

## Pr. Mirna N. CHAHINE

- **NAME / TITLE:**

Mirna Chahine is a full-time Professor of Cardiovascular Physiology & Head of Basic Sciences Department at the Faculty of Medical Sciences, Lebanese University in Beirut, Lebanon.

- **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:**

- She obtained her BSc degree in 1999 in Medical Analysis Laboratory Sciences from the Lebanese University, Faculty of Public Health section II, Fanar, Lebanon. Her BSc project consisted of studying type I diabetic patients.
- She then expanded her knowledge by studying host-pathogen interaction on molecular and cellular levels and obtained a certificate of MSc in Biological and Medical Sciences from St Joseph University (USJ) Faculty of Medicine; Her thesis was about the adherence of Plasmodium falciparum-infected erythrocytes on endothelium;
- She had her PhD in 2006 in Cell Biology on Hereditary Cardiomyopathy from Sherbrooke University, Canada.
- She then completed her post-doctorate trainings in Canada (Winnipeg, MB), then the UK (London) from 2006 to 2012 on nuclear protein import in Cardiovascular diseases (Hypertension, Atherosclerosis, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, Heart failure).
- She also obtained a diploma in Higher Education Teaching from Canada in 2009.

- **SUMMARY OF CAREER TO DATE:**

“My father had his first heart attack at age of 37 followed by another one at 42! This was sufficient to shape my world view and strengthen my decision toward doing research on cardiovascular diseases”.

**In 2001**, I was accepted as a PhD candidate at University of Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada, in the laboratory of Prof. Ghassan Bkaily, where I examined the role of nuclear membranes ionic transporters such as the Sodium Proton Exchanger (NHE-1) in the development of calcium and sodium overload in a model of hereditary cardiomyopathy (hCMP) (hamster: Line UM-X7.1) The results of these studies were published in 2005 and 2006 and this granted me a doctoral research award from the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada (HSFC). During my PhD studies, I published 4 articles.

In 2006, I joined the laboratory of Prof. Grant Pierce, for my postdoctoral training, at University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada, where I studied nuclear

protein import (NPI) in atherosclerosis by exposing the cells to oxidized LDL. This work was published in 2009 and granted me the 1<sup>st</sup> place during the 2008 Young Investigator Award competition from the International Society for Heart Research (ISHR) in Athens, Greece. In addition, I investigated the synergistic effects of oxidized LDL on the capacity of infection with pathogens such as *Chlamydia pneumoniae* and with cell stretch (to mimic hypertension) to alter cell proliferation. During my first post-doctoral studies with Prof Pierce, I published 9 articles and 2 book chapters. By that time, I was a fellow of the HSFC. In 2009, I received a Young Investigator award for excellence in post-doctoral research, and in 2010 the award for best paper, both from the Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences in Winnipeg. Furthermore, in March 2009 I completed a Certificate in Higher Education Teaching at the University of Manitoba.

**In January 2010**, I chose to move to Europe and particularly to the Imperial College London, London, UK, to conduct my 2<sup>nd</sup> for my postdoctoral training, where I was offered the prestigious “Newton International fellowship” offered by the Royal Society, and Prof. Sian Harding, a very well-known scientist in the field of the failing human heart, sponsored me. I was particularly intrigued to determine the factors implicated in the maturation of a Cardiomyocyte (CM). I also investigated the NPI in human Embryonic Stem cells-derived CM (hESC-CM). These results were published in Cardiovascular research journal (the article was also selected as the editor’s choice).

**In June 2012**, I got recruited by Prof. Roland Asmar at the Foundation – Medical Research Institutes (F-MRI) as the principal coordinator of epidemiological studies, modules for university diplomas students (MDs, dentists, pharmacists), and Continuous Medical education (CMEs) in the field of Cardio-metabolic diseases in the entire MENA region, as well as the director of the Basic Medical Research in the F-MRI.

On fall 2013, I directed a project entitled “Tissue regulation of telomeres’ length (TL)- Simultaneous study on telomeres’ length in different tissue types”, in collaboration with the CHU de Nancy, France (Prof. Athanase Benetos) and the University of New Jersey, USA (Prof. Abraham Aviv) and the Lebanese University and F-MRI®. This work was presented during different international meetings and was published in 2019.

I also managed through the F-MRI two Epidemiological projects about the “Prevalence” and the “Management” of Cardiovascular Diseases overall Lebanon. This work got published in 10 articles.

At the University of Balamand, since 2013 I have been co-supervising a student (Amany Chahine) with Dr Marc Karam and Surrey University UK on a project entitled “The effect of Leishmania major infection on atherogenesis

and cytokine responses in resistant and susceptible mice”, for her MSc and her PhD studies.

During that time period, in September 2012, I was appointed as a part-time lecturer in 3 universities (Lebanese University, University of Balamand, and Lebanese American University).

**In October 2014**, I obtained a tenured *Associate Professor position* in Physiology (Research & Teaching Position) at the Faculty of Medical Sciences, in Beirut, Lebanon. During that time period, I carried on with my research about basic science (telomeres/ molecular and cellular levels of cardiometabolic diseases), epidemiological studies, and Blood pressure measurement devices validation on the Lebanese population. Certainly, I kept my collaborations with other local universities (Balamand university in Lebanon) and international ones (Greece, France, UK).

**In July 2018**, I was promoted for a tenured *Professor position* in the same faculty (Research and Teaching position). Since then, I have been directing many projects as summarized in the last pages of my CV (tables).

- **RESEARCH INTERESTS AND SPECIALTY:**

1. Gender Differences at the level of Telomere length in Human health and cardio-metabolic diseases,
2. The effect of Leishmania major infection on atherogenesis and cytokine responses in resistant and susceptible mice.
3. Gender Differences at the level of CVD Symptoms, CVD pattern, Chest pain origin, CVD treatments and Cancer.
4. Epidemiological studies (Cigarettes smoking & Vaping prevalence, KAP Hypertension, Diabetes, & Hypertension management by Lebanese physicians, COVID-19 awareness in general population / Pregnant women/ Patients with Chronic diseases)
5. Drug-Drug interactions
6. Projects for Accreditation of the faculty (Research performance/Assessments/ syllabi, Transition to clinical settings).
7. Validation of blood pressure measurement devices on the Lebanese population according to international guidelines;

- **MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- FELLOWSHIPS: from Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada (2005, 2007) and “the Newton International Fellowship” from the British Royal Society (2009);
- GRANTS: “British Heart Foundation” Project Grant (Imperial College, London) (2012); National Council for Scientific Research project Grant (Beirut,

Lebanon) (2015); Wael Al-Mahmeed & IAS Research Training Grants and Fellowships for the MENA Region: 1st place research award (2019).

-PRICES AND AWARDS: Young Investigator Award from the International Society for Heart research (2008); Award for Best Paper in Cardiovascular Sciences (2010).

-Pr. Chahine has published around 42 peer-reviewed papers, and 3 book chapters.

- **LIST OF PUBLICATIONS:**

- **Full papers published in peer-reviewed journals.**

1. Battoul Fakhry, Mostafa Abdulrahim, **Mirna N Chahine**. Medical Cannabis in Lebanon: History & Therapeutic, Ethical, and Social Challenges. A Narrative Review. Archives of Clinical and Biomedical Research. 2021;5:137-157.

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4. Jeannot Kokedjian, Raymond Challita, Mikael Abi Abdallah, Roland Asmar, **Mirna N Chahine**. Demographic and Clinical Characteristics of Hypertensive and/or Diabetic Patients with Target Organ Damage in the Lebanese Population. Archives of Clinical and Biomedical Research. 2020; 4: 361-377.

5. Jeannot Kokedjian, Raymond Challita, Mikael Abi Abdallah, **Mirna N Chahine**, Roland Asmar. Management of Hypertension and Diabetes Mellitus in Patients with Target Organ Damages and/or Previous Cardiovascular Diseases in Lebanon. Where do We Stand with Respect to International Guidelines? Cardiology and Cardiovascular Medicine. 2020; 4:679-696.

6. Diana Carolina Awad, Aline Zaiter, Peter Ghiya, Karine Zaiter, Jean G Louka, Chadi Fakih, **Mirna N Chahine**. COVID-19: Pregnant Women's Knowledge, Perceptions & Fears. First National Data from Lebanon. Obstetrics and Gynecology Research. 2020; 3:220-234.

7. Halawi A, Ghazal M, Cherry H, Hanna PA & **Chahine MN**. Knowledge, perception and precautions of the Lebanese population regarding the novel Coronavirus outbreak: A cross-sectional study between 18 and 22 March 2020. Journal of Public Health and Diseases. 2020 Jun 30:3(3): 72-81.

8. **Mirna N. Chahine**, Simon Toupance, Sandy El-Hakim, Carlos Labat, Sylvie Gautier, Toufic Moussallem, Pierre Yared, Roland Asmar, And Athanase Benetos. Telomere Length And Age-Dependent Telomere Attrition. The Blood-and-Muscle. Accepted in Can. J. Physiol. Pharmacol. 2019; 97 (4), 328-334.

9. Salameh P, Zeidan RK, Hallit S, Farah R, **Chahine M,,** Asmar R, Hosseiny H. Cardiovascular Diseases and Long Term Self-Reported Exposure to Pollution: Results

of a National Epidemiological Study in Lebanon. *Journal of Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation and Prevention* 2019; 39 (1), 43-49.

10. Salameh P, Farah R, Hallit S, Zeidan RK, **Chahine MN**, Asmar R, Hosseini H. Self-reported history of stroke and long-term living conditions near air pollution sources: results of a national epidemiological study in Lebanon. *Environ Monit Assess.* 2018;190(3):153-164.

11. Justin F. Deniset, Thomas E. Hedley, Marketa Hlavackova, **Mirna N. Chahine**, Elena Dibrov, Kim O'Hara, Graham Maddaford, David Nelson, Thane Maddaford, Robert Frandrich, Elissavet Kardami, and Grant N. Pierce. Heat shock protein 60 involvement in vascular smooth muscle cell Proliferation. *Cellular Signalling.* 2018; 47 (2018): 44–51.

12. Michelle Cherfan, Jacques Blacher, Roland Asmar, **Mirna N. Chahine**, Rouba K. Zeidan, Rita Farah, Pascale Salameh. Prevalence and Risk Factors of Hypertension: a Nationwide Cross-Sectional Study in Lebanon. *J. Clin Hypertens.* 2018;20(5):867-879.

13. **Chahine M.N.**, Bou Harb S., El Rahman Saad A., Sarkis P., Azaki A., Allouch A. and Asmar R. Validation of the PHILIPS DL8760, oscillometric, upper arm blood pressure monitor, for self-measurement in general population, according to the European Society of Hypertension International Protocol revision 2010. [Internet]. Dublin: dabl Educational Trust; 2017 July 31. Available from: [http://www.dableducational.org/Publications/2017/ESH-IP\\_2010\\_Validation\\_of\\_PHILIPS\\_DL8760.pdf](http://www.dableducational.org/Publications/2017/ESH-IP_2010_Validation_of_PHILIPS_DL8760.pdf)

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16. Azaki A, Diab R, Harb A, Asmar R, **Chahine MN**. Questionable accuracy of home blood pressure measurements in the obese population – Validation of the Microlife WatchBP O3® and Omron RS6® devices according to the European Society of Hypertension-International Protocol. *Vascular Health and Risk Management.* 2017;13:61-69

17. Rouba Karen Zeidan, Rita Farah, **Mirna N Chahine**, Roland Asmar, Hassan Hosseini, Pascale Salameh, Atul Pathak. Prevalence and Correlates of Coronary Heart Disease: First Population-based Study in Lebanon. *Vascular Health and Risk Management* 2016;12:75–84.

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19. Rita Farah, Rouba Karen Zeidan, **Mirna N. Chahine**, Roland Asmar, Ramez Chahine, Pascale Salameh, and Hassan Hosseini. Prevalence of Stroke Symptoms among stroke free residents: First National Data From Lebanon. *International Journal of Stroke* 2015: 10 (Suppl A100):83-88.

20. Ghassan Bkaily, **Mirna Chahine**, Johny Al-Khoury, Leavon Avedanian, Norbert Beier, Wolfgang Scholz, and Danielle Jacques. Na<sup>+</sup>/H<sup>+</sup> Exchanger inhibitor prevents early death in hereditary cardiomyopathy. *Canadian Journal of Physiology and Pharmacology* 2015;93(11):923-934.
21. **Mirna N. Chahine**, Nathalie Assemaani, Ghada Sayed-Hassan, Mariam Cham, Pascale Salameh, Roland Asmar. Validation Of The OMRON M3500 Blood Pressure Measuring Device Using Normal- and High-Speed Modes in Adult And Specific Populations (Obese And Children) According to AAMI Protocol. *The Journal of Clinical Hypertension (Greenwich)* 2015; 17(8):622-629
22. **Mirna N. Chahine**, Maxime Mioulane, Markus B. Sikkell, Peter O’Gara, Cristobal G. Dos Remedios, Grant N. Pierce, Alexander R. Lyon, Gàbor Földes, and Sian E. Harding. Nuclear pore rearrangements and nuclear trafficking in cardiomyocytes from rat and human failing hearts. *Cardiovascular Research* 2015;105(1):31-43. (\*Editor’s choice)
23. Jirar Topouchian, Davide Agnoletti, Jacques Blacher, Ahmed Youssef, **Mirna N. Chahine**, Isabel Ibanez, Nathalie Assemani, Roland Asmar. Validation of four devices: Omron M6 Comfort, Omron HEM-7420, Withings BP-800, and Polygreen KP 7670 for home blood pressure measurement according to the European Society of Hypertension International Protocol. *Vascular Health and Risk Management* 2014;10:33-44.
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29. J.Alejandro Austria, Melanie N. Landry, **Mirna N. Chahine**, Andrea L. Edel, Linda J. Malcolmson, Chantal M.C. Dupasquier, and Grant N. Pierce. (2008) Bioavailability of Alpha-Linolenic Acid in Subjects after Ingestion of Three Different Forms of Flaxseed. *Journal of the American College of Nutrition* 27(2): 214-221.
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33. **Chahine M.**, Bkaily G., Nader M., Al-Khoury J., Jacques D., Beier N., and Scholz W., (2005) NHE-1-dependent intracellular sodium overload in hypertrophic hereditary cardiomyopathy: prevention by NHE-1 inhibitor, *J. Mol Cell Cardiol.*, 38(4): 571-582.
34. Jacques D., Bkaily G., Jasmin G., D'Orléans-Juste P., and **Chahine M.** (2003), Isradipine prevents the development of spontaneously occurring cardiac necrosis in cardiomyopathic hamster, *Canadian Journal of Physiology and Pharmacology*, 81(2): 120-124.

○ **Books and Book Chapters**

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**2-Mirna N Chahine.** (2008) Nuclear protein import- A target for oxidized LDL to achieve changes in cell growth, *Heart Views and News*, 16(2):12-1.

**3-Chantal M.C. Bassett, Richelle S. McCullough, Justin F. Deniset, Andrea L. Edel, Andrew Francis, Delfin Rodriguez-Leyva, Mirna N. Chahine and Grant N. Pierce.** (Feb 2012). The pathophysiology of coronary artery disease: Impact of dietary polyunsaturated fatty acids. In functional foods and cardiovascular disease, edited by Mohammed H. Moghadasian; N.A. Michael Eskin, CRC Press. 296Pages.

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○ **Peer-reviewed publications to be submitted within the next month:**

1. Diana Carolina AWAD, Aline ZAITER, Battoul FAKHRY, Layal OLAYWAN, Jean G. LOUKA, Marc MACHAALANI, Kassem FARHAT, Youssef RAHMEH, Peter GHIYA, Juliano HADDAD, Ahmad HALAWI, Hassan CHERRY, Mohammad GHAZAL, Rim CHEHAB, Bachir ATALLAH, Nadine YARED, Wadih NAJA, and **Mirna N. CHAHINE\***. COVID-19: Knowledge, perceptions, precautions and fears among patients with mental disorders. First National Survey from Lebanon. (To be submitted)

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Wajdy ABI SALEH, Nadine YARED, and **Mirna N. CHAHINE\***. COVID-19: Knowledge, perceptions, precautions & fears among patients with Asthma First national survey from Lebanon. (To be submitted)

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5. Marc MACHAALANI, Battoul FAKHRY, Youssef RAHMEH, Peter GHIYA, Diana Carolina AWAD, Juliano HADDAD, Jean G. LOUKA, Kassem FARHAT, Aline ZAITER, Layal OLAYWAN, Ahmad HALAWI, Hassan CHERRY, Mohammad GHAZAL, Tia EL-KAZZI, Bachir ATALLAH, Layal YAGHI, Wadih NAJA, Roland ASMAR, Charles SAAB, Nadine YARED, and **Mirna N. CHAHINE\***. COVID-19: Knowledge, perceptions, precautions & fears among patients with Metabolic diseases. First national survey from Lebanon. (To be submitted)

6. Juliano HADDAD, Marc MACHAALANI, Battoul FAKHRY, Youssef RAHMEH, Peter GHIYA, Kassem FARHAT, Jean G. LOUKA, Diana Carolina AWAD, Aline ZAITER, Layal OLAYWAN, Ahmad HALAWI, Hassan CHERRY, Mohammad GHAZAL, Mustapha SAHILI, Bachir ATALLAH, Layale YAGHI, Wadih NAJA, Roland ASMAR, Robert NAJEM, Nadine YARED, and **Mirna N. CHAHINE\***. The CKD COVID-19 interplay. COVID-19: Knowledge, perceptions, precautions & fears among patients with Metabolic diseases. First national survey from Lebanon. (To be submitted)

7. Battoul FAKHRY, Marc MACHAALANI, Ahmad HALAWI, Hassan CHERRY, Mohammad GHAZAL, Diana Carolina AWAD, Aline ZAITER, Layal OLAYWAN, Jean G. LOUKA, Kassem FARHAT, Youssef RAHMEH, Peter GHIYA, Juliano HADDAD, Hadi Shammaa, Emmanuel Eid, Bachir ATALLAH, Soulaima CHAMAT, Hanadi SALIBA, Layal YAGHI, Wadih NAJA, Fadi NASR, Nadine YARED, and **Mirna N. CHAHINE\***. COVID-19: Knowledge, perceptions, precautions & fears among Cancer patients. First national survey from Lebanon. (To be submitted)

8. Jean G. LOUKA, Battoul FAKHRY, Diana Carolina AWAD, Aline ZAITER, Layal OLAYWAN, Marc MACHAALANI, Kassem FARHAT, Youssef RAHMEH, Peter GHIYA, Juliano HADDAD, Ahmad HALAWI, Hassan CHERRY, Mohammad GHAZAL, Reem



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9. **Mirna N. CHAHINE\***, Battoul FAKHRY, Marc MACHAALANI, Diana Carolina AWAD, Bachir ATALLAH, Wajdy ABI SALEH, Alfred DIB, Charles SAAB, Elie CHAMMAS, Fadi NASR, Robert NAJEM, Joseph EL KHALIL, Raja CHAFTARI, Wadih NAJA, Nadine YARED, and Roland ASMAR. COVID-19: Knowledge, perceptions, precautions, and fears among patients with Chronic Diseases. First national data from Lebanon. (To be submitted)

- **Refereed Conference Publications**

1- **Mirna N. Chahine**, Rouba K. Zeidan, Rita Farah, Pascale Salameh, And Roland Asmar. Gender Differences In Cardiovascular Diseases In A Cross-Sectional Lebanese Study. OSSD Washington USA 5<sup>th</sup> To 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Gender And The Genome.2019;3:1-78 (Pp 60-61).

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3- S. Toupance, I. Tzanetakou, **M. Chahine**, P. Konstantopoulos, S. Gautier, M. Korou, C. Lakomy, I. Doulamis, C. Labat, A. Gkogkos, R. Asmar, D. Perrea, A. Benetos. Longueur Des Télomères Et Attrition Télomérique Dans Les Contextes De Stress Oxidant Et D'inflammation Chroniques. Presented During The 37eme Journée Annuelles De La Société Française De Gériatrie Et Gérontologie, Paris, France From 27 To 29 Novembre 2017, L'Année Gérontologique, 2017; 31 (Tome II) :3 (O1-1).

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9. G Foldes, M Mioulane, **M Chahine**, M Schneider, S Harding. Human induced pluripotent stem cell-derived cardiomyocytes serve as in vitro model of cardiac hypertrophy. Heart 2011;97(20):5.

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