



8th Emirates Pediatric Hematology & Oncology Conference

25-26 September, 2026
Sofitel Abu Dhabi Corniche, UAE

September 25, 2026 - Friday

07:00 – 07:30	Registration			
07:30 – 08:25	Welcome & Introduction			
SESSION 1				
Track A Hematology-Oncology		Track B General Pediatrics		Track C Oral Presentations Session 1 – Hemoglobinopathies & Red Cell Disorders
08:30 – 09:45	Oncology Genes in the ACMG Secondary Findings List: Clinical Implications in Exome and Genome Testing Dr. Azab Phoenix Children's Hospital, USA SJD, Barcelona	08:30 – 08:55	Early Warning Signs of Childhood Cancer: What Every Pediatrician Must Not Miss Dr. Faisal Rashid Guru, India	The GLOBE Trial: Efficacy and Safety of L-Glutamine Plus Hydroxyurea Versus Hydroxyurea Alone in Sickle Cell Anemia: A Double-Blind, Randomized Study Prof. Dr. Nader Shakibazad, Iran
		08:55 – 09:20	Initial Management of Suspected Acute Leukemia Dr. Santanu Sen, India	G6PD Deficiency in Neonates: Key Risk Factors and Clinical Burden in a Multi- Ethnic UAE Population Dr. Umama Bushra Fatima, UAE
		09:20 – 09:45	Early Diagnosis and Red Flags of Pediatric Brain Tumors Dr. Amal Bin Hassan, KSA	Evolving Morbidity Patterns in Transfusion-Dependent Thalassemia: A Retrospective Secondary-Care Analysis from the Northern Emirates Dr. Shria Sadhu, UAE
Sickle Cell Hepatopathy in Pediatrics Ms. Kanaga Natarajan, UAE				
Autoimmune Hemolytic Anemia Secondary to Cytomegalovirus Infection in Early Infancy: A Rare Case Report Dr. Megha, India				
				The outcome of Osteomyelitis in Sickle Cell Disease Pediatric Patients - Qatif Health Network Experience. Dr. Hana Hassan Ali Aljulaih, KSA
09:45 – 11:00	Q & A Panel Discussion			
11:00 – 11:30	Official Inauguration			
11:30 – 11:45	Coffee Break			

SESSION 2				
Track A Hematology-Oncology		Track B General Pediatrics		Track C Oral Presentations Session 2 – Leukemia & Bone Marrow Failure (Part I)
11:45 – 12:10	Genetic risk in pediatric oncology Dr. John Cunningham, UChicago	11:45 – 12:10	Refractory Pain Management: A Multimodal Analgesic Approach Dr. Cuviello Phoenix Children's Hospital USA	Asparaginase Induced Severe Hypertriglyceridemia in Children with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, King Hussein Cancer Center Series Dr. Dana Saeed Kanaan, Jordan
12:10 – 12:35	Development of a registry for patients with ATRT - a use case and consideration for novel trial design Dr. Ashley Margol Children's Hospital Los Angeles	12:10 – 12:35	Initial Evaluation of Lymphadenopathy in Children Dr. Vasundhara Kailasnath, India	Venetoclax–Azacitidine as a Bridge to Transplant in Pediatric Relapsed/Refractory Acute Myeloid Leukemia: A Real-World Experience Dr. Sunisha Arora, India
12:35 – 13:00	Oncologic manifestations of Neurofibromatosis Dr. Mangum Phoenix Children's Hospital USA	12:35 – 13:00	Oncologic Emergencies in Children: What to Do Before Referral Dr. Hasna Maki Hamzi, KSA	Treatment Patterns and Outcomes in Pediatric Relapsed Hodgkin Lymphoma: A Single-Centre Experience Dr. Sonali Aggarwal, India
				Pediatric Acute Leukemia in the UAE: Establishing a Quality Indicators Framework for Treatment Safety and Efficacy Mr. Muhammad Farhan, UAE
				COVID-19–associated severe aplastic anaemia in an 18-month-old child: a case report. Dr. Roaa Nedal Ahmed Abu Tawileh, UAE
13:00 – 13:15	Q & A Panel Discussion			
13:15 – 14:15	LUNCH BREAK POSTER PRESENTATION & VIEWING			
SESSION 3				
Track A Hematology-Oncology		Track B General Pediatrics		Track C Oral Presentations Session 3 – Lymphoma & HLH Disorders
14:15 – 14:40	Bridging Science and Practice: Integrating Molecular Oncology into Sarcoma Care Dr. Merjaneh Phoenix Children's Hospital USA	14:15 – 14:40	Febrile Neutropenia: Initial Assessment and First-Hour Management Dr. Garima Nirmal, India	Intensified Frontline Therapy with BEACOPP in High-Risk Pediatric Hodgkin Lymphoma 17-Years KHCC Experience Dr. Hiba Emadeldeen Abdelsamad Ahmed, Jordan
14:40 – 15:05	Platelets refractoriness in pediatric oncology A Stepwise Diagnostic and Management Algorithm Dr. Bala Bhasker Poluru Mranikrinda, Qatar	14:40 – 15:05	Thalassemia Major: Early Diagnosis and Routine Management Dr. Priyanka Soni, India	Pediatric Hodgkin Lymphoma at King Hussein Cancer Center (2004–2024): Response- and Bulk-Adapted Use of Radiotherapy Dr. Faiha Khamees Bazzeh, Jordan
15:05 – 15:30	From Bench to Bedside: Immune-Based Strategies in Pediatric NHL Dr. Metzger Phoenix Children's Hospital USA	15:05 – 15:30	Long-Term Complications in Children with Thalassemia Major Dr. Shruti Kakkar, India	Autoimmune Lymphoproliferative Syndrome (ALPS): Expanding Diagnostic Spectrum: A Case Series Dr. Mahwish Faizan, Pakistan
				Subcutaneous Panniculitis-Like T-Cell Lymphoma Masquerading as Recurrent Cellulitis in a 6-Year-Old Female: A Case Report

				Ms. Minat Allah Alhusami, UAE Presentations and outcomes of familial hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis in the pediatric intensive care units (PICUs) Prof. Gamal Mohamed Hasan Ahmed, UAE
15:30 – 15:45	Q & A Panel Discussion			
15:45 – 15:55	Break			
SESSION 4				
Track A Hematology-Oncology		Track B General Pediatrics		Track C Oral Presentations Session 4 – Solid Tumors
15:55 – 17:10	Iron refractory iron deficiency anemia Dr. Amita Rihani, India Prof. Dermot Murphy, UAE Dr. Girish Chinnaswami, India	15:55 – 16:20	Pediatric Vascular Anomalies Dr. Amira Ali Mohamed Ahmed, KSA	Clinical Profile of High-Risk Hepatoblastoma: Experience of a Single Centre from Central India Dr. Trupti Vithobaji Dhabale, India
		16:20 – 16:45	Initial Management of Acute Immune Thrombocytopenia (ITP) Dr. Sunisha Arora, India	
		16:45 – 17:10	Sickle Cell Disease: Management of Acute Complications Dr. Vimal Kumar Gunasekaran, India	Extrarenal Rhabdoid Tumor of the Neck Masquerading as Sialoblastoma: A Diagnostic Challenge in an Aggressive Pediatric Malignancy Dr. Mohamad Monif Assker, UAE Nephroblastoma Presenting as Suspected Pyelonephritis in a Child Attending Paediatric Emergency: A Case Highlighting Diagnostic Challenge and the Importance of Re-evaluation. Dr. Diksha Amarnani, England A Rare Local Presentation of Malignant Rhabdoid tumour of kidney. Prof. Dr. Rashmi Patil, India Clinical Spectrum and Behaviour of Pediatric Malignant Liver Tumors: A Single Tertiary Care Centre Experience Dr. Saadia Anwar, Pakistan Non-metastatic Pediatric Rhabdomyosarcoma in the Head and Neck: Unraveling Characteristics and Outcomes Dr. Arwa Issam Kiswani, Jordan
17:10 – 17:25	Q & A Panel Discussion			
17:25	End of Day 1			

September 26, 2026 - Saturday

08:00 – 08:30	Registration			
08:30 – 08:35	Welcome & Opening Remarks			
SESSION 5				
Track A Hematology-Oncology		Track B General Pediatrics		Track C Oral Presentations Session 5 – Neuro-Oncology & Targeted Therapy
08:35 – 09:00	The Emerging Role of Small-Molecules in the Treatment of Pediatric CNS Tumors Dr. Nawaz Phoenix Children's Hospital USA	08:35 – 09:00	Approach to a Child with an Abdominal Mass Dr. Leni Grace Mathew, India	Pediatric Langerhans cell histiocytosis in Oman, single center of 15 year experience Dr. Hamdah Hamdan Ali Alabri, Oman
09:00 – 09:25	Updates in Hematology-Oncology Dr. Jack Bartram, Canada	09:00 – 09:25	Management of Severe Anemia in Emergency Settings Dr. Mohamed Elsayed Abdelhadi Elkafafi	Amal: An AI-Assisted Unified Platform for Emotional Support, Symptom Monitoring, and Clinical Decision Support in Pediatric Oncology Mr. Fares Zaki Hassan, UAE
09:25 – 09:50	A multi-institutional report of children with atypical teratoid rhabdoid tumor treated with intensive multi-modal therapy Dr. Ashley Margol Children's Hospital Los Angeles	09:25 – 09:50	Sepsis in the Immunocompromised Child Dr. Vasudha N Rao, India	Targeted Therapy in Pediatric Low-Grade Glioma: A Systematic Review of Clinical Outcomes in the Molecular Era Dr. Hasan Omar Batis, KSA
				Time Is Spine: Diagnostic Pathways, Delays, and Neurological Irreversibility in Paediatric Malignant Spinal Cord Compression — A Retrospective Analysis from South India Dr. Megadeepan Senthilkumar, India
				Clinical outcome of 115 patients with synchronous bilateral Wilms’ tumor: largest cohort of single-center experience Dr. Hosam Y. Asfour, Egypt
				Exploring the Efficacy and Safety of Pembrolizumab in Relapsed and Refractory Pediatric Hodgkin's Lymphoma: Insights from the KHCC Experience Dr. Aseel Jafar Hamdan, Jordan
09:50 – 11:05	Q & A Panel Discussion			
11:05 – 11:20	Coffee Break			
SESSION 6				
Track A Hematology-Oncology		Track B General Pediatrics		Track C Oral Presentations Session 6A– Coagulation & Bleeding Disorders
11:20 – 11:45	Beyond ITP: Differential Diagnosis of Isolated Low Platelet Count in Children	11:20 – 11:45	Mediastinal mass: Recognition and Stabilization (Panel Discussion)	Venous Thromboembolism in Pediatric Patients: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis with Focus on Sickle Cell Disease and Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia

	Dr. Sanjay Shah Phoenix Children's Hospital USA		Dr. Ruchira Misra, Dr. Ghulam Mujtaba, Dr. Rajesh Phatak, Dr. Mohammed Ramzan	Ms. Afra Wasama Islam, Georgia CPS: Driving the Course and Outcomes in Paediatric Oncology Dr. Samreen Haroon, India Perioperative Discovery of KLKB1 c.451dupT Mutation Causing Prekallikrein Deficiency in a Saudi Child: Safe Surgery Despite Isolated Severe aPTT Prolongation Dr. Khalid Mohammad Masad Alahmadi, KSA Traumatic Hyphema in a Child with Von Willebrand Disease type 3: A Challenging Case Report Dr. Hoor Hamidoglu, UAE Recurrent Life-Threatening Mucocutaneous Bleeding in an Infant with Homozygous ITGB3 Variant: A Rare Case of Glanzmann Thrombasthenia Dr. Aya Mohammed Alsabbah, UAE
11:45 – 12:35	The Feasibility of Minimal invasive Surgery in Pediatric Solid Tumor Dr. Adel Aljneibi, UAE	11:45 – 12:10	Inborn Errors of Immunity: The Hidden Diagnosis Across a Lifetime Dr. Miller Phoenix Children's Hospital USA	
		12:10 – 12:35	Cellular Therapies: A New Paradigm in Pediatric Medicine Dr. Otto Phoenix Children's Hospital USA	Session 6B – Leukemia & Bone Marrow Failure (Part II)
12:35 – 13:00	Advances in Medical Management of Rhabdomyosarcoma: Historical Milestones and Future Horizon Dr. Hadeel Halalsheh, Jordan	12:35 – 13:00	Safe Blood Transfusion Practices in Children Dr. Ameera Radhi, Bahrain	Efficacy of Psychological Intervention in Children with Cancer: A Randomized Clinical Trial Dr. Ruqayya Manzoor, Pakistan Bridging the Data Gap in India: High-Resolution Findings on Incidence, Treatment, and Survival from the Chennai Population-Based Childhood Cancer Registry Prof. Venkatraman Radhakrishnan, India Decoding the Clinical and Genomic Landscape of Pediatric and Adolescent Acute Myeloid Leukemia: An Eight-Year Experience from King Hussein Cancer Center Dr. Rawad Rihani, Jordan Features, characteristics, outcomes and treatment complications for pediatrics and young adults with chronic myeloid leukemia (CML) treated at King Hussein cancer center (KHCC) Dr. Rawad Rihani, Jordan Therapy acquired genomic and MMR signatures and clonal evolution patterns define up to one-third of pediatric B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukaemia relapses: Integrated analysis with clinical 6-MP dosing Dr. Prateek Bhatia, India
13:00 – 13:15	Q & A Panel Discussion			
13:15 – 14:15	LUNCH BREAK POSTER PRESENTATION & VIEWING			
SESSION 7				
Track A Hematology-Oncology		Track B General Pediatrics		Track C Oral Presentations

				Session 7 – Infection & Immunology
14:15 – 14:40	What does the future hold? Fertility Preservation and Long-Term Outcomes in Pediatric Cancer Survivors Dr. Walsh Phoenix Children's Hospital USA	14:15 – 14:40	Approach to Children with Suspected Immunodeficiency Disorders Dr. Shraddha Vishal Chandak, India	Overview and Pattern of Treatment Non adherence in pediatric Solid and CNS malignancies, Egyptian experience. Dr. Ahmed Kamal Mohamed Aziz Bayoumi, UK Optimizing Pediatric Oncology Care: Developing Cost-Effective Care Guidelines in Resource-Limited Settings Ms. Muna Zidan, Jordan Brucellosis-associated Haemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis Triggered by Infection: A Case Report Dr. Ahmad Zaher Kour, Oman
14:40 – 15:05	Surgical Excision of Neuroblastoma: Risks and Benefits According to Current Clinical Guidelines Dr. Abid Qazi	14:40 – 15:05	Tumor Markers in Pediatric Oncology: When, Why, and How to Use Them Dr. Hemant Menghani, India	Evolving Outcomes and Persistent Challenges of Pediatric Osteosarcoma in North India: 14-Year Experience with the St. Jude OS99 Protocol Dr. Ayush Sopori, India Iron Deficiency and Immunity: A Systematic Review of Its Impact on Vaccine Efficacy Dr. Jumanah Mohammed, UAE A case Report - Tuberculosis and Immunodeficiency go hand in hand Dr. Shraddha Vishal Chandak, India
15:05 – 15:30	Pediatric Palliative Care in Hematology & Oncology: Enhancing Quality of Life Along the Disease Trajectory Dr. Qutaiba Alotaibi, Oman	15:05 – 15:30	ITP management: Updates and pitfalls Dr. Hasan Omar Batis, KSA	
15:30 – 15:45	Q & A Panel Discussion			
15:45 – 16:00	Break			
SESSION 8				
Track A Hematology-Oncology		Track B General Pediatrics		Track C Oral Presentations Session 8 – Supportive Care & Survivorship
16:00 – 16:25	Open Discussion: Hematology-Oncology track	16:00 – 16:25	Diagnosis & Initial Management of Acute Leukemia Dr. Ajay Sankar, India	Paediatric oncology in Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre (KCMC) Tanzania; Patient Characteristics and Early Treatment Outcomes from 2021-2022 Dr. Lossim Godwin Kambainei, Tanzania
16:25 – 16:50		16:25 – 16:50	The changing landscape of pediatric hemophilia Dr. Mandeep Singh Khalsa, India	Prevalence of Iron Depletion, Deficiency and Associated Factors Among Children with Sickle Cell Disease in Zanzibar. Ms. Nuru Awadh Hassan, Tanzania
16:50 – 17:15		16:50 – 17:15	Topic: _____ Dr. Raja Sekhar Cingapagu, UAE	Outcomes of Non-Neutropenic Fever in Pediatric Hematological Malignancies: A Single-Center Experience at Sultan Qaboos University Hospital Dr. Khadija Abdullah Mohammed Al Ghaithi, Oman Elevated expression of TP53 isoforms Δ133p53 and Δ40p53 are associated with lower probability of relapse in pediatric B cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia Dr. Minu Singh, India

				Patterns of Presentation, Prognostic factors and Survival Outcomes in Childhood Ewing Sarcoma: Insights from a Retrospective analysis from a Tertiary Indian Cancer Center Dr. Sunkara Naga Jyothi, India Psychosocial Distress in Parents of Newly Diagnosed Pediatric Oncology Patient at BAUH Dr. Manal Mahmoud Mohamed Elewah, Egypt The Impact of Peer Support and Psychosocial Interventions on Adult and Young Adolescent (AYA) Survivors in Nigeria. Mr. Korede Akindele, Nigeria
17:15 – 17:30	Q & A Panel Discussion			
17:30	Closing Remarks End of Conference			