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**Education**

2001-2005: **M.D.**, American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon.  
1998-2001: **B.S in Biology**, American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon.

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**Professional**

July 2012-June 2013: **Pain Fellowship** at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio  
July 2011-June 2012: **Palliative Medicine Fellowship** at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio  
July 2008-June 2011: **Internal Medicine Residency** at University of Health Science Center at San Antonio, RAHC  
2006-2008: **Postdoctoral fellow, Leukemia Department** at University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX.

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**Medical Licenses**

California Medical License: 05/31/2017  
DEA License: 06/30/2016

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**Certifications**

Internal Medicine Board Certified  
Pain Medicine Board Certified  
Hospice and Palliative Medicine Board Certified

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**Interventional Techniques Trained and Perfomed:**

- Sacroiliac joint injection
- Myofascial trigger points injections under ultasound
- Peripheral nerve blocks under ultrasound.
- Median Branch Block: Cervical/Thoracic/Lumbar
- Sacral Lateral Branch Block
- Chemoneurolysis
- Radiofrequency Ablation
- Pulsed Radiofrequency ablation
- Stellate Ganglionic Block
- Lumbar Sympathetic Block
- Spinal cord Stimulation Trials
- Interlaminar ESI (Cervical, Thoracic and Lumbar)
- Transforaminal ESI (Lumbo/Sacral)
- Trochanteric Bursa injections

- Carpal tunnel injections
- Knee injections
- Other techniques

## Experience

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- 09/2014-present: Libra Pain Care Private Practice in West Covina, CA specializing in Interventional and Comprehensive Pain Medicine.
- 2012-present: Audie Murphy Veteran Affairs Hospital, San Antonio: (fee based) Hospitalist Internal Medicine and Emergency Medicine Services
- 02/01/2015-08/01/2015: Advance Care Specialists: Long Beach, CA—Per Diem Pain Consultant
- 01/04/2014-07/02/2014: Global Pain Clinic: Private Practice in Victorville, CA specializing in Interventional and Comprehensive Pain Medicine.

## Memberships

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2011-current: Certified in BLS for Health Care Professionals  
2012-current: ACLS certified  
2012-current: American Medical Association  
2012-2014: International Association for the study of Pain  
2012-2013: American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians

## Languages

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English, French, Arabic and Medical Spanish.

## Nationality

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U.S. Citizen

## References

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- Dr Wesam Aziz, email: [wesamaziz@aol.com](mailto:wesamaziz@aol.com)
- Dr Hani Sorour, email: [hansorour@gmail.com](mailto:hansorour@gmail.com)
- Dr Orlando Fernandez, email: [ofernandez@endocrineflorida.com](mailto:ofernandez@endocrineflorida.com)

## Publications

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1. Atlas of Cancer, 2nd edition, Current Medecine Group LLC, Chapter 6 “Other Myeloproliferative Disorders”. Srdan Verstovsek, **Samih El Ahdab**, Hesham M. Amin. Atlas of Cancer 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, current medicine group, ISBN: 978-1-57340-2897.
2. “Activity of Decitabine in patients with Myelodysplastic Syndrome previously treated with Azacytidine”. Gautam Borthakur, **Samih EL Ahdab**, Guillermo Garcia-Manero, Beth A Newman, Jean-Pierre Issa, Hagop M Kantarjian. Leuk Lymphoma. 2008 Apr;49(4):690-5.
3. Nilotinib: a novel Bcr-Abl tyrosine kinase inhibitor for the treatment of Leukemias, Elias Jabbour, **Samih EL Ahdab**, Jorge Cortes and Hagop Kantarjian. Expert Opin Investig Drugs. 2008 Jul;17(7):1127-36.

4. “Mechanisms of resistance to Decitabine in the myelodysplastic syndrome” Qin T, Castoro R, EL Ahdab S, et al. *PLoS One*. 2011;6(8):e23372. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0023372. Epub 2011 Aug 17

## **Professional International Meetings Presentation**

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### Oral presentations

1. **2007 American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) meeting:** Mechanisms of in vivo resistance to Decitabine. **Samih EL Ahdab**, Taichun Qin, Lanlan Shen, Jaroslav Jelinek and Jean-Pierre Issa.
2. **2008 American Society of Hematology Meeting:** MicroRNA 124 and Its Role in Response to Epigenetic Therapy in Patients with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia and Myelodysplastic Syndrome. Ryan J Castoro\*, Mhair Dekmezian\*, Amanda J Saraf\*, Yoshiyuki Watanabe\*, Woonbok Chung\*, Samih El Adhab\*, Jaroslav Jelinek\* and Jean-Pierre Issa, MD

### Abstracts:

1. **2007 M.D. Anderson Trainee Recognition Day:** “Mechanisms of in vivo resistance to Decitabine” **Samih EL Ahdab**, Taichun Qin, Lanlan Shen, Jaroslav Jelinek and Jean-Pierre Issa.
2. **Methylation Profiling of Apoptotic Genes in Leukemia Cell Lines and Patients”.** **Samih EL Ahdab**, Ryan Castoro, Hussein abbas, Saira Ahmed, Jaroslav Jelinek and Jean-Pierre Issa. Submitted to American Society of Hematology, 2007 conference abstract number 951038.
3. **American Association for Cancer Research meeting 2008 at San Diego, accepted abstract number 4306,** “Epigenetic Profiling of Apoptotic genes in Leukemias and Colon Cancer”. **Samih EL Ahdab**, Ryan Castoro, Hussein Abbas, Saira Ahmed, Jaroslav Jelinek and Jean-Pierre Issa.
4. **AACR Cancer Epigenetics meeting 2008 at Boston, abstract #B069:** microRNA 124 and its role in response to epigenetic therapy in patients with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia and Myelodysplastic Syndrome. Ryan J. Castoro, Mhair Dekmezian, Amanda J. Saraf, Yoshiyuki Watanabe, **Samih El Ahdab**, Woonbok Chung, Jaroslav Jelinek and Jean-Pierre J. Issa.
5. **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Southwest Texas ACP Associates Competition** “A case of possible drug induced immune thrombocytopenic purpura and cholestatic jaundice”. **Samih EL Ahdab MD**, Orlando Fernandez MD and James Hanley MD.
6. **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Southwest Texas ACP Associates Competition, CV03**”Pseudopapilledema and fever: A rare presentation of Microscopic Polyangiitis”. Orlando Fernandez MD, **Samih EL Ahdab MD**, Bielose Konwe MD, Rodolfo Freire MD, Ryan Rogers MS-III and James Hanley MD.
7. “Methylation Status at Baseline and at Relapse for Patients Involved in Phase II Randomized Study of Three Different Schedules of Low-Dose Decitabine (5-Aza-2-Deoxycytidine) in Myelodysplastic Syndromes”**Samih El Ahdab, MD**, Jaroslav Jelinek, MD PhD1, Yasuhiro Oki, MD, Lanlan Shen, MDPhD, Hagop M Kantarjian, MD and Jean-Pierre J Issa, MD. Submitted to ASH 2006, abstract number 555372.
8. “Thrombocytopenia in Hospitalized patients: is HIT all there is?” **Samih EL Ahdab, MD** and James Hanley MD. South Texas ACP meeting in Austin, May 2011. Research Poster competition.
9. “Bereaved family members as Teachers: Educating medical students in what matters most”, Jennifer Healy DO, **Samih EL Ahdab MD**, S Lee, J Ross MD and Sandra Sanchez-Reilly MD. AAHPM meeting in Colorado, March 2012. Poster competition. *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management*, Volume 43, issue 2 (February, 2012), p. 451. ISSN: 0885-3924 DOI: 10.1016/j.jpainsymman.2011.12.23

Grand Rounds:

1. Interdisciplinary Grand Round in Woodward Conference at Valley Baptist Medical Center:” An Unfortunate case of non compliance”.
2. Interdisciplinary Grand Round in: “Pain and Palliative Care integrated rounds” at Audie L. Murphy on 10/16/2012: “Complex Regional Syndrome”

Scholarships:

1. 2010-2011: Kleberg Scholar, retrospective study: “Anemia in the setting of heart failure.”
2. 2009-2010: Kleberg Scholar, retrospective study: “Thrombocytopenia in hospitalized patients.”