

20th SEHA INTERNATIONAL PEDIATRIC CONFERENCE

May 15 – 17, 2026 | Grand Hyatt Hotel, Abu Dhabi, UAE

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

DAY 1: May 15, 2026 - Friday		
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:	
08:40 – 09:05	Sickle Cell Disease in Childhood: From Hydroxyurea to Gene Therapy	Dr. Omar 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	
	A. Meet The Experts – Parallel Workshops (Part 1)	
10:45 – 12:15 (Main hall)	Red Flags in the Outpatient Clinic: When to Refer to Haematology-Oncology (Case-based)	Dr. Ben Mizukawa, USA Dr. Agnes Reschke, USA
10:45 – 12:15 (Room A)	Early or Delayed Puberty: Red Flags for the General Paediatrician	Dr. Chris Gibson, USA
10:45 – 12:15 (Room B)	Detection Autism spectrum in Children	Dr. Khaled Kadry, UAE Dr. Binu George, UAE
12:15 – 13:45	Lunch and prayer break, Poster viewing	
	SESSION 2: Cardiovascular Challenges in Children 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	Panel Discussion	
16:35 – 16:45	Coffee break	
	A. Real Cases: We learn from our patients – Part 1 Chair: Dr. Basheer Tharayil	
16:45 – 17:09	From Supplement to Toxicity: Severe PTH-Independent Hypercalcemia in a 3-Month-Old Infant	Dr. Zahraa Allami,UAE
	Macrophage Activation Syndrome: A Diagnostic Challenge in a Child with Prolonged Fever and Lymphadenopathy	Dr. Halah Almatooq,UAE
	Beneath The Iceberg - Mycoplasma Triggered Super Refractory Status Epilepticus Revealing STXBP2 Related Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis	Dr. Dana Ahmad Kataya,UAE
	Invasive Skull Base aspergillosis Mimicking malignancy in an immunocompetent child: A diagnostic challenge	Dr. Mahmood Noori Abdulkadeer, UAE
17:09 – 17:20	Panel discussion	
17:20	End of Day 1	

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DAY 2: May 16, 2026 - Saturday		
08:40 – 08:45	Welcome speech	Conference chair
	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	
	B. Meet The Experts – Parallel Workshops (Part 2)	
10:25 – 11:55 (Main hall)	Epilepsy Management in Children: - Seizure rescue medications for the paediatrician - Bedside EEG: Advances in Quantitative EEG bring EEG to non-neurologists	Dr. Craig Press, USA
10:25 – 11:55 (Room A)	Advanced Pediatric Triage: decisions that reduce time, not quality	Emergency Nurse, Spain
10:25 – 11:55 (Room B)	ECG: Practical approach & Interpretations	Dr. Maully Shah, USA
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 Jubeih and Dr. Mohammed Alsamri	
14:20 – 14:28	Hereditary Spastic Paraplegia: A 15-Year Retrospective Cohort Study of Clinical and Genetic Findings from Tawam Hospital, UAE	Dr. Dalia Said, UAE
14:28 – 14:36	Adjunctive GLP-1 Receptor Agonist Therapy in Adolescents with Type 1 Diabetes and Obesity: A Real-World Retrospective Study	Dr. Motaz Y A Azzam, UAE
14:36 – 14:44	Appropriateness of Ceftriaxone Utilization in a Pediatric Emergency Department: A Retrospective Observational Cohort Study	Dr. Salma Abdelrahman, UAE
14:44 – 14:52	Influence of Antenatal Steroids on Respiratory Morbidity and Survival Among 22 Week Gestation Infants	Dr. Sreya Varanasi, UAE
14:52 – 15:00	Comprehensive Evaluation of Cardiac and Non-Cardiac Causes of Troponin Elevation in Previously Healthy Children in a Tertiary Hospital in UAE	Dr. Mina Sultan, UAE
15:00 – 15:08	The Prevalence of Pediatric Eosinophilic Esophagitis in the United Arab Emirates; a multicenter study	Dr. Ahmed Abd Alwahab Nugud, UAE
15:08 – 15:16	Diagnostic Yield of Upper GI studies in the neonatal Population	Dr. Ghada Krizam, UAE
15:16 – 15:25	Group Q&A	
15:25 – 15:35	Coffee break	
	SESSION 6: Practical Management Across Pediatric Conditions Chair: Dr. Noura Al Hassani and Dr. Fareeda Almarzooqi	
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		
08:40 – 08:45	Welcome speech	Conference chair
	SESSION 7: Autoimmunity and Immune-Mediated Disorders in Children Chair: Dr. Syed Arif Hosain and Dr. Amal Al Tenaiji	
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 – 10:50	Panel discussion	
10:50 – 11:05	Coffee break	
	SESSION 8: Serious Pediatric Conditions: Early Recognition & Management Chair: Dr. Issam Abou Najab and Dr. Areej Alghamdi	
11:05 – 11:35	Acute Kidney Injury – Approach to diagnosis and management	Dr. Abdulla Alblooshi, UAE
11:35 – 12:05	Pediatric Stroke Overview	Dr. Craig Press, USA
12:05 – 12:35	Pediatric nephrotic syndrome: Updated management	Dr. Priya Verghese, USA
12:35 – 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 – 13:39	The Curious Case of the African Jaundice: CLDN1-Related NISCH	Dr. Tasneem Shamsi Basha, UAE
	Influenza A Infection Unmasking a Congenital Supra-Hisian Complete Heart Block in a Previously Healthy Adolescent	Dr. Salma AlFalasi, UAE
	The Double Hit: Post HSV Autoimmune Encephalitis. When HSV viral infection triggers autoimmunity	Dr. Mohamed Ali Elsayed, UAE
	Persistent Patent Ductus Venosus Presenting as Isolated Hyperammonemia in an Infant with Complex Congenital Heart Disease	Dr. Elshimaa Hamam, UAE
13:39 – 13:50	Panel discussion	
	SESSION 9: Diagnostic Challenges in Complex Pediatric Disorders 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. Fatima Al Dhaheri, UAE
15:05 – 15:15	Panel discussion	
15:15	Closing remarks and lunch	