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20th SEHA International Pediatric Conference
Co-Hosted by Cincinnati Children's Hospital

آخر المستجدات المتقدمة في طب الأطفال
Cutting Edge Pediatric Update

15-17
May 2026

Grand Hyatt Hotel
Abu Dhabi, UAE

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM



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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:		
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
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
		Room C
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: 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 – 16:51	From Supplement to Toxicity: Severe PTH-Independent Hypercalcemia in a 3-Month-Old Infant	Dr. Zahraa Allami (Al Jalila)
16:51 – 16:57	Macrophage Activation Syndrome: A Diagnostic Challenge in a Child with Prolonged Fever and Lymphadenopathy	Dr. Halah Almatooq (Tawam)
16:57 – 17:03	Beneath The Iceberg - Mycoplasma Triggered Super Refractory Status Epilepticus Revealing STXP2 Related Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis	Dr. Dana Ahmad Kataya (Al Jalila)
17:03 – 17:09	Invasive Skull Base aspergillosis Mimicking malignancy in an immunocompetent child: A diagnostic challenge	Dr. Mahmood Noori Abdulkadeer (Tawam)
17:09 – 17:20	Panel Discussion	
17:20	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. Maully Shah, 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	Hereditary Spastic Paraplegia: A 15-Year Retrospective Cohort Study of Clinical and Genetic Findings from Tawam Hospital, UAE	Dr. Dalia Said (Tawam)	
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 (Al Jalila)	
14:36 – 14:44	Appropriateness of Ceftriaxone Utilization in a Pediatric Emergency Department: A Retrospective Observational Cohort Study	Dr. Salma Abdelrahman (Tawam)	
14:44 – 14:52	Influence of Antenatal Steroids on Respiratory Morbidity and Survival Among 22 Week Gestation Infants	Dr. Sreya Varanasi (Al Jalila)	
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 (Tawam)	
15:00 – 15:08	The Prevalence of Pediatric Eosinophilic Esophagitis in the United Arab Emirates; a multicenter study	Dr. Ahmed Abd Alwahab Nugud (SKMC)	
15:08 – 15:16	Diagnostic Yield of Upper GI studies in the neonatal Population	Dr. Ghada Krizam (Tawam)	
15:16 – 15:25	Group Q&A		
15:25 – 15:35	Coffee Break		

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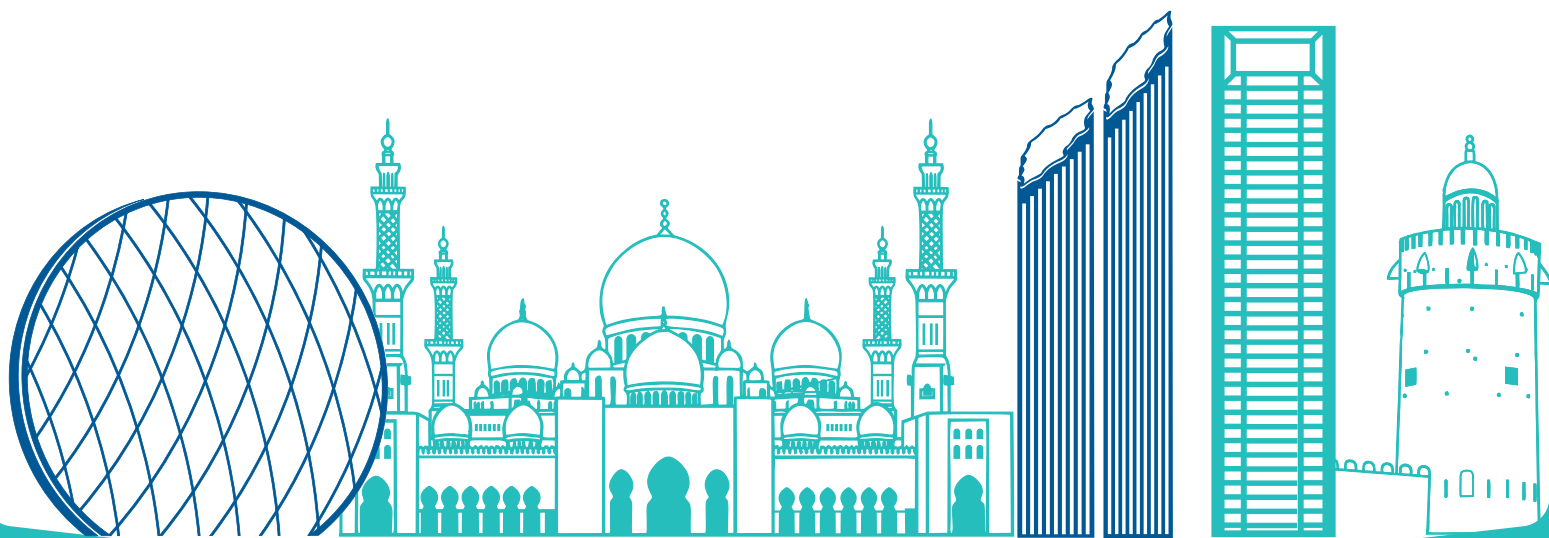
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SESSION 6: Common Pediatric Problems: Practical Updates Chair: Dr. Noura Al Hassani and Dr. Fareeda Almarzoqi		
15:35 – 16:00	Hypoglycemia in Infants and Children: Evaluation and Initial Management	Dr. Mansa Krishnamurthy, USA
16:00 – 16:25	Menstrual 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

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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 – 10:40	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	The Curious Case of the African Jaundice: CLDN1-Related NISCH	Dr. Tasneem Shamsi Basha (SKMC)
13:21 – 13:27	Influenza A Infection Unmasking a Congenital Supra-Hisian Complete Heart Block in a Previously Healthy Adolescent	
13:27 – 13:33	The Double Hit: Post HSV Autoimmune Encephalitis. When HSV viral infection triggers autoimmunity	Dr. Mohamed Ali Elsayed (SKMC)
13:33 – 13:39	Persistent Patent Ductus Venosus Presenting as Isolated Hyperammonemia in an Infant with Complex Congenital Heart Disease	Dr. Elshimaa Hamam (SKMC)
13:39 – 13:50	Panel Discussion	
SESSION 9: Advances in Respiratory & Immune Care Chair: Dr. Salma Elkhawar 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	