





**Advancing Lebanese
Healthcare through
Interprofessional
Collaboration**



Panelists

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The Planning Committee's Charge

- Be provocative
- Challenge the audience
- Stimulate -- think out of the box
- And my addition
 - Respect complexity

➤ The Silo Metaphor in Healthcare

- Typically, it is the professions that are the silos; “How can interprofessional collaboration be used to break down professional silos?”
- An alternate perspective: the silos are the sectors within the health care system: primary care, hospital-based care, public/community health care, and mental health care
- Can interprofessional collaboration across these sectors break down these silos and advance health care in Lebanon?

Interprofessional Collaboration in a Physician-Centered System



- In Lebanon, as in many places, the health care system is physician-centered/physician-dominated
- Leads to unquestioned assumptions
 - Lessens physician involvement in interprofessional work
 - Constrains the way interprofessional teams work
- Are interprofessional education and appeals for interprofessional collaboration enough to begin to crack the existing model?
- Are there risks to the Lebanese health care system if the current model is changed?



Disproportionate Ratio Among the Professions

- Oversupply? Medicine, Pharmacy, Nutrition/Dietetics...?
- Undersupply? Registered Nurses, Social Workers, Clinical Psychologists...?
- How does the disproportion among the professions affect efforts to implement interprofessional collaboration?

Incompetence in Interprofessional Teams?

- Lingard has studied health care teams for nearly 20 years and wrote:
 - Competent individuals can form an incompetent team.
 - Teams can be competent even when one team member is incompetent.
 - An incompetent team member can derail one team, but another team carries on around her.
 - The same team can be competent in one situation and incompetent in another.
- How can those of us who have jumped on the interprofessional collaboration bandwagon reconcile our belief in the superiority of teams with her statements about team incompetence?

▶ Interprofessional Collaboration and Persistent Problems

- Antibiotic resistance
- Complication of polypharmacy in the elderly
- Emerging epidemics in diabetes, obesity,
- Suicide
- What can IPC offer to address these challenging problems?



The Panelists' Perspectives





The Audience Perspective

