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Dr. Rania Sakr currently serves as the Division Head of Family Medicine at the Gilbert and Rose-Marie Chagoury School of Medicine, Lebanese American University (LAU), where she also directs the Primary Care clerkship.

She is a distinguished physician and educator specializing in family medicine.

Dr. Sakr's robust educational background includes a Medical Doctor degree from St. Joseph University, Beirut, Lebanon, earned in 1998. She continued her education with a Degree in Family Medicine from the same institution in 2001.

Further advancing her expertise, she completed a Diploma in Statistics and Epidemiology and Post Graduate Clinical Training in Pediatrics at St. Joseph University in 2002. Dr. Sakr also holds a Diploma in Clinical Simulation from the Lebanese American University (LAU), obtained in 2016, and a Research Certificate from LAU, awarded in 2023.

Dr. Sakr has held numerous academic appointments, significantly contributing to family medicine and medical education. She has played a key role in developing the curriculum and clinical training programs at LAU and has taught extensively at various institutions, including USJ and Al-Kafaat.

Dr. Sakr's professional interests span a broad range of medical fields, with a primary focus on family medicine and comprehensive patient care across various age groups. Her dedication to advancing medical knowledge is evident through her active involvement in clinical research and medical education. She has a keen interest in occupational health, travel medicine, adolescent medicine, and community primary care, addressing the unique health needs of diverse populations. Additionally, Dr. Sakr has contributed to clinical research on significant topics such as diabetes management, COVID-19, and preventive health. Her diverse expertise enables her to enhance patient outcomes and shape the future of medical practice through both research and education.

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Dr. Sakr has authored several notable publications. Her recent work includes "Perception of the Lebanese Adults about Vaccination: A Survey" published in *Vaccines* in March 2023, which explores vaccine perceptions in Lebanon. In July 2023, she co-authored "The global challenges of long COVID-19 in adults and children" in *Travel Medicine and Infectious Disease*, addressing the ongoing issues of COVID-19. Dr. Sakr also contributed to "A pacemaker lead infection as a complication of a discitis post fall in an elderly: A case report" in *Journal of Family Medicine and Primary Care* in June 2023, and "COVID-19 detection by dogs: from physiology to field application—a review article" in *Postgraduate Medical Journal* in March 2022. Additionally,

she has published on topics such as latent tuberculosis screening in Lebanese health care workers and the health status of Lebanese university.

In addition to her academic and clinical roles, Dr. Sakr has participated in multiple professional committees, including the Lebanese Society of Family Medicine, and has been instrumental in organizing medical conferences and symposia.