- Board of Trustees, Makassed Philanthropic Association, Lebanon
- Chairman, Hospital and Health Committee, Makassed Association
- Board of Trustees, Dar Al Aytam Al Islamia.

Nabil Kronfol is a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society and Sigma Xi Club. He was the recipient of the International McGaw Award for Health Administration AUPHA, and the Fulbright Award for International Scholars. His recognitions are many to cite but one cannot miss that he was also the first Lebanese to receive the WHO/EMRO distinguished Shusha Award in 2007.



Dr. Kronfol on the Aga Khan University Board of Trustees Karachi



Dr. Kronfol few years old with family

Dr Kronfol was born in 1944 to one of the very first Beirut families, with two sisters Leila and May. His father (Bachelor of Commerce, AUB 1923) served as the General Manager of Socony Vaccum (later Mobil Oil) for forty years until his retirement. His mother established the “Inayat Bil Tofl Wal Oum” in 1944, and served as Vice President of the Lebanese Red Cross for many years. He went to school first at the College Protestant Francais, and then to the Freres Maristes in Jounieh as a boarder, and finally to the International College, section secondaire. Nabil Kronfol then joined AUB, where he received a BS with distinction in 1965, and graduated as Doctor of Medicine with the distinguished Penrose Award in 1969. He went on to become an American-boarded Pediatrician. Also an MPH graduate of Harvard University, Dr .Kronfol holds a Doctorate in Public Health - Health Services Administration- from the same University.



Nabil and Lina Kronfol

As for all outstanding achievers, personal attributes are key to understanding the successful journey of Dr .Kronfol. His passion and determination at work are second to none. He perseveres until the objectives of the mission are reached and he recognizes the contribution of everyone on the team. Nabil Kronfol’s eagerness to get exposed and understand the various cultures has helped him tremendously in his career through adaptation across different countries. More generally, he has an inquisitive, open mind that is constantly engaged in learning. Dr.Kronfol’s vast culture is only matched by his inter-personal skills, which are a lesson to many: A real “gentleman”, well mannered, humble, welcoming, and most courteous. Definitely, multiple facets to the role model that he is for next generations.

Infos

Cancer de la Peau: Bientôt un Médicament

C’est une avancée médicale et scientifique en forme d’espoir pour la personne qui toutes les 52 minutes meurt d’un mélanome dans le monde. Des composants «prometteurs pour de futurs médicaments». Dans leur étude, réalisée par le Centre allemand de recherches sur le cancer de Heidelberg, les experts expliquent, en effet, que le cancer enverrait de minuscules vésicules qui propageraient la maladie aux autres parties du corps, qui «coloniseraient des organes vitaux tels que le cerveau, les poumons, le foie et les os». Une fois le processus de propagation du mélanome découvert, les chercheurs ont alors pu développer des substances qui empêchent la diffusion de la maladie. Des substances (molécules) qui pourraient constituer des composants «prometteurs pour

de futurs médicaments», indiquent-ils dans leur article publié dans le journal scientifique Nature Cell Biology. «Devenir une maladie facilement curable» «Notre étude constitue une importante étape sur la route de la guérison totale. Nous espérons que nos découvertes vont permettre au mélanome de devenir une maladie facilement curable», assure même la responsable de l’équipe de chercheurs, Carmit Levy. Pour rappel, le mélanome, dont le nombre de cas diagnostiqués ne cesse d’augmenter depuis trois décennies, apparaît sur la peau, il est visible en général à l’œil nu sous forme de marques noires ou marrons. S’il est traité à ses débuts, le taux de guérison est relativement élevé, mais une fois qu’il se propage dans le corps l’issue est souvent fatale.

A Hospital with a Heart



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