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Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the 7th Emirates Pediatric Hematology & Oncology Conference (EPHOC), taking place on April 26-27, 2025, at the Dusit Thani Hotel, Abu Dhabi, UAE.

This year's conference has been thoughtfully designed to meet the educational and professional needs of Pediatric Hematologists, Pediatric Oncologists, General Pediatricians, Pediatric Subspecialists, Pediatric Trainees, Residents, Fellows, Family Physicians, General Practitioners, and Emergency Medicine Physicians. The program will focus on the diagnosis, management, and advancements in the treatment of hematological and oncological conditions in children.

We are privileged to host renowned experts and thought leaders from the UAE and around the globe, who will guide us through a series of enriching sessions. These sessions are designed to foster meaningful discussions, share innovative strategies, and explore cutting-edge advancements that will elevate the quality of care for young patients.

The conference provides a dynamic platform for knowledge exchange, enabling healthcare professionals to gain the latest insights, refine their expertise, and enhance their capacity to deliver the highest standard of care to children affected by cancer and blood disorders.

In addition to the educational sessions, the event offers a unique opportunity to network and collaborate with peers from diverse backgrounds. We hope this will inspire new partnerships in academic research, clinical practice, and other areas of pediatric healthcare.

We deeply value your active participation and dedication to improving pediatric healthcare. We are confident that this year's conference will be a memorable, impactful, and rewarding experience for all attendees.

Once again, we warmly welcome you to Abu Dhabi, and we look forward to making EPHOC 2025 a truly enriching event for all.

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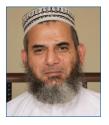
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Learning Objectives

- Explore diagnosis of common hematological and oncological problems in children
- Describe initial management and investigation of complex hematological and oncological problems by the general pediatrician
- Explain how the general pediatrician can be involved in the care of pediatric hematological and oncological problems
- Discuss management of common hematological and oncological problems in children by Pediatric Hematologist and Oncologist

Key Features

- · Meeting renowned experts from around the world
- · Networking and developing new partnerships
- · Learning and sharing best practices
- · Get introduced to success stories and achievements
- Learning novel concepts and practices in the field of Pediatric Hematology Oncology

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Scientific Program - Hematology-Oncology Track | April 26, 2025 (Saturday)

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07:30-08:00	Registration	
08:00-08:05	Welcome & Introduction - Master of Ceremony	
	HEMATOLOGY-ONCOLOGY	
Chair: Dr. Ru	ichira Misra, Dr. Mohammed Ramzan	
08:05-08:30	Management of Rare Malignancies in Childhood	Prof Dr. Anita Ramesh India
08:30-08:55	Management of asparaginase toxicities	Dr. Scott Charles Howard Spain
08:55-09:20	A Blueprint for Hope: Single gene testing to comprehensive genomic profiling for personalized Cancer Care	Prof. Faisal Masood Khan Canada
09:20-09:30	Q & A Panel Discussion	
09:30-10:15	OFFICIAL INAUGURATION	
10:15-10:30	Coffee Break Exhibition Visit & Networking Poster Presentation & Viewing	
	HEMATOLOGY-ONCOLOGY rahim Al Ghaithi, Dr. Hiba AL Tarrah	
10:30-10:55	Immunotherapy in Neuroblastoma: Current Status and Future Directions	Dr. Araz Marachelian USA
10:55-11:20	Genetics and Childhood Cancer: Understanding Inherited Risk	Dr. Miriam Bornhorst USA
11:20-11:45	Improving outcomes in Infant Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia	Dr. Jack Bartram UK
11:45-11:55	Q & A Panel Discussion	
11:55-12:25	Symposium 1: Success Stories in Children with Sickle Cell Disease: Lessons from New Innovations	Moderator: Dr. Muhammad Faisal Khanani UA Dr. Yasser Ahmed Wali
12:25-12:55	Symposium 2: Advancements in Understanding & Managing Neurofibromatosis Type 1	Dr. Muhammad Faisal Khanani UAE
12:55-13:25	Symposium 3: Navigating rare blood disorders in pediatrics	Dr. Mohammad Fahed Abdullah UAE
13:25-14:15	Lunch Break Exhibition Visit & Networking Poster Presentation & Viewing	
SESSION 3	PEDIATRIC ALL- MEET THE EXPERTS	
14:15-14:20	Opening remarks: Why it is important to optimize the treatment of ALL	Dr. Zainul Aabideen UAE
	Incorporation of Blinatumomab in 1 L Consolidation in current treatment protocols ser Al Zein UAE	3
14:20-14:50	Current Paradigm in frontline Pediatric/AYA B Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia	Dr. Sumit Gupta Canada
	Incorporating Blinatumomab in 1 L Consolidation into Pediatric ALL landscape	
14:50-15:30	Panel & Case discussion Incorporation of Blin in 1 L Consolidation in Current Treatment Protocols in Gulf: Opportunities and Limitations	Panel Moderator: Dr. Naser Al Zein UAE
	 Case discussion1 - Dr. Naser Al Zein UAE (10 min) How should we incorporate blinatumomab into treatment for standard risk, average vs. high-risk groups? Subgroup benefits and implications for stratification (What stratification criteria should guide the practice (e.g., cytogenetics, CNS involvement, MRD EOI)? 	Panel Experts: Dr. David Teachy USA Dr. Mohammed Al Nuaimi UAE Prof. Mehran Karimi UAE & Dr. Rupert Handgretinger UAE

Scientific Program - Hematology-Oncology Track | April 26, 2025 (Saturday)

SESSION 3	AMGEN - Meet the Experts Forum	
	 Case Discussion 2 Dr. Mohammed Al Nuaimi UAE (10 min) Could Blinatumomab enable de-escalation of chemotherapy for certain subgroups? Should Blinatumomab cycles replace certain chemotherapy blocks for selected patients? 	
	Q & A all speakers	Dr. Sumit Gupta Canada
Session 3.1 : Chair: Dr. Muł	Minimizing the treatment Related Barriers while managing ALL nammad Faisal Khanani UAE	
15:30-15:45	How to Optimize Patient Management by Reducing Hospital, Reimbursement, and Treatment Utilization Barriers Throughout the Treatment Journey	Dr. Mohammad Fahed Abdullah UAE
15:45-16:15	 Panel & Case Discussion: Case Discussion 4: Dr. Alyaa Al-Mughairy Oman (10 Min) Mitigating Long-Term Toxicities and Treatment-Related Complications What additional monitoring or interventions (e.g., prophylactic antibiotics, IVIG) are needed to mitigate infectious complications? How can we minimize neurotoxic effects in high-risk groups? Optimizing Treatment Journey Key elements to optimize treatment administration, fulfillment, and adherence How to minimize utilization barriers of immunotherapy in hospital setting Optimizing MDT discussion (clinical pharmacist, nurse, and hematologist) 	Panel Moderator: Dr. Muhammad Faisal Khanani UAE Panel Experts: Dr. David Teachy USA, Dr. Najam Awan UAE, Dr. Alyaa Al-Mughairy Oman & Dr. Mohammad Fahed Abdullah UAE Dr. Sumit Gupta Canada
16:15-16:30	Break Exhibition Visit & Networking Poster Presentation & Viewing	
	ORAL PRESENTATION 1 a AL Tarrah, Dr. Arwa El Dhuwaib	
16:30-16:40	Single Centre Experience of treating children with cancer in the UAE	Ms. Mehnaz Aabideen UK
16·40-16·50	Bole of Human granulocyte colony-stimulating factor (rHuG-CSE) in	

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- 16:50-17:00 Prognostic factors and outcomes of Ewing Sarcoma in children, a
- retrospective analysis in Tawam tertiary hospital
 17:00-17:10 Evaluation of the clinical outcomes among the pediatric low-risk acute myeloid leukemia patients who received four versus five cycles of chemotherapy-single-center study
- 17:10-17:20 Molecular profile of Pediatric Acute lymphoblastic leukemia: A retrospective study from Tertiary Care Centre of Kashmir
- 17:20-17:30 Outcome of Unrelated Umbilical Cord Blood Transplantation in India: A less explored horizon.
- 17:30 Closing & End of Day 1

Scientific Program - General Pediatrics Track | April 26, 2025 (Saturday)

07:30-08:00	Registration	
08:00-08:05	Welcome & Introduction - Master of Ceremony	
	GENERAL PEDIATRICS hammed Al Nuaimi, Dr. Kamran Mahmood	
08:05-08:30	Paediatric Haematology: Quick Wins and When to Escalate	Dr. Basheer Babu Tharayil UAE
08:30-08:55	Unmet needs and burden of hemophilia: a snapshot on female patients	Dr. Eman Taryam Alshamsi UAE
08:55-09:20	Early diagnosis of the brain tumour in children	Dr. Samina Afzal UAE
09:20-09:30	Q & A Panel Discussion	
09:30-10:15	This is a common session. The program continues in Track A	
10:15-10:30	Coffee Break Exhibition Visit & Networking Poster Presentation & Viewing	

SESSION 2 GENERAL PEDIATRICS Chair : Dr. Sahla Kallada, Prof. Mehran Karimi		
10:30-10:55	Update on Sickle Cell Management	Prof. Mehran Karimi UAE
10:55-11:20	Approach to a new leukemia patient	Dr. Mohammed Al Nuaimi UAE
11:20-11:45	Curing Every Child with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia	Dr. David T. Teachy USA
11:45-11:55	Q & A Panel Discussion	
11:55-13:25	This is a common session. The program continues in Track A	
13:25-14:15	Lunch Break Exhibition Visit & Networking Poster Presentation & Viewing	

SESSION 3 GENERAL PEDIATRICS Chair: Dr. Ahmed Abdelaal, Prof. Eslam Tawfik El-Baroudy		
14:15-14:40	Small Patients, Big Hematocrits: An Approach to Pediatric Polycythemia	Dr. Anjan Madasu UAE
14:40-15:05	Early Diagnosis of Retinoblastoma	Dr. Prashant Prabhakar India
15:05-15:30	Non-Transfusion Dependent Thalassemia	Dr. Hwazen Shash Saudi Arabia
15:30-15:45	Q & A Panel Discussion	
15:45-16:00	Break Exhibition Visit & Networking Poster Presentation & Viewing	

SESSION 4 GENERAL PEDIATRICS Chair : Dr. Sally Alnaeem		
16-00-16:25	Beyond the bleed : a journey to better life	Dr. Hadeel Saleh Mohammad Kuwait
16:25 -16:50	Approach to Abnormal Coagulation Profile	Dr. Ali Mullah Ali Kuwait
16:50-17:00	Q & A Panel Discussion	
17:00	Closing & End of Day 1	

Scientific Program-Hematology-Oncology Track | April 27, 2025 (Sunday)

08:00-08:25	Registration	
08:25-08:30	Welcome & Opening Remarks	
	HEMATOLOGY-ONCOLOGY agwa Ahmed, Dr. Syed Nasir Abbas Bukhari	
08:30-08:55	Paediatric Oncology in the era of personalized medicine: Opportunities and challenges	Prof. Dermot Murphy UAE
08:55-09:20	Update on retinoblastoma 2025 & beyond	Prof. Jaume Català-Mora Spain
09:20-09:45	Integration of molecular and histology for diagnosis of CNS tumors in children	Dr. Miriam Bornhorst USA
09:45-10:10	Incidence and prognosis of malignancies in primary immunodeficiency children.	Dr. Fulvio Porta Italy
10:10-10:20	Q & A Panel Discussion	
10:20-10:30	Coffee Break Exhibition Visit & Networking Poster Presentation & Viewing	
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SESSION 7 | HEMATOLOGY-ONCOLOGY
Chair: Dr.Tani Elfadul, Dr.Anjan Madasu14:15-14:40The First Proton Beam Therapy in Africa and the Middle East: Patients' Priorities,
Benefits, and Operational Sustainability.Prof. Mohamed Saad Zaghloul | Egypt14:40-15:05Survivorship Specific to Pediatric Radiotherapy –Latest Updates and EvidenceDr. Yousra Izzuddeen | UAE15:05-15:30Updates in the Surgical Management of Germ Cell TumoursDr. Abid Qazi | UAE15:30-15:45Q & A | Panel DiscussionTerest15:45-16:00BreakTerest

SESSION 8 HEMATOLOGY-ONCOLOGY Chair: Dr. Rajasekhar Cingapagu		
16:00-16:25	Advanced Strategies in Surgical Planning for Complex Oncology Cases	Prof. Lucas Krauel-Giménez Spain
16:25-16:50	Precision pediatric cancer surgery	Dr. Abdelhafeez Hassan Abdelhafeez USA
16:50-17:15	Advance Pediatric Radiology-focusing on how radiology is used to confirm cancer in children without pathology	Dr. Aashim Bhatia USA
17:15-17:30	Q & A Panel Discussion	
17:30	Awards & Closing Remarks / End of Conference	

Scientific Program - General Pediatrics Track | April 27, 2025 (Sunday)

08:00-08:25	Registration	
08:25-08:30	Welcome & Opening Remarks	
	GENERAL PEDIATRICS ohamed Ashraf, Dr. Ghulam Mujtaba	
08:30-08:55	Blood Transfusion: An Overview of Components, Indications, Risk Factors, and Associated Complications	Dr. Nancy Nabil Israel UAE
08:55-09:20	When to suspect cancer in children- Early clinical and diagnostic clues	Dr. Faisal Rashid Guru India
09:20-09:45	Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura: Incorporating newer drugs into practice	Dr. Santanu Sen India
09:45-10:10	Approach to Pancytopenia in children	Prof. Fouzia Nambiatheyil Aboobacker UAE
10:10-10:20	Q & A Panel Discussion	
10:20-10:30	Coffee Break Exhibition Visit & Networking Poster Presentation & Viewing	
	GENERAL PEDIATRICS ahmoud Alhussain, Dr. Abdul Shameel Mattara	
10:30-10:55	Hyperferritinemia – Clinical Implications	Dr. Leni Grace Mathew India
10:55-11:20	HLH in pediatrics	Dr. Nada Magzoub Rahma Elsheikh KSA
11:20-11:45	Thrombocytosis in Paediatric age groups	Dr. Mousa Qatawneh UAE
11:45-11:55	Q & A Panel Discussion	
11:55-13:25	This is a common session. The program continues in Track A	
13:25-14:15	Lunch Break Exhibition Visit & Networking Poster Viewing	
	ORAL PRESENTATION 2 Madathiparambil Sadanandan, Dr. Sagar Mohan Nivargi	
14:15-14:25	Osteomyelitis in Children with Sickle Cell Disease: Is MRI pathognomonic?	Dr. Murtadha Mohammed Shihab Al Lawati Oman
14:25-14:35	Clinical Profile and outcome of Pediatric acute promyelocytic leukemia (APL) treated with chemotherapy Free Regimen: Long term follow up	Prof. Dr. Reashma Roshan India
14:35-14:45	The utility of genetic sequencing in pediatric hemato-oncology - a retrospective study from a tertiary care unit	Dr. Ashwini A India
14:45-14:55	A multicenter study on nursing interventions influencing the outcome of bacteremia and sepsis during neutropenia in patients undergoing hematopoietic stem cell transplantation	Ms. Haritha Sundaravelu India
14:55-15:05	From Alarm to Action: PEWS as a Lifesaving Tool in Pediatric Oncology Critical Care	Ms. Viveka Veeramani India
15:05-15:15	Pediatric Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis Clinical Profile And Outcomes At A Tertiary Center In Chennai, Tamilnadu: A 10 Year Experience	Dr. Madhulika Chittala India
15:15-15:30	Break	
	GENERAL PEDIATRICS Ia Ahmad AlZir	
15:30-15:55	Bone Marrow Transplantation in Children: What General Paediatricians Needs to Know	Dr. Zainul Aabideen UAE
15:55-16:20	Approach to Neonatal thrombocytopenia	Dr. Arpita Mahesh Gupta India
16:20-16:45	Haemolytic Anemia	Dr. Deepthi Boddu UAE
16:45-17:00	Q & A Panel Discussion	
17:00	Closing Remarks	

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Dr. Zainul Aabideen

Conference Chair Chairman Organizing & Scienti c Committee Consultant and Head of Pediatric Hematology, Oncology and BMT, Burjeel Medical City Abu Dhabi, UAE

Consultant and Head – Pediatric Hematology, Oncology & Bone Marrow Transplantation Burjeel Cancer Institute Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dr. Zainul Aabideen is a UK-trained Consultant in Pediatric Hematology, Oncology, and Bone Marrow Transplantation with over 25 years of experience. He holds an MSc in Pediatric Oncology from the University of Birmingham and a Fellowship in Pediatric BMT from the Great North Children's Hospital, Newcastle. He has trained and worked at leading UK centers including Royal Marsden, UCLH, Imperial College and Manchester Children's Hospital.

Since moving to the UAE in 2016, Dr. Aabideen has played a pivotal role in advancing pediatric oncology services, leading the team that performed the first Pediatric BMT in the UAE in 2022. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (UK), and an active member of SIOP and CCLG. He has published extensively and regularly chairs major regional conferences in Pediatric Oncology and BMT.



Prof. Rupert Handgretinger Prof. Emeritus, Children's University Hospital, Tuebingen, Germany Consultant- ADSCC/ Yas Clinic Hospital,

Having received his MD from the University of Tubingen, Germany, Dr. Handgretinger was from 2005-2021 the chairman of the Department of General Pediatrics and Hematology / Oncology, Children's University Hospital of Tubingen, Germany.

From 2000-2005, he was a professor of the Department of Pediatrics, The University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis, TN, USA; as well as a full faculty member and director of the Division of Stem Cell Transplantation, Department of Hematology / Oncology, St Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN, USA. Since 2021, he is a consultant for Pediatric hematology/oncology at the Abu Dhabi Stem Cell Center and the Yas Clinic Khalifa City.

His fields of interest are haploidentical stem cell transplantation, stem cell biology, and cellular and humoral immunotherapy.



Dr. Mohammad Fahed Abdullah

Consultant Pediatric Hematologist Oncologist, Sheikh Khalifa Medical City Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dr. Mohammad Fahed Abdullah is a Consultant in the field of Medical Oncology, specializing in the care of pediatric patients.

He obtained his MD Diploma from the University of Aleppo, Syria, and holds American Board certifications in both Pediatrics and Pediatric Hematology/Oncology. With licenses to practice in both Pennsylvania and the UAE, his expertise spans across diverse regions.

From WBC disorders to platelet and bleeding disorders, hemoglobinopathies, acquired and congenital anemia, and bone marrow disorders, he demonstrates unparalleled proficiency. His dedication extends to the realm of childhood malignancies, including leukaemia, lymphomas, solid tumors(including brain tumors), and the intricacies of stem cell transplant care.

Moreover, his expertise covers immunodeficiency and immune dysregulations, exemplified by conditions like ALPS and HLH. Prior to his current position, Dr. Abdullah contributed his expertise at Burjeel Medical City, Cleveland Clinic, Abu Dhabi as a Consultant in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology.

Through his commitment to advancing medical knowledge and providing comprehensive care, Dr. Mohammad Fahed Abdullah stands as a beacon of excellence in the field of pediatric oncology.



Dr. Muhammad Faisal Khanani Chief, Division of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology, Consultant Pediatric Oncology, Tawam Hospital, Al Ain, UAE

Dr. Muhammad Faisal Khanani has served as the Chief of the division of pediatric hematology oncology since May 2014 and as a Consultant Pediatric Hematologist Oncologist at Tawam Hospital, Al Ain, UAE, since June 2005. In this role, he offers diagnostic services and specialized care for children under 15 years old with bleeding disorders, leukemia, lymphoma, and bone marrow transplants.

Additionally, Dr. Khanani has held the position of Clinical Associate Professor at UAEU-FMHS in Al Ain, UAE, since May 2008. He is also actively involved in the Emirates Hematology Society, serving as the Vice President and chair of the hemophilia

group. Furthermore, he has contributed to the field with over 25 publications in peer- reviewed journals.



Dr. Najam Awan Consultant Pediatric Hematologist Oncologist, Tawam Hospital, Al Ain, UAE

Dr. Najam Ahmed Awan is a Pediatric Hematologist-Oncologist at Tawam Hospital, Al Ain, UAE, where he has been serving since 2012.

He earned his MBBS in 1998 and DCH in 2001 from Pakistan, followed by MRCPCH in 2008 from the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, UK.

Dr. Awan began his Pediatric Hematology-Oncology career at Prince Faisal Cancer Center in Saudi Arabia before joining Tawam Hospital.

He provides expert care to children up to 16 years of age with both benign and malignant hematologic and oncologic conditions,

with a particular interest in hemophilia and other bleeding disorders.

In addition to his clinical role, Dr. Awan is a faculty member in the Pediatric Residency Program and oversees the Pediatric Hematology-Oncology rotation for residents.

He is actively engaged in academic activities, including teaching and research, and has contributed to several publications in his field.

Committed to community outreach, Dr. Awan plays a leading role in organizing awareness events such as World Hemophilia Day and International Childhood Cancer Day.

He is dedicated to advancing his expertise while supporting patients, families, and the broader community.



Dr. Abdelhafeez Hassan Abdelhafeez Associate Professor of Pediatric Surgery and pediatric University of Rochester Rochester, USA

Dr. Abdelhafeez is a pediatric oncology surgeon who joined the University of Rochester in January 2025. Previously, he served as the Program Director for the Pediatric Surgical Oncology Fellowship and the Director of Global Surgery at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Dr. Abdelhafeez is actively leading efforts to advance surgical oncology education and training in resource-limited settings. He has special expertise in minimally invasive cancer surgery, image-guided cancer surgery, Wilms tumor, neuroblastoma, sarcoma, liver tumors, and other pediatric solid tumors. Additionally, he serves as the Oncology Group Lead for the Global Initiative of Children's Surgery (GICS) and is a member of the Education Committee of the International Society of Pediatric Surgical Oncology (IPSO).



Dr. Miriam Bornhorst

Associate Professor, Pediatric Neuro-Oncologist, Ann & Robert Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago Principal Investigator, Stanley Manne Children's Research Institute Max Lacewell Endowed Brain Tumor Research Scholar, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Northwestern University, Chicago, USA

MD, Attending Physician, Pediatric Neuro-Oncology Max Lacewell Endowed Brain Tumor Research Scholar Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

Dr. Miriam Bornhorst is a pediatric neuro-oncologist at Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago, where she also serves as the Max Lacewell Endowed Brain Tumor Research Scholar and a principal investigator at the Stanley Manne Children's Research Institute. She holds the academic rank of Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine.

She earned her medical degree from Creighton University School of Medicine in 2008. Dr. Bornhorst completed her residency in Pediatrics (2008–2011) and fellowship in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology (2011–2014) at the University of Michigan Medical School, followed by a specialized fellowship in Pediatric Neuro-Oncology at Children's National Medical Center (2014–2015).

Board certified in both Pediatrics and Pediatric Hematology/Oncology, Dr. Bornhorst has broad clinical experience in managing pediatric brain tumors, Neurofibromatosis Type 1 (NF1), and hereditary cancer predisposition syndromes. She is also deeply involved in clinical trial development.

Her research focuses on identifying tumor biomarkers predictive of treatment response and progression. She leads multiple funded projects, including studies on metabolic targeting in NF1 and investigations into structural variant patterns and novel drug combinations for pediatric brain tumors.



Prof. Faisal Masood Khan Professor, University of Calgary Co-founder & CEO, OncoHelix Inc. Calgary, Canada

Dr. Faisal M. Khan is a Professor at the University of Calgary. Dr. Khan is co-founder and CEO of OncoHelix Inc., an organization that specializes in providing esoteric cancer genomic and immunology testing.

In his clinical role, Dr. Khan works as the Director of Hematology Translational Lab at the University of Calgary; and as a Clinical Director of the Transplant Lab in Alberta Precision Labs.

Dr. Khan obtained his Ph.D. in Human Molecular Genetics in India in 2006. He completed his postdoctoral training and clinical fellowship at the University of Calgary. Dr. Khan is a certified Diplomat of the American Board of Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics (ABHI).

Dr. Khan has more than 21 years of experience in Transplant Immunology, Cancer Genomics, and Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics. Based on his research, Dr. Khan has published over 105 research articles in scientific journals like Science, Blood, Transplantation, and Blood Advances. His research has been recognized by several awards including the American Society of Hematology (ASH) Achievement Awards in 2013, 2015, and 2018; and the American Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics (ASHI) Scholar/Most Clinically Relevant Study awards in 2014, 2019, 2022, and 2024; and Young Investigator Award at The Transplant Society Congress in 2010.



Dr. David T. Teachey Attending Physician & Researcher Division of Hematology and Oncology Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) USA

Dr. David Teachey has expertise in both oncology and hematology. Although a large percentage of his time is spent in the laboratory, he enjoys taking care of patients at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. His research has given him a broad clinical approach that helps him diagnosis and treat the rare child who is "off the grid," particularly when there is an oncology/hematology problem that has gone unsolved.

Dr. Teachey focuses on treating patients with acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) and with autoimmune diseases. He also specializes in hematopoietic stem cell transplant (bone marrow transplant) and use his expertise in transplant to help treat patients with leukemia and autoimmune disease.

His research is primarily focused on developing new therapies for children with white blood cell diseases, including ALL and a rare autoimmune disease called Autoimmune Lymphoproliferative Syndrome (ALPS), and his research in ALL focuses on studying leukemic cells from children with high-risk disease. Dr. Teachey takes a "bench-to-bedside" approach and tests new therapies in his lab and then tries to bring those therapies to the clinic. This work, performed in collaboration with the Children's Oncology Group (COG), has allowed him to study patient samples from hundreds of children with rare forms of childhood leukemia; his investigation of new "targeted" therapies has led to a number of local and national clinical trials.



Prof. Mohamed Saad Zaghloul

Professor of Radiation Oncology National Cancer Institute, Cairo University & Children's Cancer Hospital Cairo, Egypt

Mohamed Zaghloul attended the University of Cairo where he studied Radiation Oncology at the National Cancer Institute. He was awarded his Master's and Medical Doctorate in Radiation Oncology and

He started his career as a lecturer at the National Cancer Institute until he reached full Professor status in 1996. In the past, he has supervised many academic and clinical theses and mentored several junior faculty members and residents while treating patients. In 1987 and 1991, Dr. Zaghloul traveled to the U.S. to work as a fellow at Stanford University in Radiation Oncology. Over the course of his career, Dr. Zaghloul has authored and co-authored several academic papers and has received two awards for his work, such as the European Society of Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology Award (ESTRO-Varian Award) in 1985 and the Eleanor Roosevelt American Cancer Society Award in 1991. Additionally, Dr. Zaghloul established the Minia Oncology Centre and later became the Chairman of the Radiation Oncology Department at the Children's Cancer Hospital in Egypt, where he continues to serve. Dr. Zaghloul has published more than 129 international articles and serves as co-editor in 2 and reviewer in many international journals



Dr. Hwazen Shash

Assistant Professor Pediatric Hematology Oncology Consultant Pediatric Hematology Oncology Imam Abdulrahman Bin Faisal University King Fahad Hospital of the University Dammmam, Saudi Arabia

Dr. Hwazen Shash is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Imam Abdulrahman Bin Faisal University and Consultant of Hematology Oncology, and head of the Hematology Oncology unit at King Fahad Hospital of the University, Al-Khobar, Saudi Arabia. She had 2 years of clinical experience in Pediatric Hematology Oncology in CancerCare Manitoba in Winnipeg, Canada and she completed her fellowship in King Fahad Specialist Hospital in Dammam in 2019. Dr. Shash has over 5 years of experience in both clinical and academic settings. She is dedicated to medical education for both undergraduate and post graduates, with multiple research contributions in both pediatric hematology and oncology.



Dr. Fulvio Porta Medical Doctor Head of the Oncohaematology and BMT Unit, Children's Hospital, Spedali Civili, Brescia, Italy

Dr. Fulvio Porta is the Senior Consultant and Director of the Clinical Unit at the Children's Hospital of Spedali Civili di Brescia, the second-largest teaching hospital in Italy. The unit comprises 26 beds and is supported by a dedicated team of 10 physicians, 30 nurses, and 8 technicians. It provides specialized care for pediatric patients affected by immunological disorders (both primary and secondary) and onco-hematological diseases such as leukemia, solid tumors, lymphoma, thalassemia, and sickle cell disease.

To date, Dr. Porta has overseen more than 700 bone marrow transplants (BMT), utilizing both HLA-compatible and haploidentical donors. He has also successfully treated pediatric patients with CAR T-cell therapy. His unit is recognized as a National Reference Center for BMT in patients with primary immunodeficiencies.

Education and Qualifications:

- Doctor of Medicine 15 July 1983
- Specialization in Pediatrics 1987
- Specialization in Hematology 1991

Dr. Porta began his medical career with a permanent position at Policlinico S. Matteo in Pavia, Italy (1986-1990). From July 1984 to March 1985, he served as BMT Coordinator at the Bud Flanagan Ward, Leukemia Unit, Royal Marsden Hospital in the United Kingdom. Upon returning to Italy, he established the Pediatric BMT Unit at the University of Pavia, where he performed over 100 transplants.

Since 1990, Dr. Porta has held a permanent post at Spedali Civili in Brescia. In 2022, he was appointed as an International Expert at Burjeel Hospital in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

Professional Leadership and International Roles:

- Secretary, Inborn Errors Working Party EBMT (2006-2012)
- President, Italian Association of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology (AIEOP) (2010-2012)
- Member, Italian Foundation for Pediatric Oncohematology (FIEOP)
- International Expert Aster Hospital, Bangalore, India (2017–2019)
 International Expert Vinmec Institute, Hanoi, Vietnam
- Ambassador International Society of Pediatric Oncology (SIOP) for the European Community

Dr. Porta is widely regarded as a leader in pediatric hematology and bone marrow transplantation, contributing significantly to national and international initiatives that advance patient care, clinical excellence, and professional education



Prof. Dermot Murphy

Consultant Paediatric Oncologist Al-Jalila Children's Hospital Dubai, UAE

Prof. Dermot Murphy is a Consultant Paediatric Oncologist. Prior to his recent appointment in Dubai he was a consultant at The Royal Hospital for Children in Glasgow, Scotland for over 20 years, the National Clinical Director for Children and Young People with Cancer and an Honorary Professor at the University of Glasgow. He has over 150 publications and international presentations. He has a specific interest in neuroblastoma, particularly in the relapsed setting and has worked with SIOPEN (The International Society of Paediatric Oncology-Neuroblastoma) in designing innovative chemo immunotherapy and molecular radiotherapy trials. He sits the UK National Neuroblastoma Advisory Panel.



Dr. Abid Quddus Qazi Consultant Pediatric Surgeon Fakeeh University Hospital Dubai, UAE

Dr. Abid Qazi Consultant Pediatric Surgeon Fakeeh University Hospital Dubai FRCSI, FRCSED Pediatric Surgery, FEBPS, FCPS Ped Surg Pediatric surgeon for the last 27 years in the UK, Pakistan and United Arab Emirates. Currently appointed as a senior consultant pediatric surgeon at Fakeeh University Hospital Dubai. A general pediatric surgeon with subspecialty interest in solid tumours in children. Member faculty of masterclass in pediatric surgical Oncology Proficient in minimal access surgery Strong proponent of singe port laparoscopic surgery Examiner for the Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh. International Surgical ambassador of Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh, appointed in 2024 Trained analyst in assessing human factor in healthcare errors Member SIOP, IPSO and BAPS



Dr. Firuz Ibrahim Nuclear Medicine Specialist Burjeel Medical City Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dr. Firuz Ibrahim is a highly experienced Nuclear Medicine Specialist with expertise in nuclear oncology, radionuclide therapy, nuclear cardiology, neurology, and endocrine imaging. She is proficient in a wide range of PET CT modalities including FDG PET CT, 18F DOPA, Gallium 68 PSMA/DOTANOC, and others. Her SPECT CT and gamma camera experience includes myocardial perfusion imaging, bone scans, renal and thyroid imaging, and lymphoscintigraphy.

She has a special interest in thyroid cancer therapy and imaging of lymphoma in both adult and pediatric patients. Her therapeutic expertise spans treatments like Y-90 TARE, Lutetium-177 PSMA, and DOTATATE therapy.

Dr. Firuz is an active researcher with several clinical publications and presentations. She has received accolades such as the Arcot Gajraj Best Paper Award and has contributed significantly to the understanding of PET CT's role in pediatric oncology



Dr. Anjan Madasu

Pediatric Hemato-Oncologist & BMT Physician, Al Jalila Children's Hospital, Dubai, UAE

Dr. Anjan Madasu is a Consultant Pediatrician & Senior Pediatric Haemato-Oncologist trained in India and Canada. He has fellowships in Pediatric Hematology Oncology and BMT from Hospital for sick children, Canada and Sir Gangaram hospital, India. He has more than 17 years of experience in the field of Pediatric Haemato-oncology, working at renowned tertiary centers both in India and abroad.

In UAE, he has been working with Dubai Hospital and then Al jalila children's hospital for the past 12 years dealing with all challenging blood disorders and cancers in children. He has also been managing pediatric bone marrow transplant patients and their complications

His areas of expertise:

- 1. Pediatric Cancers
- 2. Pediatric hematology
- 3. Pediatric Thrombosis
- 4. Pediatric immunology
- 5. Hematopoietic stem cell transplant (BMT)



Dr. Eman Taryam AlShamsi

Consultant Head of the Pediatric Hematology Oncology Department Al Jalila Children's Specialty Hospital Clinical Assistant Professor of Oncology Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine and Health Sciences (MBRU), Dubai, UAE

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

She graduated in 2002 from the Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences at the United Arab Emirates University. After graduation, Dr. AlShamsi trained and practiced at Tawam Hospital, UAE, from 2005. She served as staff from January 2017 until June 2021 when she joined Al Qassimi Women and Children Hospital (AQWCH) as a Consultant in Hematology Oncology and Head of Department. In August 2023, she moved to Al Jalila Children's Specialty Hospital, taking on her current role.

Dr. AlShamsi holds the Arab Board Diploma of Medical Specialization in Pediatrics and a diploma from the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH). She also obtained 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 Transplant at SickKids Hospital in Toronto, Canada. This fellowship included training in Pediatric Clinical Hematology Oncology, Bone Marrow Transplant, and Thrombosis. Additionally, she attended an administrative fellowship program at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Texas, USA.

Throughout her career, Dr. AlShamsi has been involved in several ongoing collaborative research projects at Tawam and AQWCH hospitals, MBRU, UAEU, and Zayed University, with publications on PubMed. She has authored chapters on Sickkids handbook of pediatric thrombosis and hemostasis, and Cancer in UAE textbooks.

Dr. AlShamsi hosted the SIOP Asia Conference in Abu Dhabi in April 2019. She actively participates in numerous national and international committees and activities, including the Scientific Sub-Committee of the International Medical Awards 2023-2024 (Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Medical Science), the Transfusion Committee at AQWCH/AQH, and the NIHS Pediatric Hematology Oncology Accreditation (Head of the Sub-Committee). She is also involved in national bone marrow transplants, cancer screening, and prevention initiatives, as well as the SIOP and Women Leaders in Pediatric Oncology (WLPO). Her patient support and awareness activities include work with CCI and Friends of Cancer Patients UAE (FOCP). In recognition of her contributions, Dr. AlShamsi received the EOS Cancer Awareness Advocate of the Year 2024 Award from the Emirates Oncology Society.



Dr. Mohammed Al Nuaimi

Consultant Physician, Pediatric Hematology and Oncology, Bone Marrow Transplant and Cellular Therapy, Sheikh Khalifa Medical City, & Adjunct Assistant Professor, College of Medicine and Health Sciences, United Arab Emirates University, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dr. Mohammed Al Nuaimi is a consultant physician in Pediatric Hematology & Oncology, Bone Marrow Transplant and Cellular Therapy, at Sheikh Khalifa Medical City, Abu Dhabi, UAE and an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics, College of Medicine and Health Sciences, United Arab Emirates University. Dr. Al Nuaimi completed his general pediatrics, pediatric hematology & oncology & Bone Marrow Transplant and Cellular Therapy training at The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) in Toronto, Canada. Dr. Al Nuaimi is double board-certified in the specialty of General Pediatrics by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons (Canada) and by the American Board of Pediatrics (USA) and is also double certified in the specialty of Pediatrics Hematology & Oncology by both institutions. He has a special interest in marrow failure diseases, Bone Marrow Transplant and Cellular Therapy. Dr. Al Nuaimi is a member of several professional societies including Children's Oncology Group (COG) and the American Society of Hematology (ASH). He has completed and ongoing research activities and gave many talks in his specialty. He has special interest in teaching medical students, residents, and fellows.



Dr. Mousa Qatawneh Pediatric Hemato-Oncology Consultant Sheikh Khalifa Medical City Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dr. Mousa Qatawneh is a highly qualified doctor specializing in Pediatrics Hemato-Oncology and Hematopoietic stem cell transplantation. He has extensive training from top medical institutions, including Queen Rania Children's Hospital in Jordan, Hospital Santa Maria della Misericordia in Italy and Mayo clinic Hospital, Rochester USA. He has the Arab Board of Pediatric Hemato-Oncology, the European Board of Bone Marrow transplantation and cellular therapy and The European Board of Hemato-Oncology. He was a clinical instructor in the Faculty of Medicine at The Jordanian University of Science and Technology and the Hashemite University-Jordan. Dr. Qatawneh is an active member of several national and international societies including International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP), European Hematology Association (EHA) and Jordanian Society of Hematology (JSH). He has participated in numerous courses and conferences and published research papers in prestigious journals. His future vision is to improve service provision and improve standards of practice, focusing on patient safety, quality of care and patient satisfaction.



Prof. Mehran Karimi Professor Emeritus of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Consultant Pediatric Hematologist-Oncologist American Hospital Dubai, UAE

Dr. Karimi is a professor emeritus of pediatric hematology and oncology. He has been practicing in the field of hemophilia, rare bleeding disorders, hemoglobin disorders, pediatric solid tumors, and leukemia/lymphoma for a period of 30 years.

Dr. Karimi had done two separate 3-month fellowships in Milan, Italy in 2001 & 2003, a 6 month fellowship in pediatric BMT in Leeds, UK in 1996 as well as one year of research at IHTC in Indianapolis, USA from 2016-2017.

Dr. Karimi has been working in Dubai as a pediatric hematologistoncologist since 2012. He is a member of national and international scientific societies including ISTH. He authored more than 400 articles and more than 350 abstracts in peer-reviewed journals and has been invited as a speaker at many national and international conferences.



Dr. Nancy Nabil Kamel Israel Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Consultant Mediclinic City Hospital, Dubai, UAE

Dr. Nancy Nabil Kamel is a Pediatric Hematologist-Oncologist at Mediclinic City Hospital, Dubai. She earned her MBBCh from Cairo University, followed by residency training and a specialization in Pediatric Hematology and Oncology at the National Cancer Institute in Cairo, Egypt.

She previously served as the Chief of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology at NMC Royal Hospital, Sharjah, for three years before joining Mediclinic. Dr. Kamel is experienced in managing a wide range of pediatric hematologic and oncologic conditions, with particular expertise in leukemias, lymphomas, neuroblastoma, osteosarcoma, and benign hematological disorders.

She is an active member of the American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology (ASPHO) and the European Hematology Association (EHA).



Dr. Samina Afzal Consultant Pediatric Hematology & Oncology Former Consultant, Sheikh Khalifa Medical City Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dr. Samina Afzal has been working in Pediatric oncology for last 22 years. She has been Trained and worked in Great Ormond Street Hospital London and Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto. In 2018 She moved to UAE from Halifax Canada to work in Al Jalila Children Hospital. Most Recently she was working in Sheikh Khalifa Medical City, Abu Dhabi.



Dr. Yousra Izzuddeen Specialist Radiation Oncologist Burjeel Medical City Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dr. Yousra completed her MBBS at Government Medical College, Thrissur, Kerala, followed by MD in Radiation Oncology at AIIMS, New Delhi. She is a Board-certified Radiation Oncologist in India. She further honed her skills with a Fellowship in Clinical Oncology at The Royal Marsden Hospital, Chelsea, London (UK), and holds a Fellow of the Royal College of Radiologists (FRCR, UK) certification in Clinical Oncology with a Permanent GMC registration in the UK. She worked as an assistant professor of radiation oncology at the prestigious National Cancer Institute-AIIMS, New Delhi before she recently joined as a radiation oncologist at Burjeel Medical City. Throughout her career, Dr. Yousra has excelled in delivering personalised care and employing advanced radiotherapy techniques such as IMRT, SBRT, and brachytherapy. Her clinical focus spans Head and Neck Cancer, Gynaecological malignancies, Lung Cancer, Lower gastrointestinal cancers and Pediatric malignancies, which contribute significantly to patient outcomes and treatment advancements. Special interest in pediatric neurocology completed thesis in pediatric diffuse pontine glioma. Her commitment to academic excellence is evident through numerous publications and participation in clinical trials and projects in Head and Neck Cancers, Neuro-oncology and Gyne-oncology.



Dr. Ali Mullah-Ali Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Consultant & Director NBK Children's Hospital, Kuwait

Dr. Mullah-Ali is a Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Consultant at NBK Children's Hospital in Kuwait, where he was the chairman of pediatric hematology/oncology department from 2010 till 2014, and currently is the Head of Pediatric Hematology/Leukemia Unit as well as NBK Children's Hospital director.

After receiving his medical degree from the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh & Glasgow in UK, Dr Mullah-Ali has completed his pediatric Residency Program in 2005 at McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada and became a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. In 2006, he got his certificate of the American Board of Pediatrics. He completed his Fellowship in Pediatric Hematology-Oncology at McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada in 2008. His main work and interest is in the field of haemophilia and bleeding disorders. His research projects in the last few years include neutropenia in healthy children, neuroimaging studies and neurocognitive tests in patients, Hb D Sicklers in Kuwait, Severe type 3 VWF deficiency, radiotherapy causing Sarcoma in pediatric oncology patients and haemophilia with rare bleeding disorders in pediatric population.

He has been invited as a speaker to several national and international meetings. He has been a continued member of the Canadian Pediatric Society, American Society of Pediatric Hematology / Oncology, Medical Association in Kuwait and the Pediatric Association in Kuwait.

As of August 2019, he has been appointed as the director of NBK Children's Hospital



Prof. Dr. Anita Ramesh

Professor and Head of Medical and Paediatric Oncology, Saveetha Medical College Hospital, Saveetha University, Senior Consultant in Medical and Paediatric Oncology Apollo Speciality Hospitals, Chennai Kauvery Cancer Center, Founder and Manager Trustee, Freedom From Cancer Relief and Research Foundation, Chennai, India

Prof. Dr. Anita Ramesh (Chandra) is a distinguished Professor and Senior Consultant in Medical and Pediatric Oncology with over 23 years of experience in oncology, clinical practice, research, and teaching. She holds an MBBS (Hons), DCH (UK), MD, Dip NB, DM (Medical Oncology), MSc Oncology (UK), MBA, and PhD, with specialized training from prestigious institutions in Europe and the USA.

Dr. Ramesh has received numerous national and international awards, including the British Chevening/Commonwealth Scholarship, the International Society of Pediatric Oncology Scholarship (Australia), and fellowships from the European Society of Medical Oncology, St. Jude's Research Hospital (USA), and Karolinska University Hospital (Sweden). She has also been honored with the Realistic Award for Women (2018), South Indian Women Achiever's Award (2020), and Corona Warriors Award (2021) for her contributions to oncology and public health.

As an active researcher and principal investigator, she has led over 24 clinical trials, earning recognition as a top recruiter in international FDA-audited trials. She has authored over 50 peer-reviewed publications and delivered more than 100 international and national presentations.

Dr. Ramesh is the Founder, CEO, and Managing Trustee of the Freedom from Cancer Research and Relief Foundation, which has supported over 1,000 cancer survivors, provided free chemotherapy drugs to 1,600 patients, and conducted over 100 medical camps. She is also a prominent television medical expert, appearing on NDTV, Times Now, Republic TV, India Today, and NewsX.

Dedicated to education, she has served as an Assistant, Associate, and Professor in Medical Oncology in private medical colleges. She continues to mentor doctors, conduct cancer screening programs, and advocate for early detection and patient support.

Her unwavering commitment to cancer care, research, and community service has made her a respected leader in the field of oncology.



Dr. Santanu Sen

Senior Consultant & Head of Department Pediatric Hematology, Oncology & Bone Marrow Transplant Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital, Mumbai, India

Dr. Santanu Sen is a highly regarded Pediatric Hematologist, Oncologist, and Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT) physician, serving at the prestigious Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital in Mumbai. With over three decades of expertise, he has earned a reputation for excellence in treating children with blood disorders and cancers. His clinical focus includes hematologic malignancies, solid tumors, bone marrow disorders, and stem cell transplantation.

Dr. Sen's extensive training began in the United Kingdom, where he spent 12 years refining his expertise in pediatric hematology and oncology. He completed a fellowship in Pediatric Oncology and Stem Cell Transplantation at the Royal Victoria Infirmary in Newcastle, UK. His international experience has greatly influenced his approach to care, enabling him to deliver world-class services to his patients.

In 2009, Dr. Sen returned to India and established the Pediatric Hematology, Oncology, and BMT services at Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital, where he continues to lead the BMT program with notable success and many ground breaking cases. A holder of prestigious qualifications, including MBBS, DCH, FRCP, FRCPCH, and CCT (UK), Dr. Sen is also a distinguished examiner for the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health and the College of Physicians & Surgeons in Mumbai.

Dr. Sen's exceptional care has earned him recognition as one of Mumbai's top doctors for the last 6 years since 2019. He is known not only for his clinical acumen but also for his compassionate approach, always prioritizing the well-being of his young patients and their families. Through his work, he continues to push the boundaries of pediatric hematology and oncology in India.



Dr. Arpita Mahesh Gupta Pediatric Hematologist oncologist MCGM Comprehensive Thalassemia Care, Pediatric Hematology Oncology, and Bone Marrow Transplant Center Mumbai, India

Dr. Arpita Mahesh Gupta is a dedicated Pediatric Hematologist-Oncologist with extensive experience in diagnosing and treating blood disorders and childhood cancers. She is passionate about delivering compassionate, evidence-based care and specializes in managing complex cases, including leukemia, lymphoma, and bleeding disorders. Dr. Gupta is deeply committed to advancing pediatric hematology-oncology through clinical research, patient advocacy, and mentorship. With a strong focus on holistic care, she works closely with families to ensure the best possible outcomes for her patients.



Dr. Faisal Rashid Guru

Associate Professor, Department of Medical Oncology Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) Soura, Srinagar, India

Dr. Faisal Rashid Guru is currently working as an Associate Professor in the Department of Medical (Pediatrics) Oncology at Sher-I-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS), Soura, Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir, India — the only tertiary care hospital in the region.

Dr. Guru has been actively involved in the field of Pediatric Oncology for over 13 years, and has several national and international publications to his credit.

His areas of special interest include leukemias, bone tumors, and neuroblastomas.



Dr. Nada Magzoub Rahma Elsheikh Consultant, Pediatric Hematology, Oncology & Stem Cell Transplant King Abdullah Specialist Children's Hospital, Ministry of National Guard Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Dr. Nada Elsheikh is a highly accomplished Consultant in Pediatric Hematology, Oncology, and Stem Cell Transplantation at King Abdullah Specialist Children's Hospital, Ministry of National Guard, Saudi Arabia.

She earned her medical degree from the School of Medicine, Sudan, in 2004 and completed her internship at King Abdulaziz University Hospital, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. She then pursued her residency training at the Ministry of National Guard, further advancing her expertise in pediatric medicine.

Dr. Elsheikh obtained her Membership of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (MRCPCH) in 2010. She went on to complete the Saudi Fellowship in Pediatric Hematology and Oncology at King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Center in 2019, followed by a Saudi Fellowship in Pediatric Stem Cell Transplantation in 2020 at the same institution.

With extensive experience in pediatric hematology, oncology, and stem cell transplantation, Dr. Elsheikh remains dedicated to providing exceptional care and advancing research in her field.



Dr. Prashant Prabhakar

Assistant Professor Division of Pediatric Hematology Oncology, Department of Pediatrics VMMC & Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi, India

Dr. Prashant Prabhakar is a Consultant in Pediatric Hematology-Oncology at Safdarjung Hospital (SJH), where he has been practicing for the past year. He completed his MD in Pediatrics from UCMS, Delhi, where he was honored with the Dr. Kusum Pandit Memorial Award for Best Thesis and the Dr. S.T. Achar Endowment Award at PEDICON 2018. He went on to pursue his DM in Pediatric Oncology at AIIMS, New Delhi.

During his DM training, Dr. Prabhakar received the APHOG Award at SIOP Asia in Japan (2024) and the Dr. R.K. Marwaha Best Oral Paper Award at PHOCON 2024. His clinical interests include retinoblastoma, lymphoma, neuro-oncology, and hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT). He played a pivotal role in establishing the Pediatric HSCT program at SJH and successfully performed the hospital's first pediatric transplant in 2024.



Dr. Hadeel Saleh Mohammad

Consultant in Hematology, Oncology, Hemostasis, and Thrombosis - Pediatric NBK Specialized Children's Hospital Kuwait

Kuwaiti board in general pediatric

Fellowship in hematology -oncology-hemostasis & thrombosis McMaster-Canada.

following leukemic cases and bleeding disorders as well as benign hematology cases.

- Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MBBCh); faculty of medicine, health science center, Arabian Gulf University, Kingdom of Bahrain, and had internship in Kuwait.
- Completed Kuwaiti Board in Pediatric (full program including all subspecialty in pediatric and neonate) -Kuwait.
- Gained Fellowship in Pediatric Hematology /Oncology McMaster University .Hamilton-Canada.
- Fellowship in Pediatric Hemostasis and Thrombosis McMaster University. Hamilton-Canada.
- Had journal publications and abstract mainly in bleeding disorders and presentations both locally and regionally.
- Currently serves as a consultant in pediatric Hem/Onc /Hemostasis and Thrombosis- NBK Specialized Children's Hospital-Kuwait.



Dr. Basheer Babu Tharayil Consultant Paediatrician Sheikh Khalifa Medical City Abu Dhabi, UAE

MBBS, MRCPCH, CCT (UK), FRCPCH,

Dr. Basheer Tharayil is a British-trained Consultant Paediatrician with over two decades of clinical experience in the UK and UAE. He currently works at Sheikh Khalifa Medical City, Abu Dhabi. He is a core faculty member of the paediatric residency programme and the named doctor for child safeguarding.

His special interests include acute paediatrics, high dependency care, children with medical complexity, and child protection.

He is an accredited instructor in key paediatric resuscitation and life support courses and is actively involved in clinical teaching and simulation-based education.

Dr Tharayil also has a keen interest in human factors in clinical medicine, debriefing, and team dynamics, with a strong emphasis on integrating soft skills into routine clinical practice to support effective and compassionate care.



Dr. Leni Grace Mathew Professor

Christian Medical College Hospital Tamil Nadu, India

Dr. Leni completed her undergraduate and postgraduate pediatric training at CMC Vellore. She further specialized in Pediatric Hematology-Oncology with training at Barts & the London Hospital and the Royal Marsden Hospital. Since completing her training, Dr. Leni has been working at CMC Vellore, where she continues to contribute to the field of pediatric hematology-oncology.



Dr. Hasan Hashem Director, Pediatric Blood and Marrow Transplantation and Cellular Therapy Program King Hussein Cancer Center Amman, Jordan

Dr. Hasan Hashem is the Director of the Blood and Marrow Transplantation and Cellular Therapy Program at King Hussein Cancer Center in Amman, Jordan. He obtained his medical degree from the University of Jordan, Amman in 2008 and had his post-graduate training at the University of Iowa, Case Western Reserve University, and Ohio State University.

Dr. Hasan Hashem holds American Board certifications in Pediatrics, Pediatric Hematology Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplantation. Dr. Hasan Hashem has major interest and research in hematopoietic cell transplantation for non-malignant diseases, severe aplastic anemia, and immune dysregulation syndromes including DADA2. He received "The King Hussein Cancer Research Award" in 2022 on his work in microbiome and graft-versus-host-disease (GvHD).

Dr. Hasan Hashem is well-known internationally for initiating allogeneic Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation for a rare disease; deficiency of adenosine deaminase 2 (DADA2). He has led an initiative on a huge collaborative effort in 12 countries worldwide to cure DADA2 with a remarkable therapeutic result. Currently, KHCC is a referral hub for DADA2 patients from all over the world. Dr. Hasan Hashem has authored more than 60 publications in well-respected journals.

Google Scholar: https://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&user=qZYHlwsAAAAJ



Dr. Araz Marachelian Attending Physician, Pediatric Oncology, Neuroblastoma Specialist, Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) Los Angeles, USA

Dr. Araz Marachelian, MD, MS, is a pediatric oncologist specializing in neuroblastoma at Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA). She serves as the Medical Director of the New Approaches to Neuroblastoma Therapy (NANT) Consortium, leading early-phase clinical trials to advance novel therapeutics for children with high-risk neuroblastoma.

Dr. Marachelian's research focuses on integrating immunotherapy, targeted agents, and precision medicine into neuroblastoma treatment. She has authored numerous peer-reviewed publications and collaborates extensively on international efforts to improve outcomes for children with this challenging disease. With a strong commitment to translational research, she bridges laboratory discoveries with clinical applications to develop innovative therapies.

Dr. Marachelian is an invited speaker at global conferences and actively contributes to cooperative group trials. Her work continues to shape the evolving landscape of neuroblastoma treatment, with the goal of improving survival and reducing long-term toxicities for pediatric patients.



Prof. Lucas Krauel-Giménez Pediatric Surgeon

Pediatric Surgical Oncology Fellowship Director SJD Barcelona Children's Hospital Barcelona, Spain

MD, PhD, FEBPS, FACS.

Pediatrician and Pediatric Surgeon (1998, Universitat de Barcelona). Fellow in Pediatric Surgical Oncology (Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, NY, USA). Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and member of the International Society of Pediatric Surgical Oncology (IPSO). Surgical Oncology Unit Director and 3D4H (3D for health) Clinical leader at Pediatric Cancer Center Barcelona (PCCB) - SJD Barcelona Children's Hospital. Professor of Surgery at Universitat de Barcelona and Pediatric Surgical Oncology Fellowship Director. European Board of Pediatric Surgery (EBPS) Examination Committee Member and Examiner. Editor of Annals of 3D Printed Medicine. Dr. Krauel is a Pediatric Surgeon specialized in pediatric surgical oncology with a focus in new technologies and innovation programs for surgical applications such as 3D virtual planning and 3D printing, new drug delivery systems for local tumor control and new surgically biocompatible materials and medical devices. He is founder of the 3D4H Unit and the medical Startup Cebiotex-biomedical nanofibers.



Prof. Jaume Català-Mora Paediatric Vitreo-Retinal Ophthalmologist Hospital Sant Joan de Déu. Barcelona, Spain

Training:

PhD in Medicine and Surgery. Universitat Autónoma de Barcelona. 2016. Extraordinary Award. Specialist in Ophthalmology, Bellvitge University Hospital, 2002. Degree in Medicine and Surgery. University of Navarra, 1997.

International experience:

Observership Memmorial Sloan Kettering New York. (USA), 2008 & 2024 Observership Devers Eye Institute. Portland, Oregon (USA), 2007. Observership Casey Eye Institute, Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU), 2007. Observership Institute Curie, Paris (France), 2004. Observership Moorfields Eye Hospital, London, 2002.

Scientific activity:

Author of over 100 national and international papers in conferences.

Member of American Academy of Ophthalmology, Spanish & Catalan Society of Ophthalmology, member of the board of the Spanish Paediatric Ophthalmology Society & president of the Spanish Ocular Oncology Group.

More than 20 years of experience on formation of International Paediatric Ophthalmologists.

Participation in numerous clinical trials, VCN01 for retinoblastoma phase 1 trial, Gene therapies for Inherited Retinal Distrophies

Recent publications include studies on paediatric retinal pathology, intraocular tumours and genetic variants in hereditary retinal dystrophies



Dr. Scott Charles Howard Global Development Officer Sant Joan de Deu Hospital Barcelona Barcelona, Spain

After training in internal medicine, pediatrics, and epidemiology at the University of Tennessee and completing a hematology/oncology fellowship at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Scott dedicated his career to improving care and outcomes for people with cancer by conducting research in oncology therapeutics and supportive care. His research interests include use of asparaginase, high-dose methotrexate, and targeted therapies like anti-GD2 antibodies, blinatumomab, and others. His efforts include improving global access to essential medications and developing cancer programs in low- and middle-income countries. He serves as the International Development Officer for Hospital Sant Joan de Deu in Barcelona, Spain and in that role supports the hospital's international research, global education, and inter-country patient care. He is the deputy director of the Yeolyan Hematology-Oncology Center of Armenia with a focus on research capacity building and optimization of patient care processes. Scott founded Resonance (ResonanceHealth.org) to improve care for people everywhere through research, education, and technology. Resonance offers free tools to support cancer survivors with survivor passports, forums for interaction with global peers, and access to research. Scott has published 250 scientific papers, 25 book chapters, and a book.

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Dr. Sumit Gupta Pediatric Oncologist and Clinician Investigator Hospital for Sick Children Toronto, Canada

Dr. Sumit Gupta is a pediatric oncologist and Clinician Investigator at the Hospital for Sick Children, where he leads the Section of Leukemia/Lymphoma in the Division of Haematology/Oncology. He received both his MD and his PhD from the University of Toronto. He is the Vice-Chair (Clinical Trials) of the Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) Committee of the Children's Oncology Group (COG). He was the co-Chair of AALL1731, the COG study of children with standard risk ALL which showed that the incorporation of blinatumomab improved outcomes for children with B-ALL at higher risk of relapse. He also co-leads the Unit for Policy and Economic Research in Childhood Cancer at Sickkids, which focuses on improving delivery of childhood cancer care in low- and middle-income countries.



Dr. Deepthi Boddu Specialist Pediatric Oncologist Burjeel Speciality Hospital, Sharjah, UAE

Dr. Deepthi Boddu is currently working as a Specialist Pediatric Oncologist at Burjeel Speciality Hospital, Sharjah.

She completed both her undergraduate and postgraduate medical training in Pediatrics at Christian Medical College Vellore, India. Following her post-graduation, Dr. Boddu pursued a D.M in Pediatric Oncology at Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram, India, obtaining board certification in Pediatric Oncology.

Returning to Christian Medical College Vellore, Dr. Boddu joined the Pediatric Hematology and Oncology department as an Associate Professor until August 2023. She possesses extensive experience in diagnosing and treating both benign and malignant hematology and solid tumors. Dr. Boddu has served as a Principal Investigator and co-investigator in numerous research projects and has several publications in indexed journals.

Dr. Deepthi Boddu has a broad range of teaching experience, having instructed medical undergraduates, pediatric postgraduates, and Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Fellowship students. Her professional interests include histiocytic disorders and hyperinflammatory states in infection and sepsis.

Driven by her belief that treatment should never outweigh the disease, Dr. Boddu is dedicated to providing the best possible holistic care. She emphasizes the importance of collaborative efforts among healthcare professionals, including doctors, nurses, pharmacists, social workers, occupational and physical therapists, dieticians, and other supportive care providers.



Prof. Fouzia Nambiatheyil Aboobacker Professor of Hematology Consultant Pediatric Hematology Department of Hematology, Burjeel Medical City, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dr. Fouzia Nambiatheyil Aboobacker is a highly skilled and experienced hematologist with extensive expertise in pediatric hematology and stem cell transplantation. She began her medical journey by obtaining her Medical Degree (MBBS) in 1996, followed by a Diploma and a DNB degree in Child Health. Subsequently, Dr. Aboobacker joined the Department of Hematology at Christian Medical College, Vellore, as a Registrar and completed her Postgraduate degree in Clinical Hematology in August 2013. Demonstrating her commitment to excellence, she continued her journey at the same institution as an Assistant Professor, transitioning to the role of Professor in the Department of Hematology in January 2022. She has also worked in the UAE as a Consultant in Pediatric Hematology at ADSCC/Yas Clinic from December 2023 to July 2024.

Throughout her career, Dr. Aboobacker has demonstrated exceptional proficiency in diagnosing and managing various malignant and non-malignant hematological disorders, including stem cell transplantation, CAR-T cell therapy, and gene therapy for hemophilia. She has a particular interest in primary immunodeficiency disorders, inherited metabolic disorders, red cell disorders, and disorders of hemostasis.

Dr. Aboobacker's contributions extend beyond clinical practice, as she has actively engaged in national health education programs for hemophilia, sickle cell anemia, and hemoglobinopathies. She has served as a principal investigator and co-investigator for various research studies, including those on recombinant human coagulation factor VIII fusion protein and mutation analysis for hemolytic anemias. She is also the co-principal investigator for the DBT/Wellcome Trust India Alliance-granted project "Functional Assessment of Genetic Variants Associated with Fetal Hemoglobin Levels Using Base Editor- Mediated Saturated Mutagenesis for the Treatment of Beta Hemoglobinopathies." With over ten years of experience as a consultant, Dr. Aboobacker continues to play a pivotal role in managing complex hematological conditions, including stem cell transplantation, CAR-T cell therapy, and gene therapy, and contributes to the advancement of hematology research.



Dr. Jack Bartram

Consultant Paediatric Haematologist Clinical Director of Malignancy Diagnostic Service Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children (GOSH), London, UK

Dr Jack Bartram is a Consultant Paediatric Haematologist, and the Clinical Director of the Malignancy Diagnostic Service at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children (GOSH), London, UK. His research interest involves using advanced molecular diagnostic techniques to predict outcomes and find targets for novel therapies for children with haematological malignancies. He is currently the Clinical Lead for Haematological Malignancy Genomics in the Genomic Laboratory Hub and has been responsible for the implementation of advanced genomics and whole genome sequencing into clinical practice. He the UK national lead in for Infant ALL where he has pioneered a heavily de-escalated treatment protocol and has recently published the latest Blood "How I treat Infant ALL" review.



Prof. Yasser Ahmed Wali

Professor and Senior Consultant Head, Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Unit Department of Child Health College of Medicine & Health Sciences Sultan Qaboos University, Muscat, Oman

Professor and Senior Consultant Head, Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Unit, Department of Child Health, College of Medicine & Health Sciences, Sultan Qaboos University, Muscat, Oman

Dr. Yasser is a Professor at the Child Health Department and a Senior Consultant Paediatrician Head, Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Unit at the College of Medicine and the Hospital, Sultan Qaboos University since 2012. He's also a Chairman of Pediatric Scientific Committee (Responsible for training of all Omani pediatric trainees), Oman Medical Specialty Board since 2007.

Dr. Yasser's Memberships;

- 2014 Present: Member of the International Network of Clinicians for Endocrinopathies in Thalassemia and Adolescent Medicine (I-CET).
- 2008 Present: Member of The International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN).
- 2008 Present: Member of the American Society of Paediatric Haematology and Oncology (ASPHO).
- 2005 Present: Member of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health UK.
- 2004 Present: Member of the First Oman Directory board of Hemophilia and Coagulation Disorders.
- 2003 2004: Member of the Steering group of the National Childhood Cancer Registry in Oman.
- 2000 Present: Member of Oman Haematology/Oncology forum.
- 1998 Present: Member of the European Haematology Association (EHA).
- 1994 Present: Member of the Egyptian Society of Haematology.
- 1986 Present: Member of Egyptian Society of Paediatrics.



Dr. Aashim Bhatia

Assistant Professor Pediatric Neuroradiologist Department of Radiology Children's Hospital of Philadelphia USA

Aashim Bhatia, MD, MS, is a pediatric neuroradiologist with the Department of Radiology at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, with an interest of translating advanced imaging techniques to clinical practice to better understand pediatric CNS tumors. He completed his Pediatric Neuroradiology fellowship at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia in 2015. He is currently an active member of the American Society of Pediatric Neuroradiology (ASPNR). His recent work in sodium as beneficial biomarker in pediatric brain tumors is an example of my approach to imaging pediatric brain tumors, particularly in determining tumor progression versus pseudo-progression.

His neuroimaging lab (BhatiaLab) with several grants is interested in using advanced MR imaging tools (sodium MRI, CEST, MR Elastography, MR Spectroscopy, AI) to improve detection and treatment of pediatric neurological disease, more specifically further understand the imaging biomarkers of brain tumors that will help not only in diagnosis, but also prognosis of complex treatments



Dr. Alyaa Al Mughairy Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Consultant The Royal Hospital Muscat, Oman

Dr. Alyaa Al Mughairy is a Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Consultant at the Royal Hospital, Muscat, Oman, with a special focus on benign hematology and leukemia. She earned her MD with honors from Oman Medical College and completed her General Pediatrics Residency at the Oman Medical Specialty Board. She further pursued fellowship training in Pediatric Hematology-Oncology at The Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto.

Dr. Alyaa's clinical expertise includes bleeding disorders, thrombosis, HLH, sickle cell disease, and leukemias. She is recognized for her contributions to advancing care through innovation, research, and policy. She has spoken at numerous regional and international conferences, sharing insights and success stories to inspire progress in the field.

She has played a key role in introducing advanced hematology therapies in Oman and has authored both institutional and national clinical guidelines. Currently, she serves as the national focal point for pediatric hematology/oncology policy and is actively involved in training pediatric residents and fellows.

Driven by compassion and a commitment to evidence-based practice, Dr. Alyaa continues to make a lasting impact on pediatric hematology-oncology in the region.



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Prof. Holger N. Lode Professor and Chairman of Pediatrics &

Professor and Chairman of Pediatrics & Pediatric Hematology and Oncology/BMT Director, University of Greifswald Greifswald, Germany

Holger N. Lode, M.D., was appointed as Professor and Chairman of Pediatrics and Pediatric Hematology and Oncology/BMT in 2009, concurrently serving as the Director of the University Children's Hospital in Greifswald since 2010.

He commenced his academic journey at Eberhard Karls Universität, Tübingen, and Brown University, Providence, RI, USA, from 1986 to 1993, culminating in his graduation in 1993. Dr. Lode defended his doctoral thesis titled "Release of iron from ferritin and lipid peroxidation of neuroblastoma cells and erythrocyte ghosts" at the Eberhard Karls University, Tübingen, Germany, on November 15th, 1993, earning the prestigious degree "Summa cum laude."

Following his university education, he completed his pediatric training at the University of Tübingen and the Charité University Medicine Berlin, obtaining board certification in pediatrics in 2003. Dr. Lode holds dual subspecialties in Pediatric Intensive Care and Pediatric Hematology/Oncology.

During this period, he was awarded an Emmy-Noether-Research Fellowship from the DFG and established a team of young investigators dedicated to researching immunotherapy for neuroblastoma. Dr. Lode's contributions have been recognized with numerous young investigator awards and the Heinrich-Finkelstein Prize from the North German Society of Pediatrics.

He has authored over 100 original papers published in esteemed international peer-reviewed journals and actively serves on editorial boards. Additionally, Dr. Lode holds three patents for investigational new agents in the field of pediatric oncology



Ms. Mehnaz Aabideen 4th Year Medical Student Peninsula Medical School Plymouth United Kingdom

Mehnaz is a 4th Year Medical student completing her studies at Peninsula Medical School, UK. She is passionate about gaining experience in the world of medical research by attending conferences, conducting research studies and publishing research articles. She has a special interest in haematology, which she looks to explore further throughout medical school. She is the founder and president of the Plymouth Renal and Urology Society and is a member of the Plymouth Haematology and Oncology society. Her secondary school education was completed in British School Al Khubairat, Abu Dhabi and she graduated in 2021 with A Levels in Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics



Dr. Georgeena Elsa Jose Pediatric Oncologist Government Medical College and Cancer Hospital Maharashtra, India

Being at 29 years of age and authoring over 11 publications in peer-reviewed International and National journals, Dr. Georgeena Elsa Jose started steering the wheel of research with the assistance of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) in 2015, being a 2nd year medical school student through 'Short-Term Studentship' program. In 2018, her paper was short-listed among the topmost ten papers for 'ICMR -Nurturing Clinical Scientist', by the prestigious ICMR institute, New Delhi. During the undergraduate and postgraduate academic days, she has been trained in research methodology and publication courses by the offered by ICMR - National Institute of Epidemiology (NIE) in 2023 and passed British Medical Journal – University of California, San Francisco: Research to Publication Course in 2021 with a score of 80%. After post-graduation, she now pursues super-specialty DM training in pediatric oncology. She also received the prestigious Dr James Flett Endowment Gold Medal Award for Social and Preventive Pediatrics last year in 2024 by the Indian Academy of Pediatrics. She was recently selected and sponsored for the International Collaboration for Research Methods Development in Oncology by the St. Jude Global, (CReDO) this year. She has also won many accolades in International and National quizzes and research paper presentations. Her enduring vision is to bring out flawless lucrative and practical protocols through adequate clinical trials and precise recording of these disease statistics in pediatric oncology from India, where in the future Indian health care researchers will be the most-trusted scientific voice in the world for LMIC.



Dr. Murtadha Al Lawati Pediatric Specialist Medical City of Military and Security Service Muscat, Oman

Pediatric Specialist with 4 years of experience as a resident in the Oman Medical Specialty Board (OMSB). With an overall rate of >3/4 in all of the years. worked as chief resident for 2 consecutive years. Team player with excellent communication skills, high quality of work, driven and highly self-motivated. Currently working in the pediatric department in Rustaq hospital



Dr. Debabrata Mohapatra Fellow (Blood and Marrow Transplant) All India Institute of Medical Sciences New Delhi, India

Dr. Debabrata Mohapatra is a pediatric oncologist with an MD in Pediatrics and a DM in Pediatric Oncology from AIIMS Delhi. He recently completed a fellowship in Bone Marrow Transplantation (BMT) at AIIMS Delhi, further enhancing his expertise in oncology research and hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT).

He has a special interest in relapsed leukemia, transplant-related infections, CNS tumors, supportive care in pediatric cancer and BMT & cellular therapies. His research focuses on low-cost adaptations in oncology and transplant. He has also contributed to the development of CNS tumor protocols at AIIMS and is actively engaged in research on transplant-related care in resource-limited settings.

He has presented his work at national and international platforms such as PHOCON 2024- India and the ASTCT/CIBMTR Tandem 2025-Hawaii meeting. With a keen focus on bridging clinical research and patient-centered care, Debabrata continues to contribute to research in pediatric oncology, striving to improve outcomes for children with cancer in India and beyond



Dr. Madhulika Chittala Fellowship Resident in Pediatric Hemato-Oncology

Kanchi Kamakoti Childs Trust Hospital, Chennai, India

Dr. Madhulika Chittala is currently a second-year Pediatric Hematology-Oncology resident at Kanchi Kamakoti CHILDS Trust Hospital, Chennai, India. She holds a medical degree from Chettinad Academy of Research and Education and completed her pediatric residency at Aarupadi Veedu Medical College.

Her clinical interests include pediatric solid tumors and hemato-lymphoid malignancies. She recently presented a poster on the outcomes of HSCT in children with inborn errors of immunity at ISBMT in April 2024. Dr. Chittala is dedicated to advancing the field through clinical excellence and research to improve outcomes for children with hematologic and oncologic conditions



Dr. Amenah Wael Al-Ani Pediatric Resident SEHA – Tawam Hospital Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dr. Amenah Wael Al-Ani is an ambitious yet compassionate pediatrician, known for her dedication to continuous self-improvement and excellence in clinical care. Highly driven and passionate, she is committed to enhancing the quality of life for her patients and advancing the standards of healthcare delivery. Her professional journey is marked by a deep sense of purpose and a tireless pursuit of medical and personal growth.



Dr. Ashwini A Assistant Professor- Department of Pediatric Oncology Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research Chennai , India

Dr. Ashwini Arul is currently serving as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatric Oncology at SRIHER, Chennai. Her clinical interests include pediatric leukemia, solid tumors, CNS tumors, and bone marrow transplant (BMT) services. She is dedicated to advancing pediatric oncology care and is actively involved in academic and clinical initiatives in her field.



Dr. Faisal Rashid Guru Associate Professor, Department of Medical Oncology Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) Soura, Srinagar, India

Dr. Faisal Rashid Guru is currently working as an Associate Professor in the Department of Medical (Pediatrics) Oncology at Sher-I-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS), Soura, Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir, India – the only tertiary care hospital in the region.

Dr. Guru has been actively involved in the field of Pediatric Oncology for over 13 years, and has several national and international publications to his credit.

His areas of special interest include leukemias, bone tumors, and neuroblastomas.



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Prof. Dr. Reashma Roshan

Professor - Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Sher-I-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences Kashmir, India



Ms. Haritha Sundaravelu Physician Assistant, Apollo Cancer Centre Chennai, India

Haritha Sundaravelu is a Physician Assistant at Apollo Cancer Centre, Chennai, with over two and a half years of experience in pediatric hemato-oncology and bone marrow transplantation. She is skilled in chemotherapy administration, infection control, and central line management. Haritha has been actively involved in educating patients and families and collaborating with multidisciplinary teams to enhance care.

As part of the Infection Prevention and Control team, she has managed severe infections in immunocompromised children, including sepsis from Klebsiella and Burkholderia. She attended the St. Jude Global Infectious Disease Training Seminar, gaining valuable insights into oncologic infections and patient outcome improvements.

Haritha is keen to attend the 7th Emirates Pediatric Hematology & Oncology Conference to expand her knowledge and bring best practices back to her team.



Ms. Viveka Veeramani Deputy Clinical Nurse Lead - Pediatric Hemato-Oncology Department Apollo Cancer Centre, Chennai, India

Ms. Viveka Veeramani is a dedicated pediatric hematology-oncology nurse at the Bone Marrow Transplantation Unit, Apollo Cancer Centre, Teynampet, Chennai, India. She plays a key role in providing high-quality, compassionate care to children undergoing complex hemato-oncologic treatments. Her responsibilities include the safe administration of chemotherapy, collaboration with multidisciplinary teams, and educating patients and their families on treatment plans, side effects, and home care strategies.

With a strong focus on infection prevention, Ms. Viveka is actively involved in her center's Infection Prevention and Control Team and has contributed to the implementation of an Antibiotic Stewardship Program. She has extensive experience in identifying and managing infections in immunocompromised pediatric patients and has led training sessions for nursing staff on infection control protocols, early identification of critically ill children, and the use of bundle care to improve patient outcomes.

Ms. Viveka is passionate about continuous learning and is eager to expand her expertise through participation in academic forums and conferences.



Dr. Abeer Al Amer Consultant.

Pediatric, Hematology and Oncology King Faisal General Hospital, Al Ahsa, Saudi Arabia

Dr. Abeer Al Amer holds a Bachelor's degree in Medicine and Surgery from King Faisal University (2013). She is a Saudi Board-certified Pediatrician (2020) and currently a certified Pediatric Registrar by the Saudi Commission for Health Specialties.

She has completed her fellowship training in Pediatric Hematology and Oncology at King Fahad Specialist Hospital in Dammam and received certification in this subspecialty. In addition, Dr. Al Amer is a certified provider in both Basic Life Support (BLS) and Pediatric Life Support (PLS).

Her clinical focus lies in delivering comprehensive care to pediatric hematology and oncology patients, and she is dedicated to continuing her professional development in this critical field.

Poster Presentation

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 Dr. Georgeena Elsa Jose, Pediatric Oncologist, Government Medical College and Cancer Hospital, Aurangabad, India
- 2. Clinical Profile and Outcome of Pediatric Hemophilia A Patients: The Royal Hospital's Experience, Oman Dr. Anood Salim Alrawahi, Paediatric Resident, Armed Forces Hospital, Oman
- 3. Autologous hematopoietic stem cell transplant in pediatric solid tumors in India: A single center experience of 15-years. Dr. Debabrata Mohapatra, Fellow, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, Delhi, India
- 4. Recovery Kinetics of Serum Albumin in Pediatric Cancer Patients: Its Determinants and Correlation with Outcomes Dr. Shubhashree Acharya, Maharaja Krushna Chandra Gajapati Medical College and Hospital, Brahmapur, Odisha, India
- Central Nervous System Recurrence (Isolated/multi-site) in Patients with High-risk Neuroblastoma: Incidence, clinical features and Outcome in the Post-immunotherapy Era .Multicentre Study, KSA (2010-2022)
 Dr. Manar, Pediatric oncologist, National Gurad-health affair - Riydh, Riyadh, KSA
- 6. Impact of polymorphisms of interleukin-6 and interleukin-10 genes on inhibitor development in moderate and severe hemophilia A

Dr. Shaymaa Mohamed Elsayed Mohamed Hussein, Pediatric Oncology Assistant consultant, Children Cancer Hospital 57357 (CCHE), Cairo, Egypt

- 7. Survival outcomes of wilms tumor in children treated at KFMC Dr. Omer Alnour Adam, Pediatric Hematology oncology, King Fahad Medical City, Saudi Arabia
- 8. Acute Myeloid Leukemia Presenting as Bilateral Proptosis And Bilateral Skull Metastatic Lesions Dr. Mohamad Monif, Assker, Resident, Sheikh Khalifa Medical City, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 9. The Knowledge of Standard Precautions among Nurses in Public and Private Tertiary Care Hospital Lahore Mrs. Dilnasheen Safdar, Director Nursing, National Institute of Blood diseases and Bone Marrow transplantation, Lahore, Pakistan
- 10. Pediatric Ependymoma: Disease Spectrum and Outcomes of Patients at a Tertiary Care Hospital in LMIC Dr. Farrah Bashir, Consultant Pediatric Hematologist & Oncologist, Consultant Pediatric Neuro-Oncologist, Aga Khan University Hospital, Karachi, Pakistan
- 11. Use of Post Transplant Cyclophosphamide as a Cost-Effective Innovation to Advance Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation in Advanced Hematological Malignancies. Dr. Mohmad Shahnawaz Beg, Senior Clinal fellow, St Helier Hospital, London, UK
- 12. Paediatric Acute lymphoblastic leukemia: A success story from Kashmir Dr. Faisal Rashid Guru, Associate Professor, Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, Srinagar, India
- 13. Revolutionizing Pediatric ALCL(Anaplastic large cell lymphoma) Treatment: Targeting the ALK Pathway with Precision Therapy Dr. Reda Iqbal, Student, Dubai Medical University, UAE
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- 15. Navigating the Pediatric Extracranial Germ Cell Tumor Landscape Among Children less than 13 years of age: a 16-Years Experience from Oman Dr. Sawsan Saif Al-Nabhani, Fourth Year Pediatric Resident, Royal Hospital, Oman
- 17. Dealing With Grief: Children Diagnosed with Cancer and Their Parents Dr. Manale Mahmoud Mohamed Elewah, Certified Art Therapist, Art2Care, Alexandria, Egypt
- 18. The Role Of Surgical Treatment In The Combined Treatment Of Rhabdomyosarcoma In Children. Mrs. Azimova Ezozakhon, Oncologist, Tashkent State Dental Institute, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- 19. Homozygous TET2 mutation presenting as Familial Hemophagocytic Lympho Histiocytosis (HLH) Dr. Reashma Roshan, professor, Sher i kashmir Institute of medical sciences, Kashmir, India
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Ms. Haritha Sundaravelu, Physician Assistant, Apollo Cancer Centre, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India

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- 21. Chemotherapy-free treatment: new approach for pediatric APL. Dr. Virginia Piscopo,Doctor, Children's Hospital, Spedali Civili, Brescia, Italy, Porto San Giorgio (FM), Marche, Italy
- 22. Bacterial Infections and Paediatric Cancer: Change In Trends of Pathogens From An Indian Centre Dr. Shubhashree Acharya, Junior Resident, Maharaja Krushna Chandra Gajapati Medical College And Hospital, Berhampur, Ganjam, Odisha, India
- 23. Optimizing Diagnostic Tools & Outcomes Evaluation for t (9;22)-Positive Leukemias in Pediatric Low Middle-Income Country (LMIC) Patients

Dr. Syed Ibrahim Bukhari, Fellow Pediatric Hematology Oncology, Aga Khan University, Karachi, Pakistan

- 24. Access to Psycho-Oncology Services For Childhood Cancer Patients In Pakistan. Ms. Afia Tul Quanita, Psycho-Oncology Researcher, Aga Khan University Hospital, Karachi, Pakistan
- 25. Impact of a Patient & Family-Centered Approach on the Well-being of Families in Childhood Cancer Treatment Ms. Afia Tul Quanita, Psycho-Oncology Researcher, Aga Khan University Hospital, Karachi, Pakistan
- 26. Ecthyma gangrenosum in a child with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia Dr. Walaa Ahmed Abdo Yaya, Pediatric oncology specialist, Ministry of health, Cairo, Egypt
- 27. The effect of therapeutic play therapy on fear, pain, depression and anxiety in children with sickle cell disease: A pre post interventional study. Dr. Pankaj Lakhan Singh, Associate Professor - Clinical and Neuropsychologist, NKPSIMS & Lata Mangeshkar Hospital & Research Centre, Nagpur, India
- 28. Cholelithiasis in Pediatric SCD Patients Dr. Hana Hassan Aljulaih, Pediatric Hematology Oncology HB pathy consultant, MOH, Qatif Health Network, Qatif, KSA
- 29. MTHFR A1298C Polymorphism: A Potential Marker for B-ALL Prognosis in Sudanese Pediatric Patients Dr. Ibrahim Khider Ibrahim Osman, Haematology, AL Neelain University, Khartoum, Sudan
- **30.** Prevalence and classification of anemia among children in Sudan: a systematic review and meta-analysis Dr. Ibrahim Khider Ibrahim Osman, Haematologist, AL Neelain University, Sudan
- 31. Twenty-year outcome study on hematopoietic stem cell transplantation in childhood acute lymphoblastic leukemia: a single-centre study from India Dr. Minakshi Balwani, Pediatric Hematology-Oncology, Apollo Cancer Centre, Chennai, India
- 32. A Novel Protein C mutation presenting as Severe Purpura Fulminans: A case Report Prof.Dr. Mubashir Hassan Shah, Assistant Professor, Goverment medical College, Srinagar, Kashmir, India
- **33.** A child with a disfigurement, can fungal infection be the cause? Dr. Walaa Ahmed Abdo Yahya, Pediatric Oncology Specialist, Ministry of Health and Population, Cairo, Egypt
- 34. Survival And Prognostic Factors Of Pediatric Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia In Oman. Dr. Moza Mahmood Almamari, Paediatrics Specialist, Ministry of Health, Sultante of Oman, Suhar
- 35. Follistatin as a Potential Biomarker for diabetes in patients with Î²-thalassemia major: A Cross-Sectional Study Dr. Alaa Al Hajji, Medical doctor, University of Sharjah, Sharjah, UAE
- 36. The Art of Healing with Children Diagnosed with Cancer and their Families Mrs. Miriam Zimms, Arts in Health Practitioner (CZT & Expressive Arts), Moffitt Cancer Center Patient and NOAH Board Member, Lutz (Tampa), FL USA
- 37. The Effect of Phototherapy on Platelet Counts in Neonates with Indirect Hyperbilirubinemia: A Prospective Observational Study. Prof.Dr. Mubashir Hassan Shah, Assistant Professor, Children Hospital, Goverment Medical college, srinagar, kashmir, India
- 38. Adherence to Clinical Protocols for Managing Febrile Neutropenia in Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant Recipients: Dr. Kashif Ali, Clinical Assistant Professor, Dow University of health sciences, Karachi, Pakistan
- Outcome and Prognostic Factors of Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis in Children: Experience from a Low- and Middle-Income Country

Dr. Abdul Wahab Siddique, Fellow Paediatric Haem/Onc, Great Ormond Street Hospital, London, United Kingdom

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- **40.** Therapeutic Life Healing Performance for Pediatric Cancer Patients Dr. Manale Mahmoud Mohamed Elewah, Certified Art Therapist/Actor, Art2Care, Alexandria, Egypt
- 41. Prevalence of Transfusion-Transmitted Infections and its correlation with various blood types among blood donors in the United Arab Emirates

Dr. Lama Abdulmahdi Musallam, Faculty of Medical Laboratory Sciences, Hematology and Blood Banking, Higher Colleges of Technology, Abu Dhabi, UAE

- **42.** Thrombosis and Thrombophilia Knowledge and Attitude of the United Arab Emirates population. Dr. Lama Abdulmahdi Musallam, Faculty of Medical Laboratory Sciences, Hematology and Blood Banking, Higher Colleges of Technology, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- **43.** Immune profile of pediatric patients with Langerhans cell histiocytosis. Dr. Kamola Kakharova, Pediatric Hematologist, National Children`s medical centre, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- 44. Retinoblastoma in Khartoum Oncology hospital, Sudan: A 15-year single- center experience Dr. Islam Ahmed Ibraheem Almubarak, Pediatric oncologist, Khartoum Oncology hospital, Atbara, Khartoum, sudan
- 45. A prospective, observational study examining the safety and effectiveness of thalidomide and hydroxyurea in patients with transfusion-dependent î²-thalassemia. Dr. Kashif Ali, Clinical Assistant Professor, Dow University of health sciences, Karachi, Pakistan
- 46. Successful management of LRBA gene deficiency in Evans syndrome: a case report Dr. Juman Adnan Babi, Pediatrics, SSMC, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 47. Association of International Society of Thrombosis Bleeding Assessment Tool (ISTH BAT) with Disease Severity among the Children with Hemophilia

Dr. Wajid Hussain, Asssistant professor, Jinnah Sindh Medical University, Karachi Sindh, Pakistan

- **48.** Advancing Outcomes in Pediatric Oncology: A Systematic Review of Targeted Therapies in High-Risk Cancers Dr. Syed Ali Hussein Abdi, Medical Student, College of Medicine, Ajman University, Ajman, UAE
- 49. A Rare Case of Congenital Amegakaryocytic Thrombocytopenia Presenting with Severe Neonatal Bleeding Dr. Syed Ali Hussein Abdi, Medical student, College of Medicine, Ajman University, Ajman, UAE
- 50. Langerhans' Cell Histiocytosis: Unusual Presentation In Pediatric Patient Dr. Feryal El Khatib, Academic Affairs, Pediatric Residency Program, Department of Pediatrics, Tawam Hospital, UAE
- 53. Frequency and outcomes of Pediatric Low-Grade Gliomas in a tertiary care hospital in LMIC: a retrospective cohort of 10 years Dr. Farrah Bashir, Consultant Pediatric Hematologist and Oncologist, Consultant Pediatric Neuro-Oncologist Aga Khan University Hospital, Pakistan
- 54. An Initial Experience of Blinatumomab use in Children with Relapsed and Refractory Leukemia: A Retrospective Cohort Study from a Low- Middle- Income Country

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Location and Geopgraphy

The emirate of Abu Dhabi lies on the coast of the Arabian Gulf and is bordered by Sultanate of Oman to the east, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the south and the west and the emirate of Dubai to the northeast. The three main regions of the emirate are:

- the city of Abu Dhabi
- Al Ain in the east
- Al Dhafrah (earlier known as Al Gharbia) in the west.

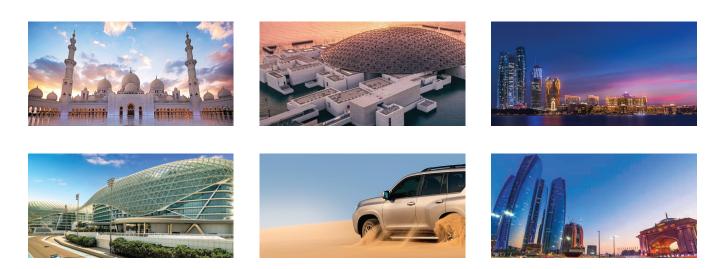
In the eastern region, to the south of Al Ain city is Jebel Hafeet - the emirate's highest peak (1,240 metres). Al Dhafrah has seven main cities: Liwa, Madinat Zayed, Ghayathi, Ruwais, Mirfa, Sila and Delma Island. The city of Abu Dhabi is connected to the mainland by four bridges: Maqta bridge, Mussafah bridge, Sheikh Zayed bridge and Sheikh Khalifa bridge.

Touristic Importance

Abu Dhabi has become a centre for world-class sporting events such as: the Abu Dhabi Golf Championship, the prestigious Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge cross-country rally and the Formula One Abu Dhabi Grand Prix.

In addition, the city will soon house the world's largest concentration of premier cultural institutions which will include the Sheikh Zayed National Museum, the Guggenheim Abu Dhabi and Louvre Abu Dhabi.

Abu Dhabi is rich in natural wonders too. While the emirate's famous Liwa oasis in the south of the emirate is home to some of the largest and most beautiful sand dunes in the world, the garden city of Al Ain in the foothills of Jebel Hafeet is home to several heritage sites.



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