BIOGRAPHY& BIBLIOGRAPHY

Philip Adib Salem, M.D. is a world renowned cancer physician, researcher, educator, author and international medical statesman. He served on the faculty of the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas as aprofessor of cancer medicine from 1987 to 1991. In 1991, Dr. Salemwas appointed Director of Cancer Research St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital in Houston, Texas, now known as the Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center, CHI St. Luke's Health, where he is currently Director Emeritus of Cancer Research. Also in 1991, Dr. Salem established the Salem Oncology Center, a private cancer facility in the Texas Medical Center in Houston. Texas. where he continues to serve as President.In 2010, St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital established the Philip A. Salem Chair in Cancer Researchto honor Dr. Salem's contributions to cancer medicine.Dr. Salemhas published extensively on Immunoproliferative Small Intestinal Disease and the causative relationship of infection to cancer. His research was also crucial in the development of new anticancer agents.



In addition to being a cancer physician and researcher, Dr. Salem is a renaissance intellectual and author. He has extensively published on Lebanese and Middle Eastern Affairs, and he has also written articles ranging from religion to philosophyto human rights. He advanced the concept that the most sacred human right is the right to health. There are nine books that have been written about him and his vision.

Family life and education

Philip Adib Salem was born in Bterram, El-Koura, NorthLebanon on July 13, 1941 to Adib Salem and Lamia Malik. He has five brothers and one sister. Dr. Salem and his wife were married in 1973 and have two daughters and a son.

Dr. Salem completed his elementary and secondary education in El Koura, Lebanon. At the age of 16, he matriculated to the American University of Beirut where, in 1961, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree. In 1965, He graduated with a Doctor of Medicine degree from the School of Medicine of theAmerican University of Beirut, in Beirut, Lebanon.After graduating from medical school, Dr. Salem completed 3 years of residency in Internal Medicine at the American University of Beirut Medical Center.

In 1968, Dr. Salem began a fellowship in medicaloncology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, New York. After two years in New York, hemoved to Houston, Texasforan additional year of trainingat the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

Dr. Salem as an academician

In 1971, Dr. Salem returned to Lebanon and joined the full time faculty of the American University of Beirut Medical CenterasAssistant Professor and founding Director of the Cancer Research and Treatment Program. In 1978, he was promoted to Associate Professor of Medicine.

In 1987, hereturned to the United States and joined the faculty of the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas as an Associate Professor of Medicine in the Department of Medical Oncology. In 1990, he was promoted to Professor of Medicine.

In 1991, Dr. Salem was appointed Director of Cancer Research at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital in Houston, Texas. Also in the same year, he was appointed Adjunct Professor of Medicine at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, a position he held until 2000. During his tenure in academic medicine, Dr. Salem served on numerous institutional governance committees.

In 2010, St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, now known as the Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center, CHI St. Luke's Health, established the Philip A. Salem Chair in Cancer Research "as a lasting tribute to his leadership and vision in the field of oncology." Dr. Salem continues to hold this chair today. 2012, and after 20 years of being Director of Cancer Research, Dr. Salem was named Director Emeritus.

Dr. Salem as a Physician

During his career, Dr. Salem has treated thousands of cancer patients around the world. Above all else, Dr. Salem considers himselfa physician. He embraces the philosophy that, in the practice of medicine, doctors treat people not diseases. Dr. Salem leads the struggle torehumanize cancer treatment in America and the world. He believes that knowledge alone is not enough. In addition, patients need love, care, hope, compassion, accessibility to the doctor, and time to talk about their fears, anxieties, and concerns.

Dr. Salemalso champions a movement to prohibit government and insurance providers from interfering in the decision making process in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer. He strongly believes that the doctor should have the liberty to treat patients as he thinks is best and be able to practice without fear of litigation for failure to comply with arbitrary standards and guidelines that may not be appropriate for every patient.

Dr. Salem as a Researcher

Dr. Salem's research focused on three major areas:Immunoproliferative Small Intestinal Disease (IPSID), lymphomas other than IPSID, and new agents and new treatments in cancer.

In the early 1970s, while at the American University of Beirut Medical Center, Dr. Salemdescribed IPSIDas a disease of the small intestine. He demonstrated that a chronic repetitive infectious insult to the gastrointestinal mucosa may eventually lead to inflammatory changes, which, if left untreated, may progress to malignancy.

Dr. Salem and his team also elucidated the process through which histopathologically benign lesions progress to malignancy and described the benign phase of IPSID.He demonstrated that the process of inflammation resulting from a chronic repetitive infectious insult is potentially reversible before it becomes malignant. Dr. Salem and his team showed that if IPSID patients are treated with antibiotics while still in the benign phase, the pathology in the small intestine can be reversed to normal, preventing the transition to cancer. This research was one of the first demonstrations of chemoprevention – the reversal of the neoplastic process prior to progression to malignancy.

In 2005, the Nobel Prize in Medicine and Physiology went to 2 Australian researchers, Drs. Barry J. Marshall and J. Robin Warren, who demonstrated the link between infection with*H. pylori* and peptic ulcer and stomach cancer. In the citation, the Nobel Prize Committee recognized the contributions of prior work in this area, including the IPSID research of Dr. Salem, as a gateway for the research that captured the Nobel Prize.

Dr. Salem and his team have also done extensive research on lymphomas in the Middle East. He has delineated the distinctive features of lymphomas in the Middle East and elucidated how lymphomas in the Middle East differ from those seen in the West. He demonstrated that many lymphomas in the Middle East are extra-nodal, with the intestinal forms being the most common. His team also showed that follicular lymphoma is rare in the Middle East and that the most common lymphoma in children there is Burkitt's lymphoma.

Dr. Salem also developed a new method for the deliveryof the cancer drug Cisplatinum that substantially reduced its toxicity to the kidney. Instead of giving the whole dose of the drug in one injection, Dr. Salemand his team fractionated the dose over five days. This fractionation was useful in helping patients tolerate the drug and in protecting the kidney from irreversible damage. This work served as the basis for the Cisplatinum dosing protocols that are currently used around the world, and for the fractionation of the dose of another cancer drug, Adriamycin.

Additionally, Dr. Salem has explored the efficacy of administering anti-cancer agents directly to the liver through intra-arterial hepatic infusion. This work demonstrated success in treating liver cancer including primary and metastatic liver cancer.

Dr. Salem has also been an active participant in clinical trials on chemoprevention of cancer. He was the Principal Investigator at St. Luke's Hospitalfor a nationalstudy investigating the use of Tamoxifen andRaloxifene inpreventing breast cancer in high risk women. He also participated in studies investigating the use of Cis-retinoic Acid, a synthetic form of vitamin A, in the prevention of lung, and head and neck cancers. He continues to conduct research in this area.

Dr. Salem as an Educator

In addition to his roles as a physician and researcher, Dr. Salem has also been an educator. While at the American University of Beirut Medical Center in the 1970's, Dr. Salem established the first fellowship training program in cancer treatment and research in the Middle East.

Throughout his career, Dr. Salem trained hundreds of medical students, residents and fellows. He also coordinated and chaired multidisciplinary tumor conferences at the various hospitals at which he worked, and he participated in hundreds of conferences around the world on cancer research and treatment. He considers public and professional education is key to the conquest of cancer.

Dr. Salem as an Author and subject of books

The following books have been published:

- 1. "Philip Salem The Man, The Homeland, The Science" (Arabic).Boutros Indari, Author. Dar Al-Nidal, Beirut, 2004.
- 2. "Cancer, Love and the Politics of Hope the life and vision of Philip A. Salem M.D." (English). Frances Mourani and Boutros Indari, Authors. Quartet Books Ltd, London, 2012.
- 3. "Philip Salem the Rebel, the Scientist and the Humanist" (Arabic).Maha Samara, Author. Dar Al Saqi and Dar Annahar, Beirut, 2013.
- 4. *"Philip Salem: Healing the body, Healing the Soul"* (Arabic). Antoine Noujaim, Author. Arts, Sciences and Technology University, Lebanon, 2014.
- 5. *"Philip Salem: by their Pens"* (Arabic and English).Assaad Khoury, Editor. Maoushy and Zakaria Publisher, Beirut, 2014.
- 6. *"From the Conquest of Cancer to the Resurrection of Lebanon"* (Arabic) Dr. Philip A. Salem, Author. Notre Dame University, Lebanon.

The following books are still in press:

- 1. "Philip Salem and the Message of Lebanon" (Arabic).Dr. Philip A. Salem, Author. Dar Annahar, Beirut.
- 2. "Philip Salem and the Separation of Religion from State" (Arabic). Jean Dayeh, Author. Dar Annahar, Beirut.
- 3. "Philip Salem and Faith" (Arabic). Telelumiere Television, Lebanon.

Dr. Salem as an International Medical Statesman

Dr. Salem served on a White House Advisory Committee on Health Care between 1989-1994. He has official agreement with Mexico to train the Mexican cancer doctors in cancer research and treatment on a regular basis. He

has established many collaborative programs in Italy, particularly in Milan, Rome, Napoli, and Palermo. In appreciation for his contributions to Mexico and Italy, he has received many awards and medals from their governments, and cancer institutions. He is also a consultant to many countries in Latin America, Europe and the Middle East on the development of cancer programs.

During his tenure at the American University of Beirut, Dr. Salem has also served as President of the Lebanese Cancer Society, Chairman of the Lebanese National Unit for Cancer Research, and Secretary General of the Federation of Middle East Cancer Organizations. In the 1980s, he served as an ADHOC Chairman of the International Faculty of the UICC Post Graduate Course on Chemotherapy. In the 1990s, he was President of the Arab American Cancer Foundation. Dr. Salem is an active member of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR), the European Society of Medical Oncology (ESMO), the Texas Medical Oncology Society (TMOS), He has served on the editorial boards and as a reviewer for numerous cancer research journals in the United States, Latin America, Europe, and the Middle East.

The Salem Oncology Center

Dr. Salem established The Salem Oncology Center in 1991 and continues to serve as its President today.

The Salem Oncology Center is a private cancer facility located in the Texas Medical Center, at 6624 Fannin Street, Houston, Texas. The Center is committed to excellence in the treatment of cancer patients, and to the philosophy of embracing patients with love and compassion.

The Philip Salem Foundation

After 45 years of practicing cancer medicine, Dr. Salem founded the Philip Salem Foundation.

Dr. Salem believes that the onlyway to conquer cancer is through research. The Philip Salem Foundation was born out of his passion for research, patient care and educating physicians, patients and the public about cancer.

His Vision for the Philip Salem Foundation includes:

- *Research.* Support and promote cancer research that will contribute to the development of targeted therapy drugs, gene therapy, and cancer prevention.
- *Training*.Support training of doctors, nurses and paramedical professionals engaged in the treatment of cancer, including extended training programs for practicing physicians.
- *Education.* Support education of professionals and the public in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer, through the publication of books, leaflets, articles and other materials, and through the conduct of seminars and lectures.

The Philip Salem Foundation is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization in the State of Texas.

Honors and Awards

• Medal of Achievement, in recognition of research on Mediterranean lymphoma (IPSID), Italian Association of Pathologists, 1981

- Citation, for contributions to the success of the journal, by Mary M. Bissey, assistant editor of the journal *Cancer*, 1986
- Who's Who in Lebanon, 1985-present
- Who's Who in the Arab World, 1985-present
- Member, Ad hoc White House Advisory Committee on Health Care, appointed by committee chair Dr. Burton Lee, 1989-1994
- Honoree, for contributions to cancer research, Annual Convention of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 1993
- Republican Senatorial Medal of Freedom, 1994
- Goodwill Ambassador for the City of Houston, 1994
- Honoree, for contributions to cancer medicine, American University of Beirut, 1994
- Medal of the Cedars, Lebanon, 1994
- "Man of the Year in Medicine," "ALMAJALLA," International Arab Weekly News Magazine, Arab Press House, London, England, 1994
- National Directory of Who's Who, 1995
- International Who's Who of Professionals, 1995
- "Outstanding cancer physician of the year," Middle East Broadcasting Television Station, London, 1995
- Life Member, National Registry, Who's Who, 1997
- Honoree, for contributions to cancer medicine and for service to Lebanon and mankind, British-Lebanese Association, London, 1997
- Ellis Island Medal of Honor by the National Ethnic Coalition Organizations (NECO), for "exceptional humanitarian efforts and outstanding contributions to American science,"1998
- Member, Ellis Island Medal of Honor Society, 1998
- Commendatore of the Order to the Merit of the Italian Republic (OMRI), 1998
- Distinguished 20th Century Republican Leader, Republican Members of the United States Senate, 1998
- Honoree, for contributions to medicine, Arabic literature, philosophy and politics, Cultural Movement of Antelias, Lebanon, 1999
- Khalil Gibran International Award, Arabic Heritage League, Sydney, Australia, 2000

- Arab American of the Year Award, Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS), Dearborn, Michigan, 2000
- America's Top Doctors, Castle Connolly Guide, Castle Connolly Medical Ltd., 2001-2007
- Who's Who in Executives & Businesses, Nationwide Register's Who's Who, 2001
- "Intellectual of the Year," DiwanAhlAl-Qalam, Beirut, Lebanon, 2002
- Decorated with highest civilian honor by the President of Lebanon, 2002
- Arab American Cultural and Heritage Award, Arab American Cultural and Heritage Center, Houston, Texas 2002
- "Man of the Month," Arrajol Magazine, Saudi Publishing and Distributing Company, London, England. Issue no. 125, pages 18-31, 2003
- Lifetime Achievement Award, Arab Center Congress, 2003
- Featured in the cover story entitled "Dr. Philip Salem, Pivotal Contributor to Cancer Research," Arab American Affairs magazine, Volume 32, Number 212, Pages 40-43, 2004
- Lifetime Achievement Award, American Lebanese National Movement, 2005
- Honoree, 12th International Meeting of the Lebanese World Cultural Union, Beirut, Lebanon, 2005
- American Lebanese Medical Association Scientific Achievement Award, American Lebanese Medical Association, 2006
- "The Scientist of the Year," La Fondazione FoedusCultura Impresa Solidarietà, Italy, 2006
- "Intellectual of the Year," MBC television station, Dubai, UAE, 2008
- Honoree, for contributions to medicine and to Lebanon, World Lebanese Cultural Union, 2009
- Marquis Who's Who in America, 2010
- Philip A. Salem Chair in Cancer Research established in honor of Dr. Salem, St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, Houston, Texas, 2010
- Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters for contributions to medicine, Arabic literature and philosophy, Lebanese American University, Lebanon, 2010
- Lifetime Achievement Award, Arab American Community and Cultural Centre, Houston, Texas, 2010
- Member of the Board, Arab Thought Forum, 2010

- Featured in the book *"Featured Faculty Members of the American University of Beirut"* as one of the best 15 faculty members in the history of the university. Michel Jeha, Author, Nelson House for Publishing and the American University of Beirut Alumni, 2010
- Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award, Rene Moawad Foundation, 2012
- Honored, for contributions to cancer medicine and the cause of Lebanon, and as the heir of Dr. DeBakey's legacy: Excellence in Medicine, Beirut International Award Festival, 2012
- Honoree, for 20 years of service as Director of Cancer Research, St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, Houston, Texas 2012
- Honoree, as a physician, intellectual and Lebanese nationalist, Lebanese Circle of Intellectuals (Montada al Shira' al Fikri), Beirut, 2012
- Honoree, for contributions to medicine, literature and politics, Lions Economic Forum committee, Beirut, 2013
- Honoree, Lebanese Welfare Association for the Handicapped, 2013
- Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters for contributions to medicine, Arabic literature and philosophy, Notre Dame University of Lebanon, 2013
- The Philip A. Salem Award in Nursing Excellence established in honor of Dr. Salem, Notre Dame University of Lebanon, 2013
- Honoree, University of Arts, Science and Technology, Beirut, 2014
- Honoree, as a distinguished cancer physician and established author and intellectual. The Cultural Council and the Municipality of Byblos, Lebanon, 2014
- Supreme Medal of Excellence, FOEDUS, The Italian Foundation of Culture and Science, 2015

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