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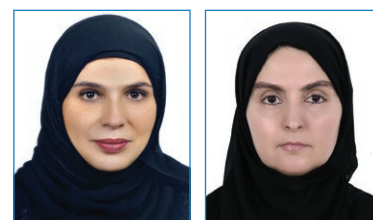
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Welcome Message



Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Organizing and Scientific Committees, it gives us immense pleasure to welcome you to the **6th EHS International Pediatric & Pediatric Critical Care Conference**, organized by **Al Qassimi Women's and Children's Hospital** under the umbrella of **Emirates Health Services (EHS)**. Taking place on **31 October–01 November 2026** at **Dusit Thani Dubai, UAE**, the conference brings us together under the theme **"Preparing Pediatric Healthcare for Tomorrow's Challenges."**

We are delighted to welcome delegates, distinguished speakers, and healthcare professionals from across the region and around the world. Your presence reflects our shared commitment to advancing pediatric healthcare and improving outcomes for children and their families.

Over these two days, the conference provides an international platform to explore the latest clinical advances, developments in education and research, and strategies to enhance child health and well-being. Through shared learning and multidisciplinary discussions, we aim to promote excellence in pediatric practice and strengthen international partnerships in patient care.

Our scientific program brings together renowned national and international speakers whose expertise spans diverse disciplines of pediatric and pediatric critical care medicine. Their contributions, alongside your active participation, create valuable opportunities to exchange knowledge, discuss clinical challenges, and explore innovative approaches to care.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the Scientific Committee, speakers, partners, and all those whose dedication has made this gathering possible. We encourage you to participate actively in the sessions, connect with colleagues, and share your experiences throughout the conference.

Thank you for joining us. We wish you an enriching and memorable conference experience.

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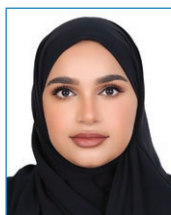
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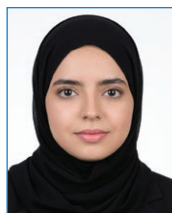
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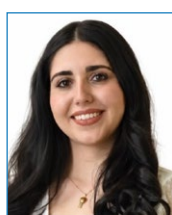
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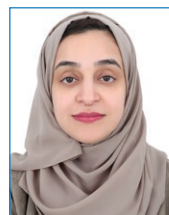
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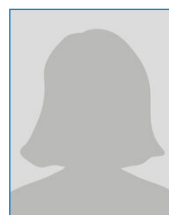
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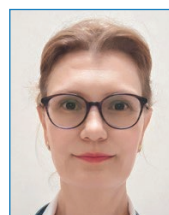
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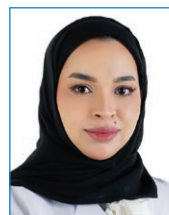


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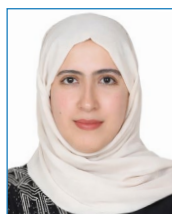
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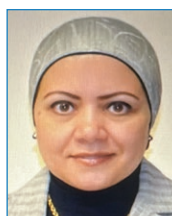
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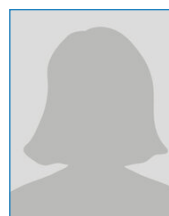
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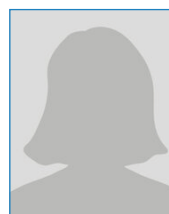
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Conference Objectives

The **6th EHS International Pediatric & Pediatric Critical Care Conference, organized by Al Qassimi Women's and Children's Hospital** aims to provide a premier platform for pediatric healthcare professionals, researchers, and educators to share knowledge, explore innovations, and advance the standards of care for children globally.

Through a multidisciplinary approach, the conference seeks to:

- Foster the exchange of the latest evidence-based practices, clinical advancements, and research in pediatric medicine
- Promote collaboration among pediatricians, subspecialists, nurses, and allied health professionals
- Highlight emerging trends and technologies that are shaping the future of pediatric care
- Empower early-career professionals and encourage youth participation in pediatric healthcare leadership
- Strengthen regional and global partnerships to improve child health outcomes across diverse healthcare settings

Highlighted Topics

- Shaping the Future of Pediatrics
- Simulation in Pediatric Education and Resuscitation
- Child Protection and Child Abuse
- Telemedicine in Pediatric Services
- Novel Diagnostic Approaches in Pediatrics Research
- Pediatric Behavioral and Mental Disorders
- Pediatric Pulmonology and Updates in Ventilation
- Advances in Pediatric Cardiology and Lab Cath
- Pediatric Surgery
- Metabolic and Inborn Errors of Metabolism
- Genetics and Immunology
- Novel Vaccinations
- Critical Care
- Pediatric Nursing Challenges

Who should attend?

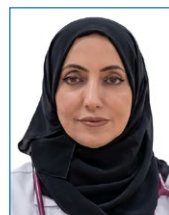
- Pediatricians (General and Subspecialties)
- Neonatologists
- Pediatric Surgeons
- Family Medicine Physicians
- Emergency Medicine Physicians
- Obstetricians and Gynecologists (interested in perinatal/pediatric health)
- Medical Residents and Fellows in Pediatrics and related specialties
- Pediatric Nurses
- Neonatal Nurses
- Nurse Practitioners
- Clinical Nurse Specialists
- Allied Health Professionals (Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, Speech-Language Pathologists, Respiratory Therapists)
- Dietitians and Nutritionists specializing in pediatrics
- Hospital Administrators
- Healthcare Quality and Safety Officers
- Public Health Officials
- Clinical Researchers in Pediatrics and Neonatology
- Medical and Health Sciences Educators
- Academic Faculty from Medical Colleges and Universities
- Students in Medicine, Nursing, and Allied Health Fields

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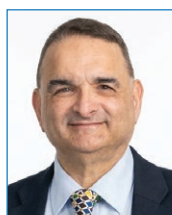
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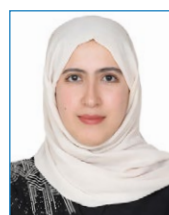
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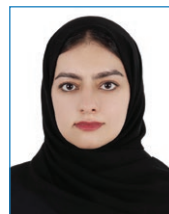
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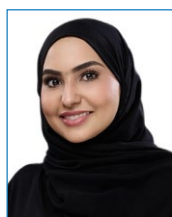
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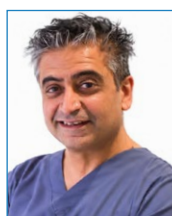
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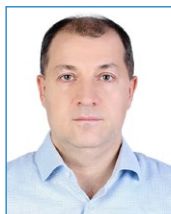
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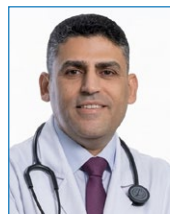
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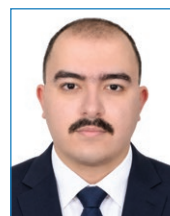
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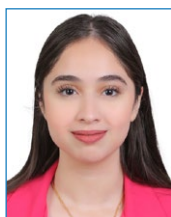
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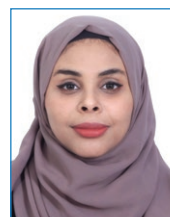
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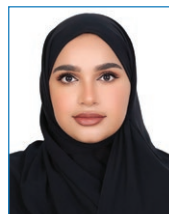
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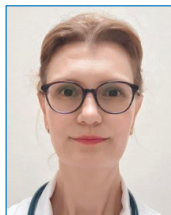


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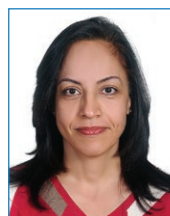
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Day 1 – Saturday, 31 October 2026

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKERS
07:30-08:00	Registration	
08:00-08:10	Welcome and Introduction	
SESSION 1: Keynote		
Moderators:	Dr. Aisha Alkhaaldi, UAE & Dr. Aysha Shattaf, UAE	
08:10-08:30	Critical Care 2030: Where Technology Meets Touch	Dr. Anasalwogud Ahmed, UAE
08:30-08:50	Vaccines of Tomorrow: Transforming the Prevention of Childhood Infections	Prof. Dr. Nawal Alkaabi, UAE
08:50-09:10	Growth Hormone Therapy and the Role of Digital Health in Pediatric Care	Prof. Nandu Thalange, UAE
09:10-09:20	Panel Discussion	
SESSION 2: The Brain & Beyond		
Moderators:	Dr. Akbar Chettali, UAE & Dr. Nujoud Ahmed Al Zaabi, UAE	
09:20-09:40	The Digital Brain: Tele-Neurology, Wearables, and the Future of Epilepsy Management	Prof. Ubaid Shah, UAE
09:40-10:00	Invasive Meningococcal Disease: One Enemy With Different Faces	Dr. Aisha Alkhaaldi, UAE
10:00-10:20	Official Inauguration Ceremony	
10:20-10:40	From Early Identification to Lifelong Support: Rethinking Autism Care for the Next Generation	Dr. Sara Alhadhrami, UAE
10:40-11:00	Demyelinating Disorders in Children - An Overview and Personal Experience	Prof. Dr. Anil Israni, UAE
11:00-11:10	Panel Discussion	
11:10-11:25	COFFEE BREAK Exhibition Visit & Networking Poster Viewing	
SESSION 3: Decoding the Future		
Moderators:	Dr. Nuha Alzaabi, UAE & Dr. Widad AlSabbagh, UAE	
11:25-11:45	Regional Advances in Curative Therapies for Hemoglobinopathies: From Bone Marrow Transplant to Gene Therapy	Dr. Eman Taryam Alshamsi, UAE
11:45-12:05	Integrating Genomic Medicine into Metabolic Clinical Practice	Prof. Fatma Al Jasmi, UAE
12:05-12:25	Predicting the Unpredictable: Leveraging Genomic Data to Solve Rare Pediatric Mysteries	Prof. Noura Aldhaheeri, UAE
12:25-12:45	When the Lungs Tell a Rare Story: Navigating Childhood Interstitial Lung Disease in Genomic Era	Dr. Shaima AlKhouri, UAE
12:45-12:55	Panel Discussion	
SESSION 4: Beyond Critical Care		
Moderators:	Dr. Ayman Gouda, UAE & Dr. Batool Abbas Alblooshi, UAE	
12:55-13:15	The ICU of Tomorrow: Integrating Multimodal Monitoring and Predictive Analysis for Real-time Care	Dr. Jihad A. Zahraa, UAE
13:15-13:35	When You Should Call PICU: Practical Red Flags Every Pediatrician Should Know	Dr. Nidal Al-Hashaykeh, UAE
13:35-13:55	The First Hour Matters: Early Decisions That Change Outcomes	Dr. Gamal Ahmed, UAE
13:55-14:15	From Workflow Variation to Standardized Care Coordination: Implementation and Sustainment of the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) Ecosystem Flow Project	Mr. Saif Allah Shannag, UAE
14:15-14:25	Panel Discussion	
14:25-15:25	Lunch Break Exhibition Visit & Networking	
SESSION 5: Uncommon Stories, New Solutions		
Moderators:	Dr. Mohamed Babikir ElFakky, UAE & Dr. Sinan Yavuz, UAE	
15:25-15:45	Peanuts Without the Panic: Rethinking Allergy Care	Dr. Stuart Carr, UAE
15:45-16:10	New Insights into HUS, What Pediatricians Should Know?	Prof. Martin Bitzan, UAE
16:10-16:30	Modern Technology and Update in Bed Wetting	Dr. Watfa Al Dhaheri, UAE
16:30-16:40	Panel Discussion	
16:40	END OF DAY 1	

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TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKERS
07:30-08:30	Registration & Welcome Coffee	
SESSION 6: Keynote Moderators: Dr. Aysha Shattaf, UAE & Dr. Bashir Elnaem, UAE		
08:30-08:50	When Swallowing Affects Breathing: Pulmonary Impact of Bulbar Dysfunction	Dr. Oscar Henry Mayer
SESSION 7: Growth, Hormones & Beyond Moderators: Dr. Aysha Shattaf, UAE & Dr. Bashir Elnaem, UAE		
08:50-09:10	The Telemedicine Technology Revolution: Integrating Digital Tools in Pediatric Endocrine Care	Dr. Asma Deeb, UAE
09:10-09:30	Beyond BMI: New Definitions Pharmacotherapies for Severe Childhood Obesity	Dr. Reham Ghanim, UAE
09:30-09:50	Building Stronger Bones for Tomorrow: Making Sense of Pediatric DEXA	Prof. M. Zulf Mughal, UAE
09:50-10:00	Panel Discussion	
SESSION 8: Immunity in a Changing World Moderators: Dr. Hanan Alhadhrami, UAE & Dr. Funda Cipe, UAE		
10:00-10:20	Auto Inflammatory Diseases: Recognizing the Unrecognized	Dr. Ayesha Al Mheiri, UAE
10:20-10:40	Infections without Borders: Preparing Children for a Changing Global Disease Landscape	Dr. Eiman Al Blooshi, UAE
10:40-11:00	Beyond Infections: The New Era of Immune Deficiency	Prof. Suleiman Al-Hammadi, UAE
11:00-11:10	Panel Discussion	
11:10-11:25	COFFEE BREAK Exhibition Visit & Networking Poster Viewing	
SESSION 9: When Childhood Gets Complex Moderators: Dr. Madinah Mohamed Dada, UAE & Dr. Khurshid Khan, UAE		
11:25-11:45	Beyond the Rash: Recognizing Pediatric Dermatologic Emergencies and Preparing for Tomorrow's Challenges	Dr. Omar Alshkeili, UAE
11:45-12:05	When Breathing Gets Complex: A Physiology-Based Approach to Respiratory Failure	Dr. Paul Aurora, UK
12:05-12:25	Primary Hyperoxaluria: A New Era of Disease-Modifying Therapy	Dr. Nisreen Sinada, UAE
12:25-12:45	Survival Is Only the Beginning: The Changing Landscape of Pediatric ENT Care	Dr. Hayat Adib, UAE
12:45-12:55	Panel Discussion	
12:55-13:55	LUNCH BREAK	
SESSION 10: Cardiorespiratory Frontiers Moderators: Dr. Madinah, UAE & Dr. Alddai Alnair, UAE		
13:55-14:15	Pulmonary Hypertension in Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia: Screen, Scan, or Refer? Cutting the Variability in Echo Timing and Discharge Decisions.	Dr. Ahmed Adel Hassan, UAE
14:15-14:35	Early Extubation in the Operating Room Following Pediatric Open-Heart Surgery: Impact on Postoperative Outcomes	Dr. Pavel Shauchenka, UAE
14:35-14:55	Beyond Echocardiography: Innovations in Non-Invasive Imaging for Congenital Heart Disease	Dr. Salem Deraz, UAE
14:55-15:15	Role of Surgeon in Pediatric Child Abuse, is it Mystery!	Dr. Mohammed Hassan, UAE
15:15-15:25	Panel Discussion	

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TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
ORAL PRESENTATION SESSION		
Moderators: Dr. Hanan Fawzy, UAE & Dr. Widad AlSabbagh, UAE		
15:25-15:35	Infantile Pertussis with Leukemoid Reaction: A Case Series Illustrating Variable Severity and Management	Dr. Hamza Haj Mohamad, UAE
15:35-15:45	The Child We Don't See: Can Digital Phenotyping Provide an Early Warning of Emerging Mental-Health Problems in Children and Adolescents?	Ms. Farah Oraby, UAE
15:45-15:55	The Diverse Etiological Spectrum of Cholestasis: A Case Series	Dr. Nadia Elfeil, UAE
15:55-16:05	Safety of Neofax®-Guided Gentamicin Dosing in 872 Neonates: A Retrospective Cohort Study from a Tertiary NICU in the United Arab Emirates	Dr. Hommam Algebail, UAE
16:05-16:15	Implementing a Pediatric Sepsis Pathway: A Quality Improvement Project	Mrs. Anisha Albin Jose, UAE
16:15-16:25	Q & A	
16:25	Closing Ceremony	



Speakers' **BIOGRAPHY**



Speakers' Biography



Dr. Anas Alwogud Ahmed

Pediatric Intensive Care Scientific Committee Chairperson,
Head of PICU, Al Qassimi Women's and Children's Hospital, EHS, Sharjah,
UAE Associate Professor, University of Sharjah, UAE



Dr. Anas Alwogud A. Abdelmogheth is a Consultant in Pediatric Critical Care at Al Qassimi Women and Children's Hospital, Ministry of Health, Sharjah, and Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Sharjah. He earned his MBChB, MSc, and MD in Pediatrics from Cairo University, Egypt, and has over three decades of experience across Egypt, Kuwait, Oman, and the UAE.

Dr. Anas played a pivotal role in developing pediatric intensive care services, including expanding the PICU at Sultan Qaboos University Hospital in Oman and leading initiatives in high-frequency ventilation, ECMO, and advanced critical care. His contributions span clinical innovation, medical education, and research, with multiple publications in international journals.

Passionate about teaching, he has mentored medical students, residents, and fellows, while also serving on national committees for ICU policy and guideline development. He is recognized for his leadership, clinical expertise, and commitment to advancing pediatric critical care in the region.



Prof. Dr. Nawal Alkaabi

Pediatric Infectious Diseases Consultant
Sheikh Khalifa Medical City, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Adjunct Professor, Khalifa University, Abu Dhabi, UAE



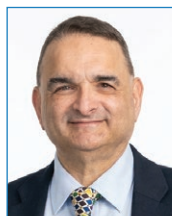
Professor Nawal Al Kaabi is a Consultant in Pediatric Infectious Diseases and an Adjunct Professor at Khalifa University. She served as Chief Medical Officer at Sheikh Khalifa Medical City from 2017 to 2022 and is currently a Senior Advisor at Hayat Biotech.

A graduate of the United Arab Emirates University, Professor Al Kaabi completed her residency in pediatrics at the University of Ottawa and her fellowship in Pediatric Infectious Diseases and Infection Control at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) in Canada. She also holds certification in Quality and Executive Leadership from the American Association for Physician Leadership.

Professor Al Kaabi led the Phase III clinical trial of the Sinopharm COVID-19 vaccine, helping position the UAE as a global hub for vaccine research. In recognition of this achievement, she received the Chinese Government Friendship Award, becoming the first Emirati to earn this distinction.

She serves on several national committees that guide vaccination policies, infectious disease control, and public health strategy. She is also an expert advisor to the Early Childhood Authority. A passionate advocate for child health, clinical research, and education, Professor Al Kaabi continues to advance the UAE's leadership in science, innovation, and healthcare excellence.

Speakers' Biography



Prof. Nandu Thalange

Consultant Pediatric Endocrinologist at Genesis Healthcare,
Clinical Professor of Pediatrics
Mohammed Bin Rashid University, Dubai, UAE



Professor Nandu Thalange is a Consultant Pediatric Endocrinologist and Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at Mohammed Bin Rashid University in Dubai. He has over 30 years of clinical and academic experience in the UK and UAE, with expertise in childhood growth, diabetes, endocrinology, and genetics.

He served as Chief Investigator for multinational clinical trials that led to the approval of Levemir and Tresiba. He has also led pioneering work in AI-based bone age analysis, rare disease genetics, and pediatric obesity.

Professor Thalange has authored more than 100 publications and has an h-index of 17. He is widely recognized as a mentor, educator, and international speaker. Throughout his career, he has focused on improving outcomes for children and their families through innovation in pediatric endocrinology and diabetes care.



Prof. Ubaid Shah

MBBS (Hons), DCH, MD, FRACP
Professor and Consultant Pediatric Neurologist and Epileptologist,
King's College Hospital London, Dubai



Professor Ubaid Shah is a globally recognized expert in pediatric neurology and epileptology, with an extensive academic and clinical background. He earned his Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) with Honors, followed by a Doctor of Medicine (MD) in Pediatrics. His academic achievements earned him multiple medals during his training.

Professor Shah holds a Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (FRACP) and completed further specialist training in epilepsy and clinical neurology at leading Australian institutions. His commitment to advancing pediatric neurological care brought him to the UAE, where he led the establishment of advanced epilepsy services.

Speakers' Biography



Dr. Aisha Alkhaaldi

Deputy Chair Organizing Committee;
Consultant, Pediatric Infectious Diseases
Al Qassimi Women's and Children's Hospital,
Sharjah, UAE



Dr. Aisha Alkhaaldi, is a consultant in pediatric infectious Diseases at Al Qassimi Women's and children hospital. She obtained her medical degree from University of Sharjah. she sought specialized training in pediatrics at Tawam Hospital and became Arab board-certified pediatrician. Shortly after she perused formal clinical fellowship training from Royal College of Physician Ireland (RCPI).

Dr. Alkhaaldi is a member of several medical societies including Emirates Infectious Diseases Society (EIDS), European Society for Pediatric Infectious Diseases (ESPID) and Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA). Dr. Alkhaaldi has particular interest in Antimicrobial Stewardship, bacterial infections, graduate medical education and medical research. Besides her clinical duties, she currently serves as the head of infection control at Al Qassimi women's and children's hospital and EHS pediatric residency program director



Dr. Sara Alhadhrami

Developmental & Behavioural Pediatrician,
Danat Al Emarat Hospital, Abu Dhabi, UAE



Dr. Sara Ali Al Hadhrami, Specialist, Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics at Danat Al Emarat Hospital, supports children experiencing developmental, behavioral and learning challenges through early assessment, personalise guidance and multidisciplinary care, helping families better understand their child's needs and support every step of their development.

Her clinical interests include pediatric neurodevelopmental, neurological, and movement disorders. She has specialized training and certification in the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule, Second Edition (ADOS-2).

Her research examines the relationship between autistic traits and tic disorders, the cultural adaptation of neurodevelopmental assessment tools, and the agreement between standardized autism assessments and clinical judgment. Through this work, she aims to improve diagnostic accuracy and promote culturally sensitive care in developmental pediatrics.

Dr. Alhadhrami is also actively involved in child health advocacy. She has led public awareness campaigns on ADHD and healthy lifestyles and contributed as a speaker at events such as Epilepsy Awareness Day, supporting education and stigma reduction. She is committed to advancing developmental pediatrics through research, collaboration, and knowledge sharing to improve outcomes for children and their families.

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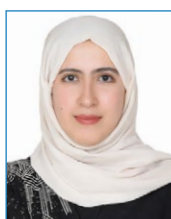
Prof. Dr. Anil Vasudev Israni

Consultant Paediatric Neurologist & Chief,
Paediatric Neurology Division, Tawam Hospital, Al Ain UAE
Adjunct Associate Professor of Paediatric Neurology,
United Arab Emirates University



Dr. Anil Vasudev Israni is a Consultant Paediatric Neurologist at Tawam Hospital, Al Ain, UAE. His clinical interests include complex epilepsy, neurovascular disorders, neurogenetics, and the application of artificial intelligence and machine learning in the diagnosis and management of complex epilepsy.

He also serves as a Professor of Paediatric Neurology and Visiting Faculty at Parul University. He has authored more than 30 publications in international journals and delivered over 50 invited expert talks at international conferences, contributing to research, medical education, and clinical training in paediatric neurology.



Dr. Eman Taryam Alshamsi

Consultant and Acting Head,
Paediatric Haematology Oncology Department,
Al Jalila Children Specialty Hospital, Dubai, UAE



Dr. Eman Taryam AlShamsi is a Consultant and Head of the Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Department at Al Jalila Children's Specialty Hospital. She is also a Clinical Assistant Professor of Oncology at Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine and Health Sciences (MBRU).

She graduated from the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at the United Arab Emirates University in 2002. Beginning in 2005, she trained and practiced at Tawam Hospital, where she later served as a staff physician from January 2017 to June 2021. She then joined Al Qassimi Women's and Children's Hospital (AQWCH) as a Consultant in Hematology and Oncology and Head of Department. In August 2023, she moved to Al Jalila Children's Specialty Hospital to assume her current role.

Dr. AlShamsi holds the Arab Board Diploma of Medical Specialization in Pediatrics, a diploma from the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH), and a Diploma in Clinical Research affiliated with the Vienna School of Clinical Research. She completed her clinical fellowship in Pediatric Hematology, Oncology, and Bone Marrow Transplantation at SickKids Hospital in Toronto, Canada, with training that also encompassed thrombosis. She additionally attended an administrative fellowship program at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Texas, USA.

Throughout her career, Dr. AlShamsi has contributed to collaborative research projects involving Tawam Hospital, AQWCH, MBRU, the United Arab Emirates University, and Zayed University, with publications indexed in PubMed. She has also authored and reviewed chapters on bleeding disorders and pediatric cancers for forthcoming medical textbooks.

Dr. AlShamsi hosted the SIOP Asia Conference in Abu Dhabi in April 2019 and actively participates in national and international committees and initiatives. Her roles include membership of the Scientific Sub-Committee for the International Medical Awards 2023–2024 under the Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Medical Science, participation in the AQWCH/AQH Transfusion Committee, and leadership of the NIHS Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Accreditation Sub-Committee. She is also involved in national bone marrow transplantation, cancer screening, and prevention initiatives, as well as SIOP and Women Leaders in Pediatric Oncology (WLPO).

Her patient support and awareness work includes activities with CCI and Friends of Cancer Patients UAE (FOCP). In recognition of her contributions, she received the Emirates Oncology Society's Cancer Awareness Advocate of the Year Award in 2024.

Speakers' Biography



Prof. Fatma Al Jasmi

Dean, CMHS , Professor of Biochemical Genetics
College of Medicine and Health Sciences,
United Arab Emirates University;
Consultant, Biochemical Genetics
Tawam Hospital, Al Ain UAE



Professor Fatma Al Jasmi, MBBS, FRCPC, FCCMG, is Dean of the College of Medicine and Health Sciences at the United Arab Emirates University (UAEU), Professor of Biochemical Genetics, and Consultant in Biochemical Genetics at Tawam Hospital. She earned her medical degree at UAEU before completing specialist training at the University of Toronto and The Hospital for Sick Children in Canada, obtaining Canadian Board certification in Pediatrics and fellowship certification in Biochemical Genetics.

Professor Al Jasmi is a leading clinician-scientist in rare diseases, inherited metabolic disorders, genetics, and genomic medicine. She established the UAEU genomic laboratory at the College of Medicine and Health Sciences and contributed to the advancement of national newborn and premarital screening initiatives. Her research focuses on improving the diagnosis and management of rare genetic diseases, including lysosomal and mitochondrial disorders, through genomic medicine, precision medicine, and emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence and advanced sequencing.

She is Chair of the MENA Medical Genetics Association and a founder of the UAE Rare Disease Society. She has played an active role in strengthening rare disease education, research, clinical services, and professional collaboration nationally and internationally. She also established the Biochemical Genetics Fellowship at UAEU in collaboration with Tawam Hospital, helping develop specialized Emirati expertise in the field.

Her contributions to medicine, science, and innovation have earned several prestigious honors, including the Prime Minister Award for Excellence in a Specialized Job, the UAEU Chancellor's Innovation Award, recognition in the Women in Science Hall of Fame for the Middle East and North Africa, and the L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science Pan Arab Award.



Prof. Noura AlDhaheeri

Assistant Professor, Department of Genetics & Genomics
College of Medicine and Health Sciences (CMHS),
United Arab Emirates University (UAEU);
Program Director, Clinical Genetics Fellowship,
Tawam Hospital, Al Ain, UAE



Dr. Noura AlDhaheeri is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Genetics and Genomics at the College of Medicine and Health Sciences (CMHS), United Arab Emirates University (UAEU). She holds American Board of Pediatrics certification and qualifications in Medical Genetics and Genomics and Medical Biochemical Genetics. She also serves as a Consultant in Clinical Genetics and Medical Biochemical Genetics at Tawam Hospital in Al Ain.

Dr. AlDhaheeri completed her pediatric residency at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, DC, USA, from 2012 to 2015, followed by training in Medical Genetics at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and the National Institutes of Health from 2015 to 2017. She subsequently completed a fellowship in Medical Biochemical Genetics at Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, Texas, in November 2018, before joining CMHS at UAEU as an Assistant Professor.

Her research focuses on genomic medicine, particularly rare diseases and the identification of novel disease-associated genes. She studies cohorts with cleft lip and palate, VACTERL/VATER associations, and vertebral malformations, aiming to uncover the genetic causes of Mendelian disorders whose underlying causes remain unknown.

Speakers' Biography



Dr. Shaima AlKhouri
Pediatric Respiriologist,
Sheikh Khalifa Medical City,
Abu Dhabi UAE



A Pediatric Respiriologist at Sheikh Khalifa Medical City, Abu Dhabi, providing independent attending care through outpatient clinics, internal and external consultations, and bronchoscopic procedures.

Completed fellowship training in Pediatric Respiriology at The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids), Toronto, Canada, gaining extensive experience in inpatient and outpatient care, sleep laboratory services, and advanced bronchoscopy, including whole-lung lavage. Training also encompassed the care of lung transplant recipients, children requiring long-term ventilation, and patients receiving end-of-life care, alongside multidisciplinary family meetings.

Clinical experience includes collaborative subspecialty clinics for vasculitis, tuberculosis, congenital diaphragmatic hernia, spinal muscular atrophy, and cystic fibrosis screen-positive inconclusive diagnosis (CF-SPID). During fellowship, served as the first point of contact for on-call pediatric respiratory consultations across Ontario, responding to referrals and inquiries from hospitals, family practices, and patients.



Dr. Jihad A. Zahraa
Consultant Pediatric Intensivist,
Chief of Critical Care Division,
Al Jalila Children's Specialty Hospital,
Dubai Health, UAE



Dr. Jihad A. Zahraa is an American board certified pediatric intensivist with more than 25 years' experience working in tertiary care hospitals and academic centers in Saudi Arabia and UAE. Dr. Zahraa also has an interest and certificate in pediatric bioethics and Master degree in health care quality from USA based centers.

He is active in medical education and has participated in many local, national and international meetings as an invited speaker and/or organizer. He is committed instructor or director to many educational activities.

Some of the recent activities that he has participated in in the last few years include PALS & ATLS courses (instructor), Central Line Insertion under US guidance, Mechanical Ventilation for Pediatrics, Airway Management Course for Pediatrics, POCUS in PICU courses at national and regional level and others.

Currently Dr. Jihad is working at Al Jalila Children's Speciality Hospital in Dubai as a head of PICU and Cardiac ICU.

Speakers' Biography



Dr. Nidal Al-Hashaykeh

Senior Consultant Pediatric Intensive
and Intermittent Care
Tawam Hospital, Al Ain UAE



Dr. Nidal Al-Hashaykeh is a Consultant in Pediatric Intensive Care with 17 years of PICU experience and a total of 23 years of experience in pediatrics and neonatology. He holds the Jordanian Board certification in Pediatrics and European Board certification in Pediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care.

Dr. Al-Hashaykeh is actively involved in teaching and training medical interns and pediatric residents. He has also served as a Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) instructor since 2009.

He is committed to advancing pediatric and neonatal critical care through clinical practice, medical education, and continuous professional development.



Dr. Gamal Ahmed

Consultant and Chair Division PICU
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City (SSMC),
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Dr. Gamal Ahmed is a Consultant in Pediatrics and Pediatric Critical Care and Chair of the Pediatric Intensive Care Division at Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City. He has more than 22 years of experience caring for critically ill and injured children. He obtained his medical degree, master's degree, and doctorate in Pediatrics from Assiut University, Egypt, and completed fellowship training in Pediatric Critical Care at King Saud University Medical City, Saudi Arabia.

Dr. Ahmed is actively involved in medical education and the administration of training programs for students and trainees. His research publications address pediatric critical care and healthcare quality. He has received awards for research, patient safety, and quality improvement and is a member of several professional societies, including the Society of Critical Care Medicine and the European Society of Paediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care.

Speakers' Biography



Mr. Saif Allah Shannag

Clinical Resource Nurse
Al Qassimi Women's and Children's Hospital
Sharjah, UAE



TBA



Dr. Stuart Carr

CMO, Consultant Allergist & Clinical Immunologist
Serenity Healthcare, Abu Dhabi, UAE



Dr. Stuart Carr is a Consultant Allergist and Clinical Immunologist with more than 25 years of experience in Canada and the UAE. He earned his medical degree from the University of Alberta in 1993 and completed specialist training in Pediatrics and Clinical Immunology and Allergy at the University of Manitoba. His principal clinical interests include pediatric asthma and food allergies.

Before relocating to Abu Dhabi in 2019, Dr. Carr spent 20 years in academic clinical allergy practice in Edmonton, Canada, and served as an Associate Clinical Professor at the University of Alberta. He is a Past President of the Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology. His professional interests also include eosinophilic esophagitis, and he contributes to research examining the safety and effectiveness of oral immunotherapy for food allergies in preschool children.

Speakers' Biography



Prof. Martin Bitzan

Consultant Pediatric Nephrologist
Al Jalila Children's Specialty Hospital,
Clinical Professor, Pediatrics & Pediatric Nephrology,
Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine
and Health Sciences (MBRU), Dubai, UAE



Professor Martin Bitzan is a Consultant Pediatric Nephrologist at Al Jalila Children's Hospital and a Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine and Health Sciences (MBRU), Dubai. He served as Head of the hospital's Kidney Centre of Excellence from 2018 to 2024.

He graduated from the University of Bonn, Germany, and completed residency and research training at the University of Cologne and Hamburg-Eppendorf University Medical Centre. He subsequently undertook research and clinical fellowships at The Hospital for Sick Children and the University of Toronto, Canada.

His academic career includes faculty appointments at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, USA, and Montreal Children's Hospital and McGill University Health Centre, Canada. Professor Bitzan has also contributed to international pediatric nephrology teaching and collaborative programs supported by the International Society of Nephrology.



Dr. Watfa AlDhaheri

Consultant Pediatric Nephrologist
Sheikh Khalifa Medical City,
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Dr. Watfa AlDhaheri is a Consultant Pediatric Nephrologist at Sheikh Khalifa Medical City, Abu Dhabi, and Program Director of the Pediatric Nephrology Fellowship Program. Her clinical expertise encompasses acute kidney injury, chronic kidney disease, dialysis, and kidney transplantation. Through her leadership of the fellowship program, she contributes to postgraduate medical education and the training of future pediatric nephrologists.

Her research spans pediatric kidney transplantation outcomes, rare genetic disorders, and thrombotic microangiopathy. She co-authored a study examining pediatric kidney transplantation in Abu Dhabi from 2010 to 2024, contributing to the understanding of transplant outcomes and the development of pediatric renal care in the UAE.

Speakers' Biography



Dr. Oscar Henry Mayer

Attending Pulmonologist
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
(CHOP), Philadelphia, USA
Professor of Clinical Pediatrics,
Perelman School of Medicine,
University of Pennsylvania, USA



Dr. Oscar Henry Mayer is an Attending Pulmonologist and Medical Director of the Pulmonary Function Testing Laboratory at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). He is also Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at the Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania.

He earned his medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh, completed his pediatric residency at James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children, and undertook fellowship training in Pediatric Pulmonology at CHOP. He is board-certified in Pediatrics and Pediatric Pulmonology.

His clinical and research expertise focuses on pediatric pulmonary function testing, respiratory complications of neuromuscular diseases, and complex chest wall and spinal disorders. He serves as Lead Pulmonologist for CHOP's Center for Thoracic Insufficiency Syndrome and contributes to national committees and study groups. He has lectured nationally and internationally and authored more than 90 journal articles and book chapters.



Dr. Asma Deeb

Consultant Paediatric Endocrinologist
Chair, Paediatric Endocrinology Division
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City (SSMC),
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Dr. Asma Deeb is a Consultant Paediatric Endocrinologist and Chair of the Paediatric Endocrinology Division at Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City. She has 25 years of experience in the specialty, with particular interests in advanced diabetes technologies and disorders of sex differentiation. She also holds clinical professorships in Paediatrics at Khalifa University and Gulf Medical University.

Dr. Deeb has authored more than 120 publications and research papers and contributes to international journal editorial teams. Her leadership roles include President of the Arab Society for Paediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes and former Chair of Communications at the European Society for Paediatric Endocrinology. Her work spans clinical care, research, medical education, and international collaboration in paediatric endocrinology and diabetes.

Speakers' Biography



Dr. Reham Ghanim
Pediatric Endocrinologist
Metabolic Health, Dubai, UAE


Dr. Reham Ghanim is a certified Pediatric Endocrinologist with comprehensive training at the UAE's largest pediatric endocrinology service. She currently practices at Metabolic Health (formerly Glucare Integrated Diabetes and Metabolic Center) in Dubai, where she established a comprehensive pediatric diabetes and endocrine service covering diabetes technologies, innovative therapies, obesity management, growth and puberty disorders, bone health, and complex endocrine conditions.

Dr. Ghanim holds Saudi Board Certification in Pediatric Endocrinology and Metabolism (SCFHS, 2025), the Certificate of the Arab Board of Pediatrics, and membership of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, UK. She completed her fellowship training at Al Jalila Children's Specialty Hospital, gaining extensive experience across all pediatric endocrine subspecialties in a high-volume setting with a diverse patient population.

An active member of ESPE, ISPAD, and ASPED, Dr. Ghanim contributes to clinical research, teaching, and the development of innovative therapies.

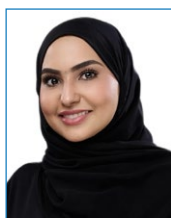


Prof. M. Zulf Mughal
Consultant, Paediatric Bone Disorders
Department of Pediatric Endocrinology
Al Jalila Children's Specialty Hospital,
Dubai Health, UAE


Professor M Zulf Mughal graduated in medicine from the University of Liverpool, UK, in 1978. He received postgraduate training in Paediatrics at hospitals in Manchester, Liverpool, in the UK and in Cincinnati, USA. He was appointed a Consultant Paediatrician in 1988. He was employed as a Consultant in Paediatric Bone Diseases at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital. In October 2023, Prof Mughal took up the post of Consultant in Paediatric Bone Disorders at Al Jalila Children's Hospital, Dubai, UAE.

Professor Mughal has extensive experience in the management of childhood bone & mineral disorders. He has published >180 peer-reviewed scientific papers, invited reviews and book chapters. Professor Mughal was awarded the Charles Slemenda Award at the 7th International Conference on Children's Bone Health in Salzburg, Austria in June 2015 in recognition of his contribution to Paediatric Bone Research. In June 2021, Professor Mughal was awarded the Dent Award by the Bone Research Society.

Speakers' Biography



Dr. Ayesha Al Mheiri

Consultant Pediatric Rheumatologist
Mediclinic Airport Road Hospital,
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Dr. Ayesha Al Mheiri is a Pediatric Rheumatologist with extensive training and clinical experience in Ireland and the United Kingdom. She has a particular interest in childhood-onset systemic lupus erythematosus. Currently practicing in the UAE, she combines a strong academic background with a commitment to delivering high-quality, safe care for children with rheumatic diseases.

Her professional interests also include healthcare quality and patient safety. She aspires to contribute to healthcare leadership and administration, strengthen care systems, and improve patient outcomes.



Dr. Eiman Al Blooshi

Consultant, Pediatric Infectious Diseases
Burjeel Royal Hospital, Al Ain, UAE



Dr. Eiman Al Blooshi is a Consultant in Pediatric Infectious Diseases at Tawam Hospital and an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the United Arab Emirates University. She obtained board certification in Pediatric Infectious Diseases from the College of Medicine of South Africa in 2022, earning the Cert ID (SA) Paeds qualification.

She serves as Chairperson of the Scientific Committee at the Emirates Infectious Diseases Society. She is also a faculty member and core member of the Training and Education Working Group at PENTA.

Dr. Al Blooshi contributes to international medical education as a core member of the World Society for Pediatric Infectious Diseases (WSPID) Online Educational Group and as a mentor and core member of its Mentorship Program. She is also a member of the Federation of Infectious Diseases Societies of Southern Africa. Her special interests include pediatric HIV, tropical medicine, antibiotic resistance, and antimicrobial stewardship.

Speakers' Biography



Prof. Suleiman Al-Hammadi

Dean, College of Medicine
Professor of Pediatrics
Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine
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Professor Suleiman Al-Hammadi is a Professor of Pediatrics at Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine and Health Sciences (MBRU). He joined MBRU in 2021 following more than 17 years at United Arab Emirates University, where he held senior leadership positions, including Assistant Dean for Clinical Affairs, Vice Dean, and Acting Dean.

He obtained his medical degree from King Faisal University, Saudi Arabia, completed his pediatric residency at McMaster University, Canada, and undertook fellowship training in Pediatric Allergy and Clinical Immunology at the University of Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children. In 2004, he established a specialized Allergy and Clinical Immunology service at Tawam Hospital. His research interests include allergic diseases, allergy prevention, inborn errors of immunity, and child health. He contributes extensively to undergraduate medical education and postgraduate pediatric training.



Dr. Omar Alshkeili

Consultant Pediatrician &
Pediatric Dermatology Specialist
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City (SSMC),
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Dr. Omar Alshkeili is an Emirati pediatric dermatologist at Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City, with more than 11 years of clinical experience. He obtained his medical degree from United Arab Emirates University and holds a Diploma in Medical Sciences from the University of Oxford. His professional experience includes pediatric practice at Sheikh Khalifa Medical City and pediatric dermatology at Necker and Rouen Hospitals in France.

His clinical expertise encompasses a broad range of childhood skin conditions, including eczema, psoriasis, genetic skin disorders, autoimmune diseases, and vascular anomalies. His research interests include pediatric hair disorders, vaccine-related skin reactions, and dermatological manifestations of rare metabolic diseases. He contributes to international conferences and peer-reviewed publications and promotes patient and family education on skincare, sun protection, and prevention.

Speakers' Biography



Dr. Paul Aurora

Consultant in Paediatric Respiratory Medicine and Lung Transplantation, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, Associate Professor, UCL Institute of Child Health, London, UK



Dr. Paul Aurora is an academic lead for Respiratory Medicine at Great Ormond Street Hospital, with an active research portfolio and extensive experience in specialist medical education. He previously led the principal respiratory specialty teaching programmes for south-east England and served as co-convenor of the London Cystic Fibrosis Collaboration.

His previous leadership roles include Chair of the European Respiratory Society's Paediatric Assembly Long Range Planning Committee, Chair of ERS Scientific Group 7.1, and Assistant Director of the International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation Registry.

Dr. Aurora is a frequent speaker at national and international meetings, with particular expertise in complex lung disease, childhood interstitial lung disease, lung transplantation, and respiratory physiology. He has authored more than 140 academic publications, the majority as first or senior author.



Dr. Nisreen Sinada

Pediatric Nephrologist
Al Qassimi Women's and Children's Hospital
Sharjah, UAE



Dr. Nisreen Sinada is a Paediatric Nephrologist at Al Qassimi Women's and Children's Hospital in Sharjah. She holds a Certificate in Paediatric Nephrology from the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa, Membership of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (MRCPCH), UK, Arab Board certification in Paediatrics and Child Health, an MD in Paediatrics and Child Health from Sudan, and an MBBS degree.

She completed paediatric nephrology fellowship training at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, where she is listed among the programme's 2021 alumni. Her published research includes a study on kidney transplantation in children in KwaZulu-Natal, published in Pediatric Transplantation in 2021.

Speakers' Biography



Dr. Hayat Adib

Consultant Pediatric Otolaryngology
Al Jalila Children's Specialty Hospital,
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Dr. Hayat Adib is a Consultant Pediatric Otolaryngologist at Al Jalila Children's Hospital, Dubai Health. She obtained her medical degree and completed her residency in Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon, followed by fellowship training in Pediatric Otolaryngology at Children's Mercy Hospital, Kansas City, USA.

Her clinical interests include complex pediatric airway disorders and multidisciplinary care. She leads the hospital's tracheostomy team and contributes to specialist education as a core faculty member of the Pediatric Otolaryngology Fellowship Program. She is actively involved in research, with publications and presentations in pediatric otolaryngology, and contributes to international scientific meetings.



Dr. Ahmed Adel Hassan

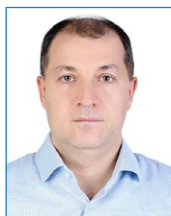
Lead, Paediatric Pulmonary Hypertension Service
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Dr. Ahmed Adel Hassan is a pediatric cardiologist and Lead of the Paediatric Pulmonary Hypertension Service at Al Jalila Children's Specialty Hospital, Dubai Health. He graduated from Ain Shams University, Egypt, in 2008, completed specialist training in Pediatrics, and subsequently undertook subspecialty training in pediatric and congenital cardiology in Dubai. He holds MRCPCH and Arab Board qualifications, alongside certification in congenital echocardiography.

He founded and leads the pediatric pulmonary hypertension service across three Dubai Health sites, caring for patients from premature neonates to adolescents. His clinical interests include pulmonary vascular disease, catheter-based interventions for congenital heart disease, and equitable access to advanced pulmonary hypertension therapies. He also contributes to medical education and research through publications, international presentations, and hemodynamic and echocardiography workshops for pediatricians and neonatologists.

Speakers' Biography

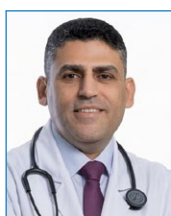


Dr. Pavel Shauchenka

Pediatric Cardiac Intensivist
Al Qassimi Women's and Children's Hospital
Sharjah, UAE



Dr. Pavel Shauchenka is a Pediatric Cardiac Intensivist at Al Qassimi Women's and Children's Hospital, Sharjah. His work focuses on pediatric cardiac intensive care. He has contributed to clinical research in perioperative cardiac care, including a study evaluating early extubation in children following congenital open-heart surgery, published in *Cardiology in the Young*.



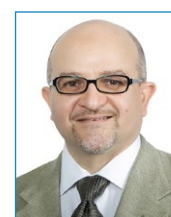
Dr. Salem Deraz

Consultant Pediatric Cardiologist
Fujairah Hospital, Emirates Health Services
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Dr. Salem Deraz is a Consultant Pediatric Cardiologist at Fujairah Hospital, Emirates Health Services, and an Interventional Pediatric Cardiologist at Al Qassimi Women's and Children's Hospital, Sharjah. He also holds an adjunct appointment as Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at RAK Medical and Health Sciences University.

His research contributions encompass congenital heart disease and perioperative cardiac care. He has authored and co-authored peer-reviewed publications examining rare congenital cardiovascular anomalies, outcomes following complex congenital heart surgery, and early extubation in children undergoing open-heart procedures.



Dr. Mohamed Hassan

Consultant Pediatric Surgery
Al Qassimi Women's and Children's Hospital
Sharjah, UAE



Dr. Mohamed Hassan is a Consultant Pediatric Surgeon at Al Qassimi Women's and Children's Hospital, where he has practised since December 2011. He also holds a professorship in Pediatric Surgery at the Faculty of Medicine, Zagazig University, Egypt. His qualifications include a PhD in Pediatric Surgery, European Board certification in Pediatric Surgery, and fellowship training in Pediatric Surgery in the United States.

His clinical expertise encompasses advanced minimally invasive neonatal surgery, pediatric urology, robotic pediatric surgery, cleft lip and palate surgery, and complex hypospadias repair. He also specialises in reconstructive surgery for children with complex disorders of sex development. His CV highlights his involvement in establishing the first robotic pediatric surgery program in the UAE.

Dr. Hassan contributes to clinical research, with publications addressing urachal malformations, splenic cysts, omental torsion in children, and complicated pediatric community-acquired pneumonia.

Oral Presenters' Biography

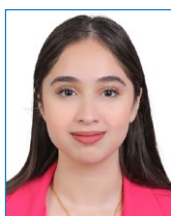


Dr. Hamza Haj Mohamad

Pediatric Resident
Al Jalila Children's Specialty Hospital,
Dubai Health, UAE



Dr. Hamza Haj Mohamad is a Pediatric Resident at Al Jalila Children's Specialty Hospital, Dubai Health, with a growing interest in pediatric hematology. His clinical exposure, academic studies, and research experience have strengthened his understanding of childhood hematological disorders and reinforced his commitment to precise, thoughtful, and compassionate care. He aims to further develop his expertise through specialist training, mentorship, and multidisciplinary collaboration, contributing to clinical care and academic advancement in pediatric hematology.



Ms. Farah Mohamed Oraby

Medical Student
RAK Medical and Health Sciences University
(RAKMHSU), Ras Al Khaimah, UAE



Ms. Farah Mohamed Oraby is a fourth-year medical student at RAK Medical and Health Sciences University, with a strong interest in pediatrics, medical research, and medical education. She actively participates in research, academic conferences, peer mentoring, student initiatives, and volunteering.

Her clinical exposure includes pediatric observerships, physician shadowing, and practical medical training and workshops. These experiences have strengthened her interest in pediatrics and broadened her understanding of clinical practice, research, and education. She is committed to developing her knowledge and skills through continued learning, collaboration, and participation in academic and healthcare initiatives.



Dr. Nadia Elfeil

Pediatric Resident Physician
Al Qassimi Women's and Children's Hospital
Sharjah, UAE



Dr. Nadia Elfeil is a Pediatric Resident Physician at Al Qassimi Women's and Children's Hospital, with a strong interest in child health, clinical research, and evidence-based pediatric practice. Her residency training encompasses a range of pediatric specialties, with particular interests in neonatology, pediatric gastroenterology, and the evaluation and management of complex and rare childhood conditions.

She has prepared clinical case reports and presented at national pediatric conferences, contributing to medical education through shared clinical experience and the recognition of uncommon disorders. She is currently involved in research examining the clinical characteristics, diagnostic evaluation, and underlying causes of infantile cholestasis.

Through clinical training, research, and academic engagement, Dr. Elfeil aims to contribute to pediatric medical literature and improve outcomes for infants and children.

Oral Presenters' Biography



Dr. Hommam Algebail

Pediatric Resident
Al Qassimi Women's and Children's Hospital
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Dr. Hommam Algebail is a third-year Pediatric Resident and Academic Chief Resident at Al Qassimi Women's and Children's Hospital, Emirates Health Services, Sharjah. He graduated with an MBBS from the University of Sharjah in 2022 and received the Residency Excellence Award in 2026.

His clinical interests include neonatology and pediatric emergency medicine. His research focuses on neonatal care, with a previous publication on necrotizing enterocolitis and ongoing projects examining congenital anomalies and surgical conditions in the neonatal intensive care unit.



Mrs. Anisha Albin Jose

MSN, Registered Nurse
NMC Specialty Hospital, Abu Dhabi, UAE



Mrs. Anisha Albin Jose is a Registered Nurse at NMC Specialty Hospital, Abu Dhabi, with a Master's degree in Nursing and more than 10 years of clinical experience across diverse healthcare settings. Her professional interests encompass evidence-based practice, patient-centred care, clinical leadership, and nursing education.

She develops and delivers educational programmes that strengthen clinical competence, professional practice, and patient safety. Committed to lifelong learning and mentorship, she promotes the integration of current evidence into clinical care. Her combined academic and clinical experience supports her contributions to professional education and healthcare quality improvement.

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Dr. Malak Sondoqah, UAE
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Dr. Sara Mohamed Ali, UAE
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Dr. Mohammed Raai Said, UAE
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Dr. Fathima Samreen, UAE
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