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20th SEHA International Pediatric Conference
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Cutting Edge Pediatric Update

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Grand Hyatt Hotel
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Welcome Message

Dear Esteemed Colleagues,

Warm greetings from the Scientific and Organizing Committees of the **20th SEHA International Pediatric Conference (SIPC 2026), Co-Hosted by Cincinnati Children's Hospital.**

It is with immense pride and great pleasure that I extend a heartfelt invitation to join us at this milestone event, taking place from **15–17 May 2026 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Abu Dhabi, UAE**, under the theme **“Cutting Edge Pediatric Update.”**

As we mark the **20th edition of SIPC**, we celebrate two decades of excellence in advancing pediatric care, education, and collaboration across the region and beyond. Over the past twenty years, SIPC has grown into a cornerstone of pediatric knowledge-sharing in the UAE, attracting leading voices in the field and fostering a vibrant platform for innovation and professional growth.

Aligned with this year's theme, “Cutting Edge Pediatric Update,” SIPC 2026 will bring together a distinguished panel of local and international faculty members, many of whom bring decades of experience from globally renowned pediatric institutions. Their expertise will enrich an intellectually stimulating program covering the latest clinical updates, evidence-based practices, and emerging challenges in pediatric healthcare.

The Scientific Committee is diligently curating a dynamic three-day agenda featuring keynote lectures, case-based discussions, and hands-on practical workshops. These sessions are designed to highlight cutting-edge advances in pediatrics while fostering an engaging and interactive learning environment that supports continuous professional development and clinical excellence.

This 20th edition also presents an unparalleled opportunity to reconnect with colleagues, establish new collaborations, and contribute to shaping the future of pediatric healthcare. SIPC 2026 remains a vital forum for the exchange of ideas, innovations, and insights that drive progress in our field.

Beyond the conference halls, we invite you to explore the captivating city of Abu Dhabi—a unique blend of tradition and modernity. Its rich cultural heritage, welcoming atmosphere, and world-class amenities provide the perfect setting for this prestigious event.

We would be honored by your presence at SIPC 2026. Your participation will not only enrich the scientific discourse but also contribute meaningfully to the success of this special 20th anniversary celebration.

I look forward to welcoming you to Abu Dhabi in May 2026.

With warm regards,

Al Jubeh

Dr. Jamal Al-Jubeh

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**Dr. Craig Press**

Attending Physician, Division of Neurology;
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**Dr. Omar Niss**

Director, Classical Hematology; Associate Professor, UC Department of Pediatrics; Cincinnati Children's Hospital, USA

**Dr. Philip Thrush**

Medical Director, Heart Failure/Heart Transplant Program, Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, USA

**Dr. Priya Verghese**

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**Dr. Renata Sanders**

Chief of the Craig-Dalsimer Division of Adolescent Medicine, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, USA

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Pediatric Cardiologist; Head of the Pediatric Cardiology Department and Arrhythmia Unit; SJD Barcelona Children's Hospital, Spain

**Dr. Shah Maully**

Attending Pediatric Cardiac Electrophysiologist, Cardiac Center; Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, USA

Target Audience

The **20th SEHA International Pediatric Conference (SIPC 2026)**, co-hosted by Cincinnati Children's Hospital, is designed for a diverse audience of healthcare professionals in pediatrics and related specialties. The target audience includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Pediatricians
 - Pediatric Subspecialists
 - Family Medicine Physicians
 - Pediatric Hematologist/Oncologists
 - Emergency Medicine Physicians
 - Residents & Fellows
 - General Practitioners
 - Dieticians
 - Specialist Nurses and Therapists
 - Nurses
 - Pharmacists
 - Medical Students
 - Any Medical Professional Interested in Pediatrics
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Objectives

By the end of this educational program, participants will be able to:

- Review the latest evidence and best practices in managing and treating various pediatric health problems to achieve excellence in pediatric care.
 - Describe the fundamentals of quality improvement strategies for both primary and acute pediatric care.
 - Evaluate and diagnose common pediatric problems using the most up-to-date evidence-based tools, adapting them to fit regional special needs.
 - Review practical real-life cases and address pitfalls in various pediatric sub-specialties.
 - Examine solutions to real-world clinical problems through case-based learning sessions.
 - Gain insight into patient needs and experiences to improve clinical practice.
 - Apply new knowledge in diagnostic and therapeutic modalities presented in selected topics.
 - Formulate appropriate approaches tailored to local experiences in addressing controversial issues in pediatric sub-specialties.
 - Participate in hands-on workshops led by world-leading experts and tutors.
 - Engage with global experts across a wide spectrum of pediatric subspecialties.
 - Present original research, quality improvement projects, and case presentations through posters and oral presentations.
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Conference Highlights:

- **Plenary Sessions:** Engage with world-renowned speakers discussing the latest advancements in pediatric care.
- **Workshops:** Participate in hands-on sessions focused on practical skills and the latest techniques in pediatric health care.
- **Panel Discussions:** Join interactive forums to address current challenges and explore future directions in pediatrics.
- **Poster Presentations:** Discover innovative research and emerging trends in pediatric medicine.
- **Networking:** Connect with colleagues, peers, and industry professionals during dedicated networking sessions. Forge valuable connections, exchange ideas, and build collaborative relationships that enhance your professional development and contribute to advancements in pediatric care.

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Preliminary Agenda

DAY 1: May 15, 2026 | Friday

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	
08:00 – 08:30	Registration		
08:30 – 08:40	Welcome Speech	Dr. Jamal Al-Jubeh, UAE	
SESSION 1: Gene Therapy and Rare Disorders in Pediatrics Chair: Dr. Amal Al Tenaji			
08:40 – 09:05	Sickle Cell Disease in Childhood: From Hydroxyurea to Gene Therapy	Dr. Omar Niss, USA	
09:05 – 09:30	Dysmorphology and Rare Diseases	Dr. Lidia Martinez Sanchez, Spain	
09:30 – 09:55	Complications Post Gene Therapy in Children with Genetic Disorders	Dr. Rohit Kohli, USA	
09:55 – 10:05	Panel Discussion		
10:05 – 10:30	Official Inauguration		
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee Break		
Meet The Experts – Parallel Workshops (Part 1)			
	Main Hall	Room A	Room C
10:45 – 11:45	Red Flags in the Outpatient Clinic: When to Refer to Haematology-Oncology (Case-based) Dr. Ben Mizukawa/Agnes Reschke, USA	10:45 – 11:45 Early or Delayed Puberty: Red Flags for the General Paediatrician Dr. Chris Gibson, USA	10:45 – 11:45 Detection Autism Spectrum in Children Dr. Khaled Kadry & Dr. Binu George UAE
11:45 – 12:15	Symposium 1		
12:15 – 13:45	Lunch and Prayer Break, Poster Viewing		
SESSION 2: Cardiovascular Challenges in Children Chair: Chair: Dr. Abdulla Al Amri and Dr. Salama Alsahli			
13:45 – 14:10	Advances in pediatric heart failure management – medications and mechanical support	Dr. Philip Thrush, USA	
14:10 – 14:35	Hypertension in children: From diagnosis to long-term renal protection	Dr. Priya Verghese, USA	
14:35 – 15:00	Malignant Arrhythmias in Children. How to Treat?	Dr. Sarquella Brugada, Spain	
15:00 – 15:10	Panel Discussion		
SESSION 3: Adolescent Health in the Modern World Chair: Dr. Majid Aziz and Dr. Rima Alsadr			
15:10 – 15:35	Severe Anorexia Nervosa approach & impact	Dr. Renata Sanders, USA	
15:35 – 16:00	Social Media and Your Patients: What Paediatricians Should Know in 2026	Dr. Colleen Kraft, USA	
16:00 – 16:25	Adolescent Sleep Deprivation: A Silent Epidemic	Dr. Renata Sanders, USA	
16:25 – 16:35	Coffee Break		
A. Real Cases: We Learn From Our Patients – Part 1 Chair: Dr. Basheer Tharayil			
16:35 – 16:41	Presenter 1		
16:41 – 16:47	Presenter 2		
16:47 – 16:53	Presenter 3		
16:53 – 16:59	Presenter 4		
16:59 – 17:10	Panel Discussion		
17:10	End of Day 1		

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DAY 2: May 16, 2026 | Saturday

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	
08:00 – 08:40	Registration		
08:40 – 08:45	Welcome Speech	Dr. Jamal Al-Jubeh, UAE	
SESSION 4: Complex Care & Ethical Challenges in Pediatrics Chair: Dr. Mohammed Ibrahim and Dr. Hiba Mohammed			
08:45 – 09:10	The Promise and Pitfalls of AI Technology in Pediatrics	Dr. Colleen Kraft, USA	
09:10 – 09:35	End-of-Life Care in Pediatrics: Planning, Preparation, and Quality of Life Until the Last Day	Dr. Qutaibah Alotaibi, UAE	
09:35 – 10:00	Medical care and Surveillance of Patients Following Fontan	Dr. Philip Thrush, USA	
10:00 – 10:10	Panel Discussion		
10:10 – 10:25	Coffee Break		
Meet The Experts – Parallel Workshops (Part 2)			
	Main Hall	Room A	Room C
10:25 – 11:25	Epilepsy Management in Children: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seizure rescue medications for the paediatrician Bedside EEG: Advances in Quantitative EEG bring EEG to non-neurologists Dr. Craig Press, USA	10:25 – 11:25 Advanced Pediatric Triage: Decisions that reduce time, not quality Emergency Nurse, USA	10:25 – 11:25 ECG: Practical approach & Interpretations Dr. Shah Maully, USA
11:25 – 11:55	Symposium 2		
11:55 – 12:55	Lunch and Prayer Break, Poster Viewing		
SESSION 5: When GI Disease Turns Serious Chair: Dr. Manal Alkatheeri and Dr. Eiman Al Kaabi			
12:55 – 13:20	From Jaundice to ICU: Pediatric Liver Failure	Dr. Anna Peters, USA	
13:20 – 13:45	Liver Transplant in SKMC Centre - Local experience and outcomes	Dr. Einar Hafberg, UAE	
13:45 – 14:10	H. Pylori infection in children: When to investigate and how to treat	Dr. Eunice Odiase, USA	
14:10 – 14:20	Panel Discussion		
Abstract Presentations Chair: Dr. Jamal Al Jubeh and Dr. Mohammed Alsamri			
14:20 – 14:28	Oral Presenter 1		
14:28 – 14:36	Oral Presenter 2		
14:36 – 14:44	Oral Presenter 3		
14:44 – 14:52	Oral Presenter 4		
14:52 – 15:00	Oral Presenter 5		
15:00 – 15:08	Oral Presenter 6		
15:08 – 15:16	Oral Presenter 7		
15:16 – 15:25	Group Q&A		
15:25 – 15:35	Coffee Break		
SESSION 6: Common Pediatric Problems: Practical Updates Chair: Dr. Noura Al Hassani and Dr. Fareeda Almarzoqi			
15:35 – 16:00	Hypoglycemia in Infants and Children: Evaluation and Initial Management	Dr. Mansa Krishnamurthy, USA	
16:00 – 16:25	Menstrual health management in adolescent girls: beyond the basics	Dr. Renata Sanders, USA	
16:25 – 16:50	Vaccination in Immunocompromised post oncology children – When & How	Dr. Lara Danzinger-Isakov, USA	
16:50 – 17:00	Panel Discussion		
17:00	End of Day 2		

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DAY 3: May 17, 2026 | Sunday

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
08:00 – 08:40	Registration	
08:40 – 08:45	Welcome Speech	Conference Chair
SESSION 7: Autoimmunity and Immune-Mediated Disorders in Children Chair: Dr. Syed Arif Hosain		
08:45 – 09:10	Novel Biomarkers for Diagnosis and Monitoring of Autoimmune Disorders	Dr. Hermine Brunner, USA
09:10 – 09:35	Autoimmune Encephalitis	Dr. Mike Taylor, USA
09:35 – 10:00	Non-invasive biomarkers in celiac disease	Dr. Eunice Odiase, USA
10:00 – 10:25	Early Diagnosis of Pediatric SLE: Red Flags and Diagnostic Pitfalls	Dr. Hermine Brunner, USA
10:25 – 10:40	Panel Discussion	
10:40 – 10:55	Coffee Break	
10:55 – 11:25	Symposium 3	
SESSION 8: Serious Pediatric Conditions: Early Recognition & Management Chair: Dr. Issam Abou Najab and Dr. Areej Alghamdi		
11:25 – 11:50	Acute Kidney Injury – Approach to diagnosis and management	Dr. Abdulla Alblooshi, UAE
11:50 – 12:15	Pediatric Stroke Overview	Dr. Craig Press, USA
12:15 – 12:40	Pediatric nephrotic syndrome: Updated management	Dr. Priya Verghese, USA
12:40 – 12:50	Panel Discussion	
12:50 – 13:00	Awards For Posters And Oral Presentation	
13:00 – 13:15	Coffee Break and Prayer	
B. Real Cases: We Learn From Our Patients – Part 2 Chair: Dr. Najla AlKuwaiti		
13:15 – 13:21	Presenter 1	
13:21 – 13:27	Presenter 2	
13:27 – 13:33	Presenter 3	
13:33 – 13:39	Presenter 4	
13:39 – 13:50	Panel Discussion	
SESSION 9: Advances in Respiratory & Immune Care Chair: Dr. Salma Elkhawier and Dr. Mouza Al Ameri		
13:50 – 14:15	JIA Mimics: How not to miss the underlying diagnosis	Dr. Bashayer Al Nuaimi, UAE
14:15 – 14:40	Interstitial Lung Disease	Dr. Raouf Amin, USA
14:40 – 15:05	The Many Faces of Epstein-Barr Virus (EBV)	Dr. Lara Danzinger-Isakov, USA
15:05 – 15:15	Panel Discussion	
15:15	Closing Remarks and Lunch	

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Event Venue

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