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## Welcome Note



Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Scientific and Organizing Committees, it is our great pleasure to welcome you to the **8th Emirates Pediatric Hematology & Oncology Conference (EPHOC)**, to be held on **25–26 September 2026** at the **Sofitel Abu Dhabi Corniche, UAE**. This distinguished conference has been thoughtfully curated to address the evolving educational and professional needs of General Pediatricians, Pediatric Subspecialists, Pediatric Trainees, Residents, Fellows, Family Physicians, General Practitioners, Emergency Medicine Physicians, Pediatric Hematologists, and Pediatric Oncologists, with a strong focus on the diagnosis, management, and latest advances in pediatric hematological and oncological conditions.

We are honored to welcome a renowned faculty of national and international experts who will share their clinical expertise, research insights, and innovative practices through a dynamic platform for scientific exchange. The program will feature interactive sessions, case-based discussions, and expert-led presentations designed to empower healthcare professionals with cutting-edge knowledge and practical tools to deliver the highest standards of care to children affected by blood disorders and cancer.

In addition to a comprehensive scientific program, EPHOC 2026 offers exceptional opportunities for networking, collaboration, and professional development, fostering meaningful connections that support future academic and clinical collaborations across the region and beyond.

We warmly invite you to be part of this enriching forum, contribute your expertise, and engage with colleagues in a stimulating learning environment. Your participation will play a vital role in shaping an inspiring and impactful event that advances the field of pediatric hematology and oncology.

We look forward to welcoming you to Abu Dhabi for what promises to be a memorable, rewarding, and educational experience.



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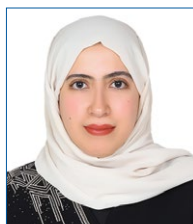
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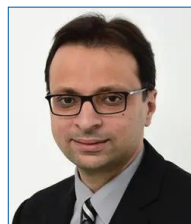
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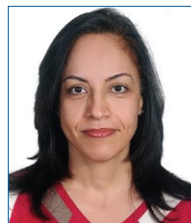
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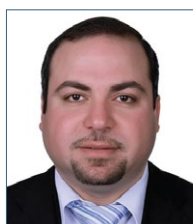
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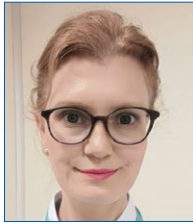
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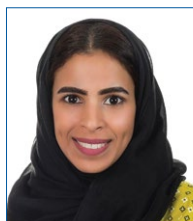
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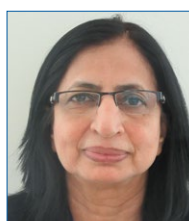
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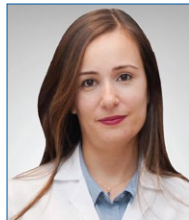
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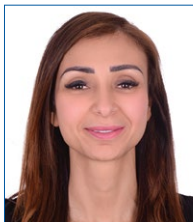
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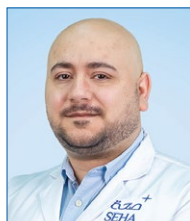
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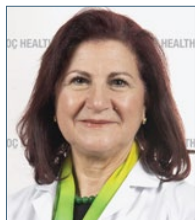
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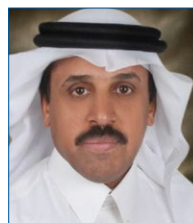
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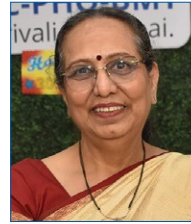


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## Learning Objectives

- 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

## Who Should Attend?

This activity is designed to meet the needs of:

- Pediatric Hematologist and Oncologist
- General Pediatricians
- Pediatric Subspecialists
- Pediatric Trainees
- Residents & Fellow
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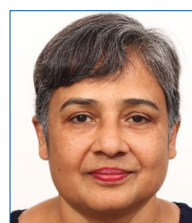
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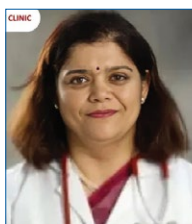
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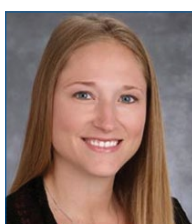
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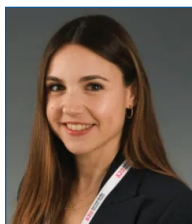
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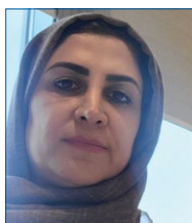
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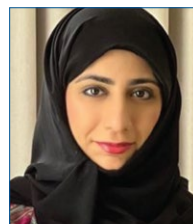


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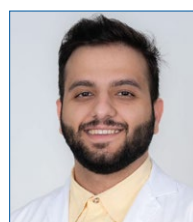
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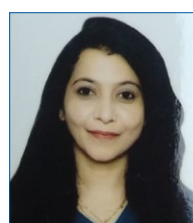
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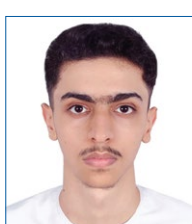
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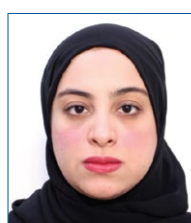
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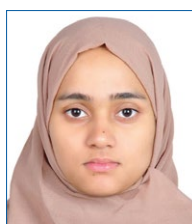
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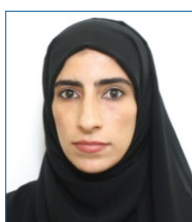
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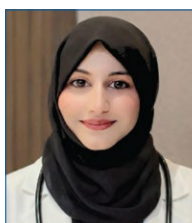
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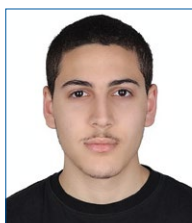
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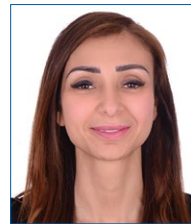
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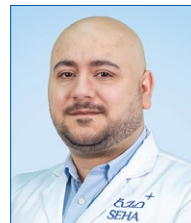
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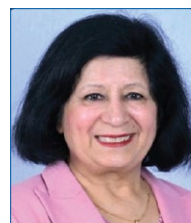
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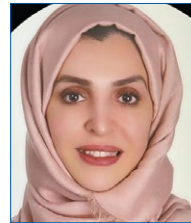
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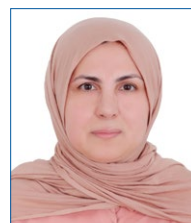
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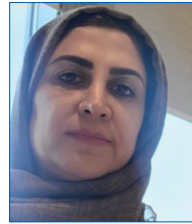
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| 07:30-08:25 | Registration                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| 08:25-08:30 | Welcome and introduction                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| TIME        | Hematology-Oncology Session: 1<br>Chairs: Dr. Hassan Elsolh                                                                                                                              | General Pediatrics Session: 1<br>Chairs: Dr. Mohammed Ramzan,<br>Dr. Arwa El Dhuwaib                                                                                                                        | Oral Presentations Session: 1<br>Chairs: Dr. Naser Alzein, Dr. Sally Al Naeem                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 08:30-08:55 | Lymphomas and hidden immunological defects: an emerging problem<br><i>Dr. Fulvio Porta, Italy</i>       | Early Warning Signs of Childhood Cancer: What Every Pediatrician Must Not Miss<br><i>Dr. Faisal Rashid Guru   India</i>  | Paediatric oncology in Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre (KCMC) Tanzania; Patient Characteristics and Early Treatment Outcomes from 2021-2022<br><i>Dr. Lossim Godwin Kambainei   Tanzania</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 08:55-09:20 | Immunotherapy in High-Risk Neuroblastoma<br><i>Prof. Dermot Murphy   UAE</i>                            | Hematopoietic stem cell transplant in children an over view<br><i>Dr. Kesavan M. R.   India</i>                          | The outcome of Osteomyelitis in Sickle Cell Disease Pediatric Patients - Qatif Health Network Experience.<br><i>Dr. Hana Hassan Ali Aljulaih   Saudi Arabia</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 09:20-09:45 | Genetic risk in pediatric oncology<br><i>Dr. John Cunningham   University of Chicago Medicine, USA</i>  | Oncologic manifestations of Neurofibromatosis<br><i>Dr. Ross Mangum   Phoenix Children's Hospital, USA</i>               | Prevalence of Iron Depletion, Deficiency and Associated Factors Among Children with Sickle Cell Disease in Zanzibar<br><i>Ms. Nuru Awadh Hassan   Tanzania</i> <br><br>Asparaginase Induced Severe Hypertriglyceridemia in Children with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, King Hussein Cancer Center Series<br><i>Dr. Dana Saeed Kanaan   Jordan</i> <br><br>When Experience Meets Artificial Intelligence: Does AI Augment or Undermine Clinical Judgment?<br><i>Dr. Mahek Fathima   India</i>  |
| 09:45-10:00 | Q & A   Panel Discussion                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 10:00-10:30 | Official Inauguration                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 10:30-10:45 | Coffee Break                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 10:45-11:15 | Amgen Symposium - Advancing Frontline B-ALL Management in Paediatric Patients<br>Dr Mohammed Al Nuaimi                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 11:15-11:45 | Recordati Symposium - Relapsed/Refractory High-Risk Neuroblastoma in 2026: Evolving Standards and the Role of Anti-GD2 Immunotherapy<br>Prof. Holger Lode                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| 11:45-12:10 | Clinical applications of liquid biopsy for pediatric central nervous system tumors<br><i>Dr. Ross Mangum   Phoenix Children's Hospital, USA</i>                    | Approach to a Child with an Abdominal Mass<br><i>Dr. Leni Grace Mathew   India</i>                                                       | Venetoclax-Azacitidine as a Bridge to Transplant in Pediatric Relapsed/Refractory Acute Myeloid Leukemia: A Real-World Experience<br><i>Dr. Sunisha Arora   India</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 12:10-12:35 | Combinational Immunotherapy for DIPG<br><i>Dr. Marina Caballero   SJD Barcelona Hospital, Spain</i>                                                                | Early Diagnosis and Red Flags of Pediatric Brain Tumors<br><i>Dr. Amal Bin Hassan   Saudi Arabia</i>                                     | A case Report - Tuberculosis and Immunodeficiency go hand in hand<br><i>Dr. Shraddha Vishal Chandak   India</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 12:35-13:00 | Oncology Genes in the ACMG Secondary Findings List: Clinical Implications in Exome and Genome Testing<br><i>Dr. Bilal Azab   Phoenix Children's Hospital, USA</i>  | Thalassemia trait versus iron deficiency, real life case scenarios in every day pediatric practice<br><i>Dr. Maya Prabhakaran   UAE</i>  | Pediatric Acute Leukemia in the UAE: Establishing a Quality Indicators Framework for Treatment Safety and Efficacy<br><i>Mr. Muhammad Farhan   UAE</i> <br><br>COVID-19-associated severe aplastic anaemia in an 18-month-old child: a case report.<br><i>Dr. Roaa Nedal Ahmed Abu Tawileh   UAE</i> <br><br>Iron Deficiency and Immunity: A Systematic Review of Its Impact on Vaccine Efficacy<br><i>Dr. Jumanah Mohammed   UAE</i> <br><br>Traumatic Hyphema in a Child with Von Willebrand Disease type 3: A Challenging Case Report<br><i>Dr. Hoor Hamidoglu   UAE</i>  |
| 13:00-13:15 | Q & A   Panel Discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 13:15-14:15 | Lunch Break   Poster Presentation & Viewing                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| TIME        | Hematology-Oncology Session: 3<br>Chairs: Dr. Ibrahim Al Ghaithi, Dr. Haydar Jawad Abboud Al Rufaye                                                                                                                                                 | General Pediatrics Session: 3<br>Chairs: Prof. Eslam Tawfik El-Baroudy, Dr. Sally Al Naeem                                                                                                                                  | Oral Presentations Session: 3<br>Chairs: Dr. Fulvio Porta, Dr. Leni Grace Mathew                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 14:15-14:40 | Innovative non chemotherapeutic treatments of retinoblastoma<br><i>Dr. Guillermo Chantada   SJD Barcelona Hospital, Spain</i>                                    | Acute Leukemia: Initial Diagnosis - Dos and Don'ts<br><i>Dr. Ruchira Misra   India</i>                                                 | Subcutaneous Panniculitis-Like T-Cell Lymphoma Masquerading as Recurrent Cellulitis in a 6-Year-Old Female: A Case Report<br><i>Ms. Minat Allah Alhusami   UAE</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 14:40-15:05 | From Bench to Bedside: Immune-Based Strategies in Pediatric NHL<br><i>Dr. Monika M. Metzger   Phoenix Children's Hospital, USA</i>                               | Inborn Errors of Immunity: The Hidden Diagnosis Across a Lifetime<br><i>Dr. Holly K. Miller   Phoenix Children's Hospital, USA</i>     | Presentations and outcomes of familial hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis in the pediatric intensive care units (PICUs)<br><i>Prof. Gamal Mohamed Hasan Ahmed   UAE</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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|             |                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>Extrarenal Rhabdoid Tumor of the Neck Masquerading as Sialoblastoma: A Diagnostic Challenge in an Aggressive Pediatric Malignancy<br/><i>Dr. Mohamad Monif Assker   UAE</i> </p> <p>Nephroblastoma Presenting as Suspected Pyelonephritis in a Child Attending Paediatric Emergency: A Case Highlighting Diagnostic Challenge and the Importance of Re-evaluation<br/><i>Dr. Diksha Amarnani   United Kingdom</i> </p> <p>A Rare Local Presentation of Malignant Rhabdoid tumour of kidney<br/><i>Dr. Rashmi Atmaram Patil   India</i> </p> <p>Amal: An AI-Assisted Unified Platform for Emotional Support, Symptom Monitoring, and Clinical Decision Support in Pediatric Oncology<br/><i>Mr. Fares Zaki Hassan, Mr. Abdulwahed Zreik   UAE</i> </p> |
| 15:05-15:20 | Q & A   Panel Discussion                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 15:20-15:50 | AstraZeneca Sympoisum - Impact of Selumitinib in NF-1 PN clinical practice<br>Dr. Muhammad Faisal Khanani                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 15:50-16:00 | Break                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| TIME        | Hematology-Oncology Session: 4<br>Dr. Layla Ali Eisa Mohamed Alreyami                                                                                                                     | General Pediatrics Session: 4<br>Chairs: Dr. Mohammad Alshahrani,<br>Dr. Lama Lubbadah                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 16:00-16:25 | The advantages of haploidentical stem cell transplantation<br><i>Prof. Rupert Handgretinger   UAE</i>  | Microcytic Hypochromic Anemia – Diagnostic Approach<br><i>Dr. Shraddha Vishal Chandak   India</i>          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 16:25-16:50 | Tracing Hemoglobin Variants: A Case-Based Diagnostic Journey<br><i>Dr. Arvind Jain   UAE</i>           | Tumor Markers in Pediatric Oncology: When, Why, and How to Use Them<br><i>Dr. Hemant Menghani   India</i>  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 16:50-17:00 | Q & A   Panel Discussion                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 17:00       | End of Day 1                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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| 08:00-08:55 | Registration                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 08:55-09:00 | Welcome & Introduction                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| TIME        | <b>Hematology-Oncology Session: 5</b><br>Dr. Naser Alzein, Dr. Sakher Obeidat                                                                                                  | <b>General Pediatrics Session: 5</b><br>Chairs: Dr. Rola Ahmad AlZir,<br>Dr. Ghulam Mujtaba                                                 | <b>Oral Presentations Session: 4</b><br>Chairs: Dr. Sleiman Jean Gebran,<br>Dr. Deepthi Boddu                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 09:00-09:25 | Advances in Medical Management of Rhabdomyosarcoma: Historical Milestones and Future Horizon<br><i>Dr. Hadeel Halalsheh   Jordan</i> 🇯🇴                                        | Initial Management of Acute Immune Thrombocytopenia (ITP)<br><i>Dr. Sunisha Arora   India</i> 🇮🇳                                            | Clinical outcome of 115 patients with synchronous bilateral Wilms' tumor: largest cohort of single-center experience<br><i>Dr. Hosam Y. Asfour   Egypt</i> 🇪🇬                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 09:25-09:50 | "Targeting ALK in infant- Type Hemispheric Glioma: Clinical and Molecular Evolution<br><i>Dr. Cinzia Lavarino   SJD Barcelona Hospital, Spain</i> 🇪🇸                           | Management of Severe Anemia in Emergency Settings<br><i>Dr. Mohamed Elsayed Abdelhadi Elkafafi   UAE</i> 🇦🇪                                 | Time Is Spine: Diagnostic Pathways, Delays, and Neurological Irreversibility in Paediatric Malignant Spinal Cord Compression - A Retrospective Analysis from South India - <i>Dr. Megadeepan Senthilkumar   India</i> 🇮🇳                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 09:50-10:15 | Updates on immunotherapy use in pediatric AALL<br><i>Dr. Mohammed Al Nuaimi   UAE</i> 🇦🇪                                                                                       | Comprehensive Care of Children with Sickle Cell Disease: From Newborn Screening to Curative Therapy<br><i>Dr. Murtada Alsultan   KSA</i> 🇸🇦 | Venous Thromboembolism in Pediatric Patients: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis with Focus on Sickle Cell Disease and Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia - <i>Ms. Afra Wasama Islam   UAE</i> 🇦🇪<br><br>CPS: Driving the Course and Outcomes in Paediatric Oncology - <i>Dr. Samreen Haroon   India</i> 🇮🇳<br><br>Decoding the Clinical and Genomic Landscape of Pediatric and Adolescent Acute Myeloid Leukemia: An Eight-Year Experience from King Hussein Cancer Center- <i>Dr. Rawad Rihani   Jordan</i> 🇯🇴<br><br>Features, characteristics, outcomes and treatment complications for pediatrics and young adults with chronic myeloid leukemia (CML) treated at King Hussein cancer center (KHCC) - <i>Dr. Rawad Rihani   Jordan</i> 🇯🇴 |
| 10:15-10:30 | Q & A   Panel Discussion                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 10:30-11:00 | IPSEN Symposium - Changing the path of PLGG - Advancing Care Beyond Relapse<br>Prof. Dermot Murphy                                                                             |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 11:00-11:30 | Merck symposium - ReNue: The NF1-PN Management Paradigm<br>Chairman: Dr Faisal Khanani - Speaker: Dr. Dermot Murphy - Panel discussion: Dr Anjan Madasu & Dr. Shanawaz Hussain |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 11:30-11:45 | Coffee Break                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| 11:45-12:15 Inflammation in Sick Cell Disease: From Oxidative Stress to Therapeutic Intervention<br>Speakers: Dr. Mohamed Fahad Abdullah, Dr. Muhammad Faisal Khanani |                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| TIME                                                                                                                                                                  | Hematology-Oncology Session: 6<br>Chairs: Dr. Mohammed Al Nuaimi,<br>Dr. Darshan Kataria                                       | General Pediatrics Session: 6<br>Chairs: Dr. Vishwanath Gowraiah                                                                                                       | Oral Presentations Session: 5<br>Chairs: Dr. Kesavan M. R, Dr. Deepthi Boddu                                                                                                                     |
| 12:15-12:40                                                                                                                                                           | From Risk to Rescue: A Middle East Roadmap for Safer HDMTX Toxicity and DME management<br>Dr. Muhammad Faisal Khanani   UAE 🇦🇪 | Panel Discussion<br>Mediastinal Mass: Recognition and Stabilization<br>Panel Lead: Dr. Ruchira Misra<br>Panelists: Dr. Ghulam Mujtaba,<br>Dr. Mohammed Ramzan   UAE 🇦🇪 | Psychosocial Distress in Parents of Newly Diagnosed Pediatric Oncology Patient at BAUH<br>Dr. Manal Mahmoud Mohamed Elewah   Egypt 🇪🇬                                                            |
| 12:40-13:05                                                                                                                                                           | The Feasibility of Minimal invasive Surgery in Pediatric Solid Tumor<br>Dr. Adel Aljneibi   UAE 🇦🇪                             |                                                                                                                                                                        | Brucellosis-associated Haemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis Triggered by Infection: A Case Report<br>Dr. Raya Khalaf Hamdan Al Busaidi   Oman 🇴🇲                                                  |
| 13:05-13:30                                                                                                                                                           | Beyond Intensification: Reimagining the Cure of AML<br>Dr. John Perentesis   USA 🇺🇸                                            | Sepsis in the Immunocompromised Child<br>Dr. Vasudha N Rao   India 🇮🇳                                                                                                  | Optimizing Pediatric Oncology Care: Developing Cost-Effective Care Guidelines in Resource-Limited Settings<br>Dr. Hadeel Halalsheh   Jordan 🇯🇴                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                        | Outcomes of Non-Neutropenic Fever in Pediatric Hematological Malignancies: A Single-Center Experience at Sultan Qaboos University Hospital<br>Dr. Khadija Abdullah Mohammed Al Ghaithi   Oman 🇴🇲 |
| 13:30-13:45                                                                                                                                                           | Q & A   Panel Discussion                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 13:45-14:45                                                                                                                                                           | LUNCH BREAK   POSTER PRESENTATION & VIEWING                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| TIME        | Hematology-Oncology Session: 7<br>Chairs: Dr. Fulvio Porta                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | General Pediatrics Session: 7<br>Chairs: Dr. Bela Sachdeva, Dr. Umamaheshwararao Ginjupalli                                                                                                                                                                |
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| 14:45-15:10 | What does the future hold? Fertility Preservation and Long Term-Outcomes in Pediatric Cancer Survivors<br><i>Dr. Alexandra M. Walsh   Phoenix Children's Hospital, USA</i>                   | Living Medicines: How Cellular and Gene Therapies Are Transforming Pediatric Care<br><i>Prof. Mario Otto   Phoenix Children's Hospital, USA</i>                         |
| 15:10-15:35 | From Fragmentation to High-Performance Care: A Post-PrOFiLE Multidimensional Quality Improvement Model Transforming Pediatric Oncology Systems in LMICs<br><i>Dr. Rawad Rihani   Jordan</i>  | Long-Term Complications in Children with Thalassemia Major<br><i>Dr. Shruti Kakkar   India</i>                                                                          |
| 15:35-16:00 | LCH in children - varied presentations<br><i>Dr. Anjan Madasu   UAE</i>                                                                                                                      | Transient abnormal myelopoiesis - Approach<br><i>Dr. Deepthi Boddu   UAE</i>                                                                                            |
| 16:00-16:15 | Q & A   Panel Discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 16:15-16:25 | Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| TIME        | Hematology-Oncology Session: 8<br>Chairs: Dr. Nancy Nabil                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | General Pediatrics Session: 8<br>Chairs: Dr. Fatma Mohamed Mahmoud Ibrahim                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 16:25-16:50 | Beyond Cure: Integrating Pediatric Palliative Care Across the Childhood Cancer Journey.<br><i>Dr. Neda Ashayeri   UAE</i>                                                                  | Evolving Morbidity Patterns in Transfusion-Dependent Thalassemia: A Retrospective Secondary-Care Analysis from the Northern Emirates<br><i>Dr. Shria Sadhu   UAE</i>  |
| 16:50-17:15 | Pediatric Palliative Care in Hematology & Oncology: Enhancing Quality of Life Along the Disease Trajectory<br><i>Dr. Qutaiba Alotaibi   UAE</i>                                            | HLH- from clinical suspicion to diagnosis and treatment<br><i>Dr. Darshan Kataria   India</i>                                                                         |
| 17:15-17:25 | Q & A   Panel Discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 17:25       | Closing Remarks   End of Conference                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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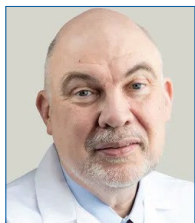
**Dr. Mario Otto**

Director, Center for Cancer & Blood Disorders;  
Division Chief, Hematology/Oncology;  
Doris S. Norton Endowed  
Chair in Pediatric Hematology, Oncology and  
Bone Marrow Transplantation  
Phoenix Children's Hospital, Arizona, USA



Mario Otto, MD, PhD, is Director of the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders and Chief of the Division of Hematology, Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplant at Phoenix Children's. He is Professor of Child Health and holds the Doris S. Norton Endowed Chair in Pediatric Hematology, Oncology and BMT at the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix.

A pediatric hematologist-oncologist and physician-scientist, Dr. Otto's clinical and research interests include hematopoietic stem cell transplantation, graft engineering, cellular immunotherapy, and novel targeted therapies for childhood cancers. His translational research has contributed to the development of T-cell-depleted haploidentical transplantation and innovative treatment strategies for pediatric solid tumors. His work focuses on translating scientific advances in cellular therapy into potentially transformative treatments for children with cancer, blood disorders, and other serious diseases.



**Dr. John Cunningham**

George M. Eisenberg Professor of Pediatrics  
Chair, Department of Pediatrics  
Physician-in-Chief, University of Chicago Medicine  
Comer Children's Hospital  
5841 S. Maryland Avenue Chicago



John M. Cunningham, MD, is an internationally known expert in the treatment and research of childhood cancers and blood diseases. He has particular expertise in treating leukemia, lymphoma, immunodeficiencies, sickle cell disease and thalassemia. He is a recognized leader in the field of pediatric stem cell transplantation and has developed novel uses for this life-saving treatment.

An active researcher, Dr. Cunningham is studying the biology and therapy of hemoglobinopathies, hematopoiesis and the leukemia stem cell, transcriptional mechanisms operative during the development of vertebrate organisms, and the development of clinical trials for the treatment of leukemia and genetic diseases. Over his distinguished career, Dr. Cunningham's research has received support from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, the American Society of Hematology, and other prominent scientific organizations. He is the chair of the Clinical Care Committee of the Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs and co-leads the Professor Selection Committee of the American Cancer Society.

Dr. Cunningham is an accomplished author and has published more than 100 scientific articles, as well as several book chapters and invited reviews. He has served on the editorial board of the Journal of Biological Chemistry, and is a reviewer for Blood, Molecular and Cellular Biology, Cancer Research, and Genomics. A popular speaker, Dr. Cunningham has lectured at universities and scientific meetings around the world. Dr. Cunningham has also been selected as a Top Doctor by Chicago magazine for the past 15 years and is an American Top Doctor.

Before joining the University of Chicago Medicine, Dr. Cunningham was a leader in the Division of Experimental Hematology and Bone Marrow Transplantation at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

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**Dr. Bilal Azab**

Co-Director and Medical Director,  
Cancer Genomics  
Phoenix Children's Hospital,  
Arizona, USA



Dr. Bilal Azab is a board-certified clinical laboratory geneticist by the American Board of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ABMG) and serves as Medical Director of the Clinical Genomics Laboratory at Phoenix Children's. In this role, he oversees clinical genetic testing that supports the diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment of children with genetic disorders.

Dr. Azab leads the development and expansion of the genetic testing program at Phoenix Children's, with a focus on utilizing advanced genomic technologies into clinical practice. He led the implementation of in-house exome and genome testing, including rapid genome sequencing for critically ill infants, providing comprehensive genomic testing that guides clinical decision-making and patient care.

Dr. Azab is also an Associate Professor at the University of Arizona College of Medicine and is actively engaged in research, education, and the advancement of genomic medicine. His scholarly work includes more than 65 peer-reviewed publications spanning human genetics, molecular diagnostics, and genomic medicine.

He completed his clinical fellowship in Laboratory Genetics and Genomics (LGG) at Columbia University, and earned his PhD in Human and Molecular Genetics from Virginia Commonwealth University



**Dr. Ross Mangum**

Section Chief, Pediatric Neuro-Oncology  
Phoenix Children's Hospital  
Phoenix, Arizona, USA



Ross Mangum, MD, is co-director of the Neurofibromatosis Program at Phoenix Children's Hospital. He is board certified in pediatrics and pediatric hematology-oncology and possesses clinical expertise in pediatric neuro-oncology. He is also a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology, the American Society of Hematology and the Children's Oncology Group. His primary focus is caring for children with cancer of the brain or spinal cord. In addition, Dr Mangum has clinical interests in neurofibromatosis (NF), NF-related tumors, and cancer predisposition syndromes. Dr Mangum completed his fellowship in pediatric hematology-oncology at Texas Children's Cancer and Hematology Centers at the Baylor College of Medicine. He is an assistant professor at the University of Arizona College of Medicine - Phoenix



**Dr. John Peter Perentesis**

Professor of Pediatrics  
Director, Division of Oncology;  
Executive Co-Director,  
Cancer and Blood Diseases Institute  
Deb Kleisinger Endowed Chair  
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, USA



John Peter Perentesis, MD, FAAP, is Director of the Division of Oncology and Executive Co-Director of the Cancer and Blood Diseases Institute at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. He holds the Deb Kleisinger Endowed Chair and is Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine.

Dr. Perentesis is a pediatric oncologist and physician-scientist whose career centers on translating scientific discoveries into new treatments for children and young adults with cancer. His research spans molecularly targeted leukemia therapies, precision medicine, drug development, and advanced radiation technologies. He has helped lead the pioneering clinical development of ultrahigh-dose-rate proton FLASH radiotherapy, including the first human clinical trial, and has served in national leadership roles with the National Cancer Institute and Children's Oncology Group.

Dr. Perentesis also works closely with colleagues in the United Arab Emirates to advance integrated pediatric cancer care and research. His overarching mission is to harness disruptive innovation to improve cancer cure rates while ensuring lifelong health and wellness for survivors.

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**Dr. Mohammed Al Nuaimi**

Division Chief, 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 the Division Chief and Consultant Physician in Pediatric Hematology & Oncology, Bone Marrow Transplantation, and Cellular Therapy at Sheikh Khalifa Medical City (SKMC), Abu Dhabi, 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. His goal is to improve and expand the current pediatric hematology & oncology and Bone Marrow Transplant services at SKMC to meet exemplary and state of the art international standards, and provide outstanding service to the residents of UAE.



**Dr. Muhammad Faisal Khanani**

Conference Co-Chairman  
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. Monika M. Metzger**

Section Chief,  
Leukemia and Lymphoma  
Phoenix Children's Hospital,  
Arizona, USA



I am a pediatric oncologist and global health advocate committed to improving care for children in resource-limited settings. My clinical research focuses heavily on lymphomas. I am the section chief for leukemias and lymphomas at the center for cancer and blood disorders at Phoenix Children's Hospital since October 2025. Prior to coming to Phoenix Children's I spent 20 years at St Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis TN. During my ten years as Director for the Central and South American Region at St. Jude, I partnered with local health ministries to build regional cancer control plans and increase awareness of childhood cancer at the national levels. To create a common scientific language in lymphoma care, I co-founded the International Symposium for Childhood, Adolescent, and Young Adult Hodgkin Lymphoma (ISCAYHL) and helped lead the Staging Evaluation and Response Criteria Harmonization (SEARCH) group.

My work is also influenced by my work with Médecins Sans Frontières, Médicos do Mundo, and the ICRC in settings like the DRC, Niger, and East Timor. Alongside lymphoma research and capacity building, mentoring international junior investigators remains one of my highest priorities



**Dr. Shruti Kakkar**

Professor, Department of Pediatrics.  
Consultant, Clinical Hematology and  
Stem Cell Transplant Unit  
Christian Medical College and Hospital,  
Ludhiana



I am a Professor of Pediatrics and Consultant in Clinical Hematology and Stem Cell Transplantation at Christian Medical College and Hospital, Ludhiana, India. My work focuses on improving outcomes for children with hematological disorders and cancer, with a special interest in hemoglobinopathies and care delivery in resource-constrained settings. I completed my MBBS in Chennai, MD in Pediatrics in Lucknow, fellowship training in Hemato-oncology in Bengaluru, and advanced training in hemoglobinopathies through the Thalassemia International Federation in London.

Over the past decade, I have held academic positions from Assistant Professor to Professor and remain actively engaged in teaching undergraduate, postgraduate, and superspecialty trainees. I serve on national and international professional bodies, including leadership roles in pediatric oncology access-to-care initiatives, and contribute to collaborative research and policy development. I have authored numerous research publications, guidelines, and book chapters, particularly in thalassemia and pediatric oncology. My work is driven by a commitment to equitable care, capacity building, and improving long-term outcomes for children with serious blood disorders.



**Dr. Faisal Rashid Guru**

Associate Professor  
Department of Medical Oncology Paediatric Unit  
Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences  
Srinagar Jammu and Kashmir  
India



I, Dr Faisal Rashid Guru, Associate Professor, Department of Medical Oncology (Pediatrics), State Cancer Institute, Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences. Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir, India. The main tertiary care cancer hospital in the region. I am actively involved in Pediatric Oncology (Cancer Care for Children) for over more than 13 years, focusing particularly on leukemia's, bone tumor, neuroblastoma, Osteosarcoma, ALL, B-NHL, NHL, Bur kit Lymphoma, and other pediatric cancers has been contributed to various clinical studies and oncology conferences.

## Speakers' Biography



**Dr. Sunisha Arora**

Consultant, Pediatric Hematology-Oncology  
& Bone Marrow Transplantation  
Fortis Memorial Research Institute  
Gurugram, India



I am a pediatric hemato-oncologist and bone marrow transplant specialist, currently serving as Consultant in Pediatric Hematology-Oncology & BMT at Fortis Memorial Research Institute in Gurugram, India. I did MBBS and MD in Pediatrics, followed by a Fellowship of National Board (FNB) in Pediatric Hematology-Oncology. I have been part of the pediatric hematology and bone marrow transplant team involved in clinical care and research, contributing to studies on hematopoietic stem cell transplantation outcomes and blood disorders in children. My interests span benign hematology, immunology, pediatric cancers, and solid tumors and I have authored multiple research publications in indexed journals



**Dr. Leni Grace Mathew**

Professor  
Christian Medical College Hospital  
Vellore, Tamil Nadu, India



- Done undergraduate and postgraduate pediatric training from CMC Vellore
- Pediatric Hematology-Oncology training from Barts & the London hospital and Royal Marsden Hospital.
- Been working in CMC, Vellore since completion of training.



**Dr. Adel Aljneibi**

Chair of Pediatric Surgery and  
Pediatric Urology Division  
Consultant Pediatric Surgeon &  
Pediatric Urologist,  
Burjeel Hospital, Abu Dhabi, UAE



- Chair of pediatric Surgery and Pediatric Urology division
- Consultant Pediatric Surgeon and Pediatric Urologist in Burjeel/ Abu-Dhabi
- President of Gulf Endoscopic Pediatric Surgery and Urology Group
- Past Vice President of UAE Pediatric Surgery Society
- International Lead in Pediatric and Neonatal MIS.
- Fetoscopic Surgeon and founder of intrauterine MMC repair program in UAE.
- Founder of many pediatric MIS units around the world.

## Speakers' Biography



**Prof. Rupert Handgretinger**

Conference Co-Chair  
Professor Emeritus, Children's University Hospital, Tübingen, Germany  
Consultant, ADSCC / Yas Clinic Hospital, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
Visiting Professor,  
Department of Pediatric Hematology/ Oncology,  
National University of Singapore, Singapore



Having received his MD from the University of Tübingen, Germany, Prof. Rupert Handgretinger was, from 2005 to 2021, Chairman of the Department of General Pediatrics and Hematology/Oncology at Children's University Hospital of Tübingen, Germany.

From 2000 to 2005, he was a Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at 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, at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN, USA.

Since 2021, he has been a Consultant in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at the Abu Dhabi Stem Cell Center and Yas Clinic Khalifa City, Abu Dhabi, UAE. He is also a Visiting Professor in the Department of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at the National University of Singapore, Singapore.

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



**Dr. Mohamed Elsayed Abdelhadi Elkafafi**

Consultant Pediatric Intensive Care  
Burjeel Hospital,  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Dr. Mohamed Elkafafi, FRCPCH UK, Clinical Overseas RCPCH Examiner, EPIC, EAP, MSc Paediatrics, MBBCh, is a Consultant in Paediatric Intensive Care with extensive experience in managing critically ill children. He specializes in complex cases, early recognition of atypical presentations, and seamless integration of emergency and intensive care.



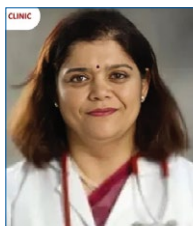
**Dr. Hadeel Halalsheh**

Pediatric Hematologist Oncologist,  
Head Solid Tumors Service,  
Jordan



Dr. Hadeel Halalsheh is a pediatric hematologist and oncologist and a leader in pediatric cancer care and research. She serves as Head of the Solid Tumors Service at King Hussein Cancer Center (KHCC). Dr. Halalsheh is actively involved in regional and global pediatric oncology initiatives and is a board of director member of the POEM Group. Her research focuses on pediatric solid tumors, retinoblastoma, health service utilization, cost-effectiveness, and stigma in childhood cancer. She has authored more than 40 peer-reviewed publications and has led and received several competitive grants, including the King Hussein Cancer Research Award. Dr. Halalsheh is also engaged in developing innovative, AI-based research projects and contributes to international guideline development, including work with the WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer.

## Speakers' Biography



**Dr. Ruchira Misra**

Senior Consultant in Pediatric Hematology,  
Oncology, and Stem Cell Transplantation  
MRR Children's Hospital,  
Thane, India



I have built and led pediatric oncology and BMT services at multiple hospitals, including MRR Children's Hospital, Gleneagles Hospitals, SRCC Children's Hospital (Narayana Health), Rainbow Children's Hospitals, and Medanta – The Medicity. My clinical focus spans leukemia, lymphoma, solid tumors, and non-malignant conditions such as thalassemia and aplastic anemia, with a strong commitment to evidence-based practice, disease-free survival outcomes, and multidisciplinary care.

Have served as the Chairperson of the Blood transfusion committee at MRR Children's Hospital and have also been a part of the Hemovigilance committee, The Hospital Infection control Committee and the Scientific Committee at SRCC Children's Hospital.

As Quality Champion during Medanta's JCI accreditation process, I helped embed international quality and safety standards into everyday clinical practice – experience I've carried into every unit I've since led or advised.

I have also served as the Zonal Coordinator and the Treasurer for the IAP PHO chapter; and also as the Chairperson for the ICCi Psychosocial and Social task force.

My MBA in Hospital and Health Care Facilities Administration adds a second dimension to my clinical work: I understand how to build sustainable, accredited, outcome-driven programs, not just treat patients within them



**Dr. Ghulam Mujtaba**

Consultant Pediatric Pulmonologist  
Burjeel Medical City, Abu Dhabi, UAE



Dr. Mujtaba is a Consultant Pediatric Pulmonologist with 20 years of experience in pediatrics and pediatric pulmonology with various prestigious institutions in the NHS, UK and Health Service Executive (HSE), Ireland. Before joining Burjeel Medical City, Dr. Mujtaba served as a Consultant Pediatric Pulmonologist at Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, where he was clinical lead (HOD). Dr. Mujtaba developed various guidelines both for cystic fibrosis and respiratory service. He has presented at European Respiratory and Cystic Fibrosis Conferences and participated in national and international clinical trials in the UK and Ireland. Dr. Mujtaba has been an invited speaker at regional, national, and international conferences. He was a clinical and educational supervisor for pediatric and respiratory trainees in the UK. Dr. Mujtaba has also been an honorary clinical lecturer and academic advisor for medical students at the University of Manchester.

Since Joining Burjeel Medical City in 2021, he has developed Pediatric Pulmonology services including Pediatric Bronchoscopy, Pediatric sleep service and Pediatric Lung Functions.

## Speakers' Biography



**Dr. Murtada Al Sultan**

Consultant Pediatric Hematology,  
Oncology and BMT  
King Fahad Medical City,  
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia



Consultant pediatric hematology, oncology and BMT at King Fahad Medical City, Riyadh.

Chairman of the Comprehensive Cancer Center Quality Projects Team, and active Member in Research Committee and Peer Review Committee.

Leading a project for optimizing iron chelation for patients with iron overload.

Co-leader for MIBG therapy at KFSHHRC for neuroblastoma launched 2020.

Member in many local and international scientific societies.

Speaker in multiple local and international conferences.

Active in research, and latest publication: HSCT in children with TDT Beta Thalassemia (2 decades experience), published Aug 2026, American Journal of Hematology.

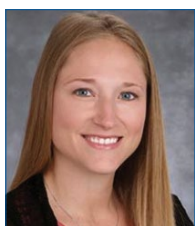


**Dr. Mohammed Ramzan**

Pediatric Hematologist -  
Oncologist and BMT  
Burjeel Medical City,  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Dr. Mohammed Ramzan is a Pediatric Hematologist-Oncologist and Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT) specialist with over 12 years of experience. He began his medical journey with earning his M.B.B.S at B. J. Govt. Medical College in Pune, India, and later completing a residency in MD Pediatrics at J. N. Medical College Aligarh. Dr. Ramzan further specialized in Pediatric Hematology Oncology and BMT with a fellowship from Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi and Hospital for Sick Children Toronto, Canada. He has also worked as Consultant Pediatric haematologist Oncologist and BMT at Manipal Hospital Jaipur, Associate Consultant at Fortis Memorial Research Institute in Gurgaon, Haryana, Dr. Ramzan has also worked internationally as a Clinical Fellow in Pediatrics Hemato-oncology and Bone Marrow Transplant at the Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto, Canada. Dr. Ramzan's expertise lies in Pediatric Hematology, Oncology, and BMT. Currently serving at Burjeel Medical City Abudhabi



**Dr. Holly K. Miller**

Interim Co-Director,  
Blood and Marrow Transplant Program  
Phoenix Children's Hospital,  
Arizona, USA



Dr. Holly Miller, DO, is a pediatric hematologist-oncologist at Phoenix Children's Hospital specializing in blood and marrow transplantation and immune disorders. She co-founded the Comprehensive Immunohematology Clinic and is recognized for advancing research, compassionate patient care, and innovative treatments for children with complex hematologic and immunologic conditions.

## Speakers' Biography



**Dr. Alexandra M. Walsh**  
Hematology & Oncology, Urgent Care  
Phoenix Children's Hospital,  
Arizona, USA



Dr. Walsh grew up on the coast of California and went to college at Cornell University in Ithaca NY where she was a double major in English and Biology. She then attended The Ohio State College of Medicine for medical school, graduating in 2002 which was followed by a pediatrics residency at the University of Chicago and pediatric hematology/oncology fellowship at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She specializes in care for the entire patient and family during treatment for childhood cancer, including fertility preservation, supportive care and survivorship.



**Dr. Hemant Menghani**  
Consultant and Department Head  
Pediatric Hematology, Oncology and  
Stem Cell Transplant.  
Marengo CIMS Hospital, Ahmedabad,  
Gujarat, India



Dr. Hemant Menghani is a Pediatric Hematologist, Oncologist, and Bone Marrow Transplant Physician with extensive clinical experience in the United States and India. He completed his MBBS in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, followed by Pediatric Residency in Brooklyn, New York, USA, and an American Board-certified Fellowship in Pediatric Hematology-Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplantation in New Orleans, Louisiana.

After returning to India, he served as a Consultant at Apollo Hospitals, Ahmedabad, and subsequently joined CIMS Hospital, Ahmedabad, where he is Head of the Department of Hematology and Senior Consultant in Pediatric Hematology and Oncology.

He has performed and managed over 300 bone marrow transplants, including numerous high-risk matched-unrelated donor and haploidentical transplants. His expertise includes hemoglobinopathies such as sickle cell disease and thalassemia. His oncology interests focus on leukemias and lymphomas, with expertise in immunotherapy, targeted therapies, and cellular therapies including CAR-T cell therapy



**Dr. Qutaiba Al-Otaibi**  
Consultant in Pediatric Palliative Care  
Sheikh Khalifa Medical City, Abu Dhabi



Dr. Qutaibah Alotaibi is a fellowship-trained Pediatric Palliative Care Consultant currently practicing at Sheikh Khalifa Medical City (SKMC), Abu Dhabi, where he contributes to the delivery and development of pediatric palliative and supportive care services within a tertiary care setting. He has extensive experience providing care across inpatient, outpatient, home, and hospice environments. He completed advanced pediatric palliative care fellowship training in Canada, including training at Canuck Place Children's Hospice, Stollery Children's Hospital, and Rotary Flames House Children's Hospice. His clinical expertise includes advanced pain and symptom management, communication and goals-of-care discussions, psychosocial and spiritual support, and the integration of palliative care alongside disease-directed treatments for children with serious illness. Dr. Alotaibi is actively involved in education, mentorship, research, and service development, with a particular interest in advancing pediatric palliative care in the UAE and GCC region. He is fluent in Arabic and English and is committed to culturally sensitive, family-centered care.

## Speakers' Biography



**Dr. Shraddha Vishal Chandak**

Consultant, Pediatric Hemato Oncologist  
and Immunologist  
KPOND Superspeciality Hospital, India



Dr. Shraddha Chandak is a Consultant Pediatric Hemato-Oncologist and Immunologist at KPOND Superspeciality Hospital, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar. She holds MBBS, DCH, DNB qualifications and is a Fellow of the Indian Academy of Pediatrics (FIAP).

She has actively contributed to academics and clinical education and has served as faculty at multiple state-level and national conferences, sharing her expertise in pediatric hematology, oncology, and immunology.

Dr. Chandak is also the President of Happy Kids Foundation, a non-governmental organization dedicated to supporting underprivileged children suffering from blood cancers, blood disorders, immunodeficiencies, and deformities. Through the foundation, she works toward improving access to diagnosis, treatment, and long-term care for children from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

Her professional interests include pediatric blood disorders, childhood cancers, primary immunodeficiency disorders, and patient advocacy for equitable healthcare



**Dr. Anjan Madasu**

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



Dr. Anjan Madasu is a Consultant Pediatrician and Pediatric Haemato-Oncologist at Al Jalila Children's Hospital, Dubai, with extensive experience in the comprehensive management of children with hematological and oncological disorders. His clinical expertise encompasses pediatric cancers, blood disorders, pediatric thrombosis, hematopoietic stem cell transplantation, pediatric immunology, and general pediatrics.

Dr. Madasu obtained his MD in Pediatrics from Army Hospital, Research and Referral, New Delhi.

He subsequently completed a Fellowship in Pediatric Hematology, Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplantation at the Centre of Child Health, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi, followed by advanced subspecialty training through a Clinical Fellowship in Pediatric Hematology-Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplantation at The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids), University of Toronto, Canada .

He also completed a Visiting Fellowship in Blood and Marrow Transplantation at Duke University Medical Center

He has been practicing in the UAE since 2013 and joined Al Jalila Children's Hospital in April 2023.

Dr. Madasu is actively engaged in medical education, professional development, and scientific exchange. He has contributed as a speaker and moderator at pediatric conferences, grand rounds, and specialist meetings. His academic interests include challenging pediatric hematological conditions, anemia, thrombocytopenia, immune-mediated disorders, hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis (HLH), rare bleeding disorders, and genomics-based approaches to pediatric hematology.

## Speakers' Biography



**Dr. Rawad Suleiman Rihani**  
Chairperson, Department of Pediatrics,  
King Hussein Cancer Center (KHCC)  
Associate Professor of Pediatrics,  
University of Jordan  
Amman, Jordan



Dr. Rawad Rihani is a senior Pediatric Hematologist-Oncologist specializing in pediatric leukemia, hematopoietic stem cell transplantation, and cellular therapy. She serves as Chairperson of the Department of Pediatrics at King Hussein Cancer Center (KHCC) and Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Jordan, and is leading the development of KHCC's pediatric CAR-T cell therapy program.

She is President-Elect and Scientific Chairperson of the Pediatric Oncology East and Mediterranean (POEM) Group, a member of the SIOP Asia Executive Board and the SIOP Women's Leadership Group. A graduate of the St. Jude Global Scholars Program, she is also Director of the St. Jude–KHCC Qualitative Research Center, Liaison Officer for KHCC–St. Jude Global collaborations, Physician Lead of the ProFILE Project, and a HIGH-IRI Implementation Science Fellow (Cohort 5).

Dr. Rihani leads international collaborations with St. Jude Global, WHO, Princess Máxima Center, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, and the I-BFM study group, advancing implementation science, early diagnosis, essential childhood cancer medicines, and pediatric oncology capacity building. She also leads humanitarian initiatives supporting children with cancer from Gaza and Syria. Her work has been recognized by the King Hussein Research Award (2025) and multiple competitive research and implementation grants. She is committed to advancing equitable childhood cancer care and improving outcomes across Jordan, the Eastern Mediterranean region, and globally.



**Dr. Maya Prabhakaran**  
Consultant Pediatrician  
Medeor 24x7 Hospital  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Dr. Maya Prabhakaran, MBBS, MD, DCH, DAA, MRCPCH (UK), ISBB, MBA is a Consultant Pediatrician at Medeor 24x7 Hospital, Abu Dhabi, with over 15 years of experience in pediatrics and neonatology. She holds MRCPCH (UK), a Diploma in Allergy and Asthma, European Board of Pediatrics Certification, MBA in Healthcare administration and a Black Belt in Six Sigma. She is a recipient of the Dr. Henry Claman Gold Medal and multiple university gold medals for academic excellence.

Dr. Maya previously served as Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and remains actively involved in medical education, mentoring medical students, interns, and junior doctors in clinical practice and quality improvement projects. Her professional interests include general pediatrics, asthma and allergy, hematology, growth and nutrition, and preventive child health. She is committed to advancing pediatric care through evidence-based practice, teaching, and continuous professional development.

## Speakers' Biography



**Dr. Cinzia Lavarino**

Head of the Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory  
Expert in Precision Medicine in Pediatric Solid Tumours  
Pediatric Cancer Center Barcelona  
SJD Barcelona Children's Hospital, Spain



Dr. Cinzia Lavarino, PhD, is a specialist in molecular diagnostics and precision medicine in pediatric solid tumours, with extensive expertise in translational genomics, molecular characterization, and the development of innovative diagnostic and therapeutic strategies for childhood cancers. She is Head of the Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory at the Pediatric Cancer Center Barcelona, Hospital Sant Joan de Déu, and Principal Investigator of the Translational Genomics Research Group at the Laboratory of Developmental Tumor Biology, Pediatric Cancer Program, Institut de Recerca Sant Joan de Déu (IRSJD), Barcelona.

Dr. Lavarino obtained her Degree in Biology from the University of Milan, Italy, followed by a PhD in Biotechnology from the National Cancer Institute of Milan and the University of Milan. She subsequently completed postdoctoral research in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Faculty of Pharmacy, at the University of Barcelona. She continued her scientific career at the Institut de Recerca Sant Joan de Déu, progressing from researcher to Group Leader of the Translational Genomics Research Group within the Developmental Tumor Biology Laboratory.

Her research integrates (epi)genomics, bioinformatics, molecular biology, and clinical characterization of pediatric tumours to develop and implement new approaches for molecular diagnosis, risk stratification, disease classification, and personalized treatment. Her close collaboration with pediatric oncologists supports the translation of molecular discoveries and genomic technologies into clinical practice.

Dr. Lavarino is actively involved in multidisciplinary pediatric oncology care and serves on national and international scientific groups. She is a member of the Spanish Society of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology (SEHOP), European Society for Paediatric Oncology (SIOP Europe) Brain Tumour Working Groups, Vascular Anomalies Working Group of the European Reference Network, and the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR). She is also an active member of national multidisciplinary Tumor Boards.



**Dr. Guillermo Luis Chantada**

President, International Society of  
Paediatric Oncology (SIOP)  
Pediatric Oncologist & Haematologist  
SJD Barcelona Children's Hospital, Spain



Dr. Guillermo Luis Chantada Font is an internationally recognized oncologist and haematologist with extensive expertise in pediatric oncology and pediatric haematology. His professional work encompasses clinical care, academic medicine, research, and international collaboration in the field of childhood cancer. He has held specialist positions and undertaken advanced training at leading pediatric oncology and hematology institutions in Argentina, the United States, and Germany.

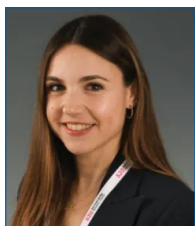
Dr. Chantada obtained his Bachelor of Medicine from the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Buenos Aires (UBA) in 1988 and subsequently completed his Doctor of Medicine at the same institution in 2013. His international training includes experience with the Haemato-Oncology Service at JP Garrahan Paediatric Hospital in Buenos Aires, the Paediatric Haemato-Oncology Service at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York, and the Haematology Service at Hannover Medical School (MHH), Germany. In 2002, he received a grant from the Fund for Ophthalmic Knowledge in New York to undertake a two-month research rotation at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and New York Presbyterian Hospital.

Dr. Chantada has served as President of the International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP) since May 2021, contributing to the advancement of pediatric cancer care and international cooperation in the field. He has participated extensively in national and international conferences and congresses and has received numerous professional and academic awards.

His scientific contributions include numerous publications, book chapters, and more than 60 papers in international peer-reviewed journals indexed in PubMed. He has also served as a reviewer for internationally recognized medical journals. His research experience includes leadership roles in both clinical research protocols and translational research studies, with a focus on advancing knowledge and improving outcomes in pediatric oncology.

He continues to contribute to pediatric cancer care through clinical expertise, research, education, and international scientific collaboration.

## Speakers' Biography



**Dr. Marina Caballero Bellón**

Head of the CNS Tumour Unit  
Pediatric Oncology and Neuro-Oncology  
SJD Barcelona Children's Hospital, Spain



Dr. Marina Caballero Bellón is a pediatric oncologist specializing in central nervous system (CNS) tumors, with expertise in pediatric oncology, neuro-oncology, and the multidisciplinary management of children and adolescents with CNS malignancies. Her clinical and academic work focuses particularly on pediatric high-grade gliomas and the development of innovative approaches to improve diagnosis, monitoring, and treatment.

Dr. Caballero Bellón graduated in Medicine and Surgery from the Universitat de Barcelona in 2015. She subsequently completed specialized training in Pediatric Oncology and Hematopoietic Progenitor Transplantation at SJD Barcelona Children's Hospital from 2020 to 2023. She obtained her Doctorate in Medicine from the Universitat de Barcelona in 2024 and further advanced her expertise through a Fellowship in Pediatric Neuro-Oncology at The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) in Toronto, Canada, from 2024 to 2025.

Her principal clinical and research interests include pediatric high-grade gliomas, novel therapeutic strategies, and emerging technologies for tumor diagnosis and disease monitoring, particularly liquid biopsy and biomarker-based approaches. She also has a strong interest in pediatric onco-critical care, which was the focus of her doctoral research.

Her research experience includes serving as an assistant researcher on pediatric neuro-oncology clinical trials at SJD Barcelona Children's Hospital. She has contributed to peer-reviewed publications addressing pediatric high-grade gliomas, onco-critical care, and tumor biomarkers. She regularly participates in national and international scientific meetings and conferences, including the International Symposium on Pediatric Neuro-Oncology (ISPNO), Brain Tumour Group (BTG), and International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP).

Dr. Caballero Bellón is a member of SIOP and the Spanish Society of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology (SEHOP), contributing to the advancement of pediatric cancer care and research.



**Dr. Fulvio Porta**

Senior Consultant,  
Pediatric Hematology & Oncology  
Director, Clinical Unit,  
Children's Hospital Spedali Civili di Brescia  
Brescia, Italy



Senior Consultant and Director of the Clinical Unit at the Children's Hospital of Spedali Civili di Brescia, Italy, that is the second largest teaching hospital in Italy. The Unit has 26 beds, with 10 doctors, 30 nurses and 8 technicians. Children affected by immunological diseases (primary or secondary), oncohaematological diseases (leukemia, solid tumours, lymphoma, thalassemia, sickle cell diseases) are treated within the Unit. At present more than 700 bone marrow transplantation have been performed both from HLA compatible and partially matched donors, treated 3 children with CAR T cells

Qualified in Medicine, specialized in Haematology and Paediatrics. BMT coordinator 1984-1985 at Royal Marsden Hospital, London. The Unit is National Referent Center for BMT in PID. Dr. Porta covered the position of Secretary of the Inborn Errors EBMT Working Party 2006/2012; Presidency of the Italian Association of Pediatric Haematology and Oncology (AIEOP) 2010-2012; International Expert ASTER Hospital Bangalore India 2017/2019., International Expert Vinmec Institute, Hanoi, Vietnam, Ambassador for the International Society of Pediatric Oncology (SIOP) for the European Community

## Speakers' Biography



**Prof. Dermot Murphy**

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



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. Kesavan M. R.**

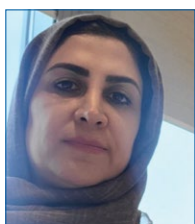
Consultant Pediatric Hemato-Oncologist  
Aster MIMS, Calicut  
Kozhikode, Kerala, India



Dr. Kesavan M R is a consultant pediatric hemato-oncologist at Aster MIMS, Calicut. He completed his MBBS from Stanley Medical College, Chennai (graduating with distinctions and university honors), followed by an MD in Pediatrics from Madurai Medical College. He completed his subspecialty training with a National Board Fellowship (FNB) in Pediatric Hemato-Oncology at Apollo Cancer Institute, Chennai.

At Aster MIMS, Dr. Kesavan established the 4-bedded Bone Marrow Transplant Unit (BMTU) and performed Kerala's first TCR alpha-beta depleted stem cell transplant, alongside full-match and haploidentical transplants. His clinical expertise covers pediatric benign hematology, pediatric oncology, and complex hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT). He holds specialized certifications in PALS and NALS, with intensive training in neonatal and pediatric critical care.

Dr. Kesavan has authored several papers in international peer-reviewed journals, including Pediatric Blood & Cancer, Blood, and Bone Marrow Transplantation. He has presented research at prominent international forums such as SIOP Asia and the St. Jude VIVA Forum, receiving competitive international travel grants. He is a life member of the Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP) and its Pediatric Hematology/Oncology chapter.



**Dr. Neda Ashayeri**

Pediatric Hematologist and Oncologist  
Fakheh University Hospital  
Dubai, UAE



I am a pediatric hematologist-oncologist (Board Certified) with over seven years of experience in hematologic disorders and oncologic diseases as well.

Furthermore, I have completed Master's courses in Hemato-Oncology, solid tumors, and Neuro-Oncology at the Princess Máxima Center in Utrecht, the Netherlands.

Over the course of my career, I have developed a strong interest in palliative care, completed a Pediatric Palliative Medicine Fellowship, and established the Pediatric Palliative Care Unit in the hospital.

Moreover, during 2025-2026, I was invited as a lecturer and mentor in the WHO EMRO Pediatric Palliative Care Training Program, contributing to education and mentorship in pediatric palliative care.

In addition, I have 20 years of research experience, have presented my work at various congresses, and have published 37 articles in international and regional journals.

Also, I am a member of the International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP), and the International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis (ISTH).

## Speakers' Biography



**Dr. Deepthi Boddu**

Consultant Pediatric Oncologist  
Burjeel Medical City, Abu Dhabi  
Burjeel Specialty Hospital, Sharjah  
UAE



Dr. Deepthi Boddu is a Consultant Pediatric Oncologist at Burjeel Medical City, Abu Dhabi, and Burjeel Hospital, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates. She completed her undergraduate and postgraduate medical training in Pediatrics at Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore, India, followed by a D.M. in Pediatric Oncology from the Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram, India.

Following board certification in Pediatric Oncology, Dr. Boddu rejoined the Department of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology at Christian Medical College, Vellore, where she served as an Associate Professor until August 2023. During her academic and clinical career, she has developed extensive experience in the diagnosis and management of a broad spectrum of pediatric hematological and oncological disorders, including benign and malignant hematological conditions and solid tumors.

Dr. Boddu has been actively involved in clinical research, serving as both Principal Investigator and Co-Investigator in several research projects, with multiple publications in indexed peer-reviewed journals. She also has extensive experience in medical education, having taught undergraduate medical students, postgraduate trainees in Pediatrics, and Pediatric Hematology and Oncology fellowship students.

Her particular clinical and research interests include histiocytic disorders and hyperinflammatory states associated with infections and sepsis. Dr. Boddu is a strong advocate of patient-centred care and believes that treatment should never be more burdensome than the disease itself. She strives to provide comprehensive, holistic, and compassionate care tailored to each child.

She also emphasises the importance of multidisciplinary teamwork in pediatric oncology, recognising that optimal care requires coordinated collaboration among physicians, nurses, pharmacists, social workers, occupational and physical therapists, dieticians, and other supportive care professionals.



**Dr. Darshan Kataria**

Clinical Associate, Pediatric Hematology,  
Oncology & Bone Marrow Transplantation  
(BMT), Sir Ganga Ram Hospital  
New Delhi, India



Dr. Darshan Kataria is a Clinical Associate in Pediatric Hematology, Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplantation at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi, India. He holds an MBBS and MD and has completed specialized fellowships in Pediatric Hematology-Oncology (FPHO) and Bone Marrow Transplantation (FBMT). His clinical expertise encompasses the evaluation and management of pediatric hematological and oncological disorders, with a particular focus on bone marrow transplantation. Dr. Kataria is actively involved in patient care, academic activities, and clinical research, contributing to multidisciplinary approaches in pediatric hematology and oncology. His professional interests include advancing specialized pediatric care and improving clinical outcomes.



**Prof. Holger N. Lode**

Professor and Chair of Pediatrics  
Department of Pediatrics and  
Pediatric Hematology and Oncology  
University of Greifswald  
Greifswald, Germany



Prof. Dr. Holger N. Lode is Professor and Chair of Pediatrics and Pediatric Hematology and Oncology at the University of Greifswald, Germany. His translational and clinical research focuses on immunotherapy for neuroblastoma, particularly the development and clinical implementation of anti-GD2-based therapies. He has played a leading role in international clinical trials evaluating anti-GD2 antibody therapy in high-risk neuroblastoma. He is a long-standing member of SIOPEN and currently serves as Chair of its Immunotherapy Committee.

## Speakers' Biography



**Dr. Arvind Jain**

Laboratory Director and  
Anatomic & Clinical Pathologist,  
Yas Clinic Khalifa City (YCKC) Hospital,  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Dr. Arvind Jain is a dynamic physician leader and senior healthcare management professional with over 25 years of national and international experience in Laboratory Medicine and Pathology. He completed his MD in Pathology from Shivaji University, Maharashtra, India, and holds qualifications in Hospital and Healthcare Management, Medicolegal Sciences, an MBA from Torrens University, Australia, and a PhD awarded in 2023.

Dr. Jain has extensive experience in establishing and managing world-class laboratories and leading large-scale laboratory operations across India and the UAE. He has held senior positions as Consultant Pathologist, Hematopathologist, Histopathologist, and Laboratory Director, including at Sheikh Khalifa Medical City and Imperial College London Diabetes Centre in Abu Dhabi.

His areas of expertise include Hematopathology, Clinical Biochemistry, Cytopathology, Gynaecological Cytopathology, and Anatomic Pathology, with a special interest in Dermatopathology. He is also a CAP Inspection Team Leader and ISO 15189 International Lead Assessor.



**Dr. Mohammad Fahed Abdullah**

Co-Chair - Scientific Committee  
Consultant Pediatric Hematologist-Oncologist  
Burjeel 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.

## Speakers' Biography



**Dr. Shanawaz Hussain**

Consultant Physician  
Sheikh Khalifa Medical City  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Dr. Shanawaz Hussain graduated from St. Andrews and the University of Glasgow School of Medicine, UK. He completed his initial training at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Glasgow, followed by a pediatric residency in the Yorkshire Deanery. Selected for specialized training in Pediatric Neurology, he pursued his training at Leeds Teaching Hospitals, where he earned his Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT) in 2018. Subsequently, he was appointed as a Consultant Pediatric Neurologist at Leeds Teaching Hospitals, a major tertiary healthcare center, and also served as a Senior Lecturer at the University of Leeds.

Dr. Hussain has a strong interest in complex epilepsy, epilepsy genetics, vagus nerve stimulation (VNS), neuroinflammation, neurometabolic disorders, and leukodystrophy. He is passionate about improving outcomes for children with neurological disorders, particularly in resource-limited settings. He is a member of the British Pediatric Neurology Association (BPNA) and is affiliated with various specialist interest groups in epilepsy and neuroinflammatory conditions.



**Dr. Shria Sadhu**

Pediatric Specialist & Clinical Lecturer  
Ras Al Khaimah Medical University  
Ajman, UAE



Dr. Shria Sadhu is a Pediatric Specialist and Clinical Lecturer based in the United Arab Emirates. She successfully completed her pediatric residency and Pediatrics Arab Board training at Al Qassimi Women and Children's Hospital, Sharjah, and has cleared the MRCPCH Part 1 and Part 2 examinations as well as the Emirati Board examinations. She is an Up-to-Date Certified Trainer, a member of the Emirates Medical Association, and serves as the AMBOSS Young Physician Ambassador in the UAE.

Dr. Sadhu is a well-known public speaker and has served as Master of Ceremonies at several major academic and professional conferences. She has multiple achievements at national and international conferences, with numerous oral and poster presentations and contributions to peer-reviewed publications.

Her academic interests include pediatric hematology, neurodevelopment, pediatric genetics, and clinical research, with a strong focus on advancing pediatric education and evidence-based child healthcare.

## Speakers' Biography



**Dr. Amal Bin Hassan**

Consultant Pediatric Hematologist  
Oncology and HSCT  
KSA, Riyadh



### Education & Clinical Experience:

- Saudi and Arab Board in Pediatrics – 2015
- Clinical Fellowship in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology & Bone Marrow Transplantation, King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Centre, Riyadh – 2016–2018
- Highly experienced pediatric oncologist with 10 years of clinical experience in the diagnosis and management of a wide range of pediatric cancers.
- Experienced in the comprehensive care and treatment of pediatric oncology patients.
- Participated in clinical research in pediatric oncology.

### Professional Memberships:

- Member, Saudi Arabian Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Society
- Member, Saudi Society of Thalassemia and Sickle Cell Anemia
- Member, Saudi Society of Hemophilia



**Dr. Vasudha N Rao**

Consultant Pediatric Hematology,  
Oncology and BMT  
Rainbow Children's Hospital,  
India



I am a Consultant in Pediatric Hematology, Oncology, and Bone Marrow Transplantation at Rainbow Children's Hospital, Bengaluru, India. My medical training began with an MBBS at Kasturba Medical College, Mangalore, followed by an MD in Pediatrics at Grant Medical College and Sir J.J. Group of Hospitals, Mumbai, and a Fellowship in Pediatric Oncology at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, London. Earlier in my career, I worked at St. John's Medical College Hospital and Columbia Asia Hospital, both in Bengaluru.

Beyond my clinical practice, I currently co-chair the Supportive Care Taskforce of the Indian Childhood Cancer Initiative. My interests lie in pediatric leukemias and lymphomas, central nervous system and solid tumors such as neuroblastoma and rhabdomyosarcoma, as well as precision oncology and supportive care.

## Oral Presenters' Biography

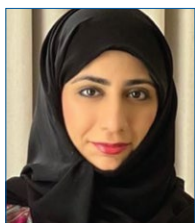


**Dr. Nuru Awadh Hassan**

Final-Year Resident,  
Pediatrics & Child Health  
KCMC Hospital  
Kilimanjaro, Tanzania



Dr. Nuru Awadh Hassan is a dedicated medical professional from Tanzania, currently advancing her expertise as a Masters candidate in Pediatrics and Child Health at KCMC University (2022â€“present). She earned her MBBS with First Class honors from Wuhan University, China (2011â€“2017). Since October 2019, Dr. Hassan has served as a full-time Medical Doctor in the Emergency Department at Mnazi Mmoja National Hospital, following roles in dialysis and part-time gynecology. Her internship at Mbeya Regional Referral Hospital (2017â€“2018) provided broad clinical exposure across internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, and surgery. Complementing her practice, she has completed specialized training in pediatric emergency care, palliative care, and comprehensive HIV/AIDS management. Fluent in Swahili, English, and Chinese, Dr. Hassan is a registered member of the Zanzibar Medical Council and is committed to pediatric care, medical education, and enhancing public health systems



**Dr. Hana Hassan Ali Aljulaih**

Consultant Pediatric Hematology-Oncology  
& Hemoglobinopathies  
MOH – Qatif Health Network  
Qatif, Saudi Arabia



Consultant Pediatrician, Pediatric Hematology Oncology Hemoglobinopathy, UofT, Canada. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Ministry of Health, Qatif Health Network. Head of Daycare Unit, A Member of IRB, Pediatric research coordination committee, Pediatric education committee, Saudi Society for Blood Disorders and Amplify Sickle Cell voices Webinar Series.

I Have many ongoing research projects in the field of Pediatric Hematology. I have presented at many national conferences. I am a SCD advocate, organized & participated in many public educational activities, including charities, schools and online lectures.



**Dr. Dana Saeed Kanaan**

Pediatric Oncology Fellow  
King Hussein Cancer Center  
Jordan



Dr. Dana Kanaan is a second-year fellow in Pediatric Hematology and Oncology at King Hussein Cancer Center (KHCC) in Amman, Jordan. She graduated from Jordan University of Science and Technology and completed her pediatric residency at King Abdullah University Hospital.

Dr. Kanaan receives comprehensive fellowship training in pediatric oncology , focusing on leukemias, lymphomas, solid tumors, relapsed/refractory cases.

Dr. Dana Kanaan is actively involved in clinical research, guideline development, and academic activities. Her interests include targeted therapies, bone marrow transplantation (BMT), immunotherapy, and emerging novel therapies.

## Oral Presenters' Biography



**Mr. Muhammad Farhan**  
Medical Student  
Ajman University, College of Medicine  
Sharjah, United Arab Emirates



Muhammad Farhan is a senior medical student and an emerging clinician-scientist with a strong academic foundation and an evolving focus on vascular surgery. He has authored and co-authored more than 25 publications, including systematic reviews, meta-analyses, consensus statements, and narrative reviews spanning vascular medicine, cardiovascular surgery, oncology, neurology, and medical technology. His research has been presented at leading international conferences, including the American College of Surgeons (ACS), the Abu Dhabi International Vascular Conference, and the Excellence in Oncology Care (EIOC) Congress. Farhan is the founder of InsightMed Research Hub, a research-training initiative that supports medical students and early-career clinicians in developing high-quality scholarly work. Through this platform, he has mentored teams across the UAE, Pakistan, and internationally, guiding projects that have reached reputable peer-reviewed journals and major scientific meetings. Clinically, Farhan is deeply committed to the field of vascular surgery. His interests include peripheral arterial disease, diabetic limb salvage, endovascular innovation, neuroprotective techniques, and the application of non-invasive diagnostic tools such as pedal acceleration time. He recently completed a vascular surgery observership at Sheikh Shakhboub Medical City (SSMC), where he gained experience in perioperative care, limb-threatening ischemia, and multidisciplinary vascular practice. Recognized for his discipline, leadership, and passion for advancing patient care, Farhan aims to pursue a residency in vascular surgery and continue contributing to research that bridges technological advancement with clinical practice. His long-term vision is to help modernize vascular care across the region through evidence-based innovation, collaborative research, and scalable educational initiatives.



**Dr. Roaa Nedal Ahmed**  
Medical Intern  
Emirates Health Services (EHS)  
United Arab Emirates



Dr. Roaa is a medical intern with a keen interest in pediatrics, particularly in pediatric hematology and infectious diseases. During her training, she has gained experience in clinical assessment, patient care, and multidisciplinary teamwork, while actively engaging in academic activities such as case reporting. She is committed to evidence-based practice, continuous learning, and developing strong clinical skills to provide high-quality care to children. Dr. Roaa is passionate about early recognition of serious pediatric conditions and improving patient outcomes through careful evaluation and collaboration. Her dedication, professionalism, and compassionate approach reflect her commitment to advancing her knowledge and building a strong foundation for a future career in pediatrics.

## Oral Presenters' Biography



**Ms. Minat Allah Alhusami**  
Final-Year MD Candidate  
Mohammed Bin Rashid University of  
Medicine and Health Sciences (MBRU)  
Dubai, UAE



Minat Allah Alhusami is a fifth-year medical student at Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine and Health Sciences (MBRU), Dubai. She has successfully completed USMLE Step 1 and is currently pursuing the ECFMG certification pathway. Her primary academic interest lies in pediatric hematology-oncology, with broader clinical and research exposure across pediatrics, internal medicine, neurology, psychiatry, and women's health.

She is actively involved in multiple research projects, including case reports, cross-sectional studies, retrospective observational studies, and systematic reviews, and has contributed to work spanning both adult and pediatric specialties. She has presented case report abstracts at conferences like the Mediclinic Pediatric Subspecialties Conference and the Dubai International Neurology Congress. Minat Allah has participated in clinical and research programs internationally, including experiences in the United States, Vienna, and South Korea, which have further shaped her interest in academic medicine and global health.

She aspires to pursue postgraduate training in pediatrics with subspecialization in hematology-oncology.



**Prof. Gamal Mohamed Hasan Ahmed**  
Consultant and Head of Pediatric  
Intensive Care Unit (PICU)  
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City (SSMC),  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



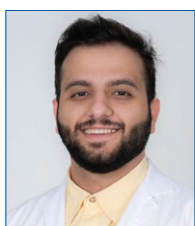
MBBS, MSc, MD Pediatrics, Pediatric Critical Care Fellowship (PCCF)

Chair Division and Consultant Pediatric Critical Care, Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City (SSMC), Abu Dhabi, UAE

Program Director Pediatric Residency Program at SSMC.

Professor and Consultant Pediatric Critical Care, Assiut Faculty of Medicine, Assiut, Egypt.

Many publications in peer reviewed journals, interested in pediatric critical care quality and medical education.



**Dr. Mohamad Monif Assker**  
Resident Physician  
Sheikh Khalifa Medical City (SKMC)  
Umm Al Quwain, UAE



Mohamad Monif Assker is a dedicated medical professional and researcher, currently a Resident in the Department of Radiology at Sheikh Khalifa Medical City (SKMC) and affiliated with the University of Sharjah. His scholarly profile is marked by a focus on critical areas including Population Health, Neuroradiology, and Angioplasty. A key aspect of his research involves the integration of advanced technology in healthcare, notably exploring the applications and evaluation of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Large Language Models (LLMs) (such as ChatGPT) in medical education to assist students with complex study tasks and licensing exam preparation. His broad publication record includes systematic reviews (e.g., vaccine acceptance), clinical reviews, and detailed case reports on challenging conditions like Cenani-Lenz syndrome, MIRAGE syndrome, and SMART Syndrome, underscoring his commitment to advancing both clinical practice and academic knowledge.

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**Dr. Diksha Amarnani**  
ED Trust Grade Speciality Doctor  
East Surrey Hospital  
Surrey, United Kingdom



I am an emergency medicine registrar at East Surrey hospital with a special interest in acute medicine and acute oncology emergencies such as neutropenic sepsis, tumour lysis syndrome. My passion for Oncology began during the first three months of their internship in Haematology and Oncology in Malta, shaping a focus on early recognition and urgent management of serious malignancy related presentations.

With 5 years of experience in paediatric and adult emergency care, I am committed to improving patient safety, clinical decision making and outcomes for acutely unwell oncology patients.

I actively teach junior doctors and medical students, engage in QIP and share clinical insights through conference presentations.



**Dr. Rashmi Atmaram Patil**  
Assistant Professor &  
Consultant Paediatric Surgeon  
Dr. D. Y. Patil Medical College,  
Hospital & Research Centre  
Pimpri, Pune, Maharashtra, India



I am a practising paediatric surgery consultant. After completion of my super speciality training and also did fellowship in paediatric surgical oncology from TATA hospital, Mumbai. I am interested in working in the field of paediatric oncology in future also.



**Mr. Fares Zaki Hassan**  
Student  
Abu Dhabi University  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Fares is a senior Software Engineering student at Abu Dhabi University with a strong interest in artificial intelligence and innovative system design. His experience includes full-stack development, system architecture, and integrating AI models into practical applications. Fares is particularly passionate about exploring how AI can improve healthcare experiences and make complex information easier to understand. Through his academic projects, he aims to develop smart, ethical, and user-focused solutions that can make a positive difference in people's lives.

## Oral Presenters' Biography



**Dr. Megadeepan Senthilkumar**

DM Resident (Paediatric Oncology)  
Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology  
Bengaluru, India



Dr. Megadeepan Senthilkumar is a Paediatric Oncology Resident at Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, Bengaluru, where he is immersed in the comprehensive management of childhood cancers at one of India's leading oncology centers. His medical training spans two of India's most respected institutions: his foundational MBBS was completed at Coimbatore Medical College, followed by postgraduation in Paediatrics from Swami Dayanand Hospital, Delhi, where he developed robust clinical expertise in managing complex paediatric conditions. Driven by a passion for tackling the most challenging paediatric malignancies, Dr. Megadeepan Senthilkumar is carving a niche in the specialized fields of Paediatric Neuro-Oncology and Histiocytic Disorders.

His broader academic interests include Immuno-Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplantation, with a focus on immune dysregulation, tumour–microenvironment interactions, and developing targeted, less toxic therapies for children with high-risk and refractory cancers. He presented "Unmasking the Cytokine Storm: A Spectrum of Paediatric Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis Across Immuno-Oncologic, Infectious, and Genetic Landscapes – Insights from a Tertiary Oncology Centre in South India" as an oral presentation at the 2nd International Conference on Childhood Cancer and Immuno-Oncology, and also presented work on renal reserve–guided conditioning in high-risk relapsed Wilms tumour at Society of Paediatric Cellular Therapy and Transplant conference.



**Dr. Hosam Y. Asfour**

Lecturer of Pediatric Oncology  
National Cancer Institute,  
Cairo University /  
Children's Cancer Hospital Egypt  
Cairo, Egypt



Dr. Hosam Y. Asfour is a pediatric oncologist dedicated to improving outcomes for children with cancer, particularly in the context of Egypt. He holds professional appointments at two leading institutions: the Department of Pediatric Oncology at the National Cancer Institute, Cairo University, and the Children's Cancer Hospital Egypt (CCHE) in Cairo.

His research focuses on advancing the understanding and treatment of pediatric solid tumors. A significant contribution is his leadership of a major study examining the clinical outcomes and long-term kidney health of children with bilateral Wilms' tumor. This research, published as the largest single-center cohort of its kind, analyzed 115 patients treated in Egypt. The study reported a 5-year EFS of 69% and identified high-risk pathology as the most significant factor for poor prognosis. Dr. Asfour's work highlights the unique challenges faced in LMICs, such as late-stage presentation and the subsequent high risk of end-stage renal disease.

## Oral Presenters' Biography



**Ms. Afra Wasama Islam**

5th-Year Medical Student  
Faculty of Medicine,  
Tbilisi State Medical University  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Afra Wasama Islam is a fifth-year medical student at Tbilisi State Medical University whose academic work is distinguished by a focused commitment to pediatric hematology-oncology and complex pediatric disorders. Alongside her clinical training, she has built a growing international research portfolio addressing rare, high-impact pediatric conditions and translational questions in child health.

Her scholarly contributions include work on pediatric oncologic outcomes, rare multisystem disorders such as ROHHAD and inflammatory cardiac diseases including pediatric myocarditis, with an emphasis on improving diagnostic recognition, clinical risk stratification, and multidisciplinary management approaches in vulnerable pediatric populations. Her work reflects a broader commitment to advancing evidence-driven pediatric care through rigorous clinical scholarship and collaborative research.

Driven by both academic precision and clinical relevance, Afra actively engages in international research collaborations aimed at translating scientific evidence into meaningful improvements in patient care and population health.



**Dr. Samreen Haroon**

Junior Resident, Department of General Pediatrics  
Bai Jerbai Wadia Hospital for Children  
Mumbai, India



I am a pediatric resident at BAIJERBAI WADIA HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, MUMBAI, with focused academic interest in pediatric hematology and oncology, particularly cancer predisposition syndromes, inborn errors of immunity. I have completed my undergraduate medical training from LOKMANY TILAK MUNICIPAL MEDICAL COLLEGE AND GENERAL HOSPITAL MUMBAI, where I have graduated with distinction. I have presented award-winning research on Mendelian susceptibility to mycobacterial disease: clinical and genetic spectrum. I have also presented a poster in a national immunology conference, Evans phenotype and hypogammaglobulinemia caused by heterozygous TNFRSF13B mutation. I have won multiple hematology quizzes. Currently, I am also working on multidisciplinary research on dysphagia rehabilitation in malnourished children with craniofacial and laryngeal anomalies. I have attended and presented at several national immunology and hematology conferences.



**Dr. Hoor Hamidoglu**

Medical Intern  
Emirates Health Services (EHS)  
Sharjah, United Arab Emirates



I am a medical intern with strong academic interest in pediatrics and hematology. Throughout my undergraduate training, I was actively engaged in clinical research and case-based learning, contributing to literature reviews and presentations on rare medical conditions. During my clinical rotations, I developed a patient-centered approach with commitment to evidence-based medicine. I am committed to continuous professional development and advancing in research skills and clinical knowledge. I aim to contribute to collaborative discussions to enhance pediatric practice and strengthen my role as a future physician and pediatrician.

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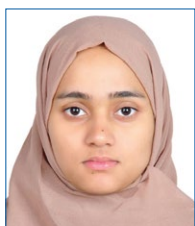


**Dr. Raya Khalaf Hamdan Al Busaidi**

Pediatric specialist  
Bahla Hospital, Oman



Dr. Rayya Al Busaidi is an Omani Pediatric Specialist Physician who completed her Pediatric Specialty Training with the Oman Medical Specialty Board in 2024. She has extensive clinical experience in pediatric care, including emergency and inpatient management, and is currently practicing at Bahla Hospital. She is actively involved in medical education, community awareness initiatives, and quality-improvement activities, with a strong commitment to continuous professional development and delivering high-quality, patient-centered care.



**Dr. Jumanah Mohammed**

Medical Intern  
Canadian Specialist Hospital  
Sharjah, UAE



I am a medical graduate of Dubai Medical University and currently an intern at a DHA-affiliated hospital, Canadian Specialist Hospital. My academic interests center on preventive medicine and evidence-based clinical practice, particularly the intersection between micronutrient deficiencies and immunological outcomes. I am the first author of a peer-reviewed publication in a Taylor & Francis journal examining the impact of iron deficiency on vaccine effectiveness. My research experience also includes studies on physician burnout and osteoporosis prevalence in the UAE. Alongside clinical training, I remain actively involved in community health initiatives that promote prevention and long-term wellbeing. I aspire to pursue residency training in Family Medicine, where I hope to integrate research, continuity of care, and population-centered practice into comprehensive and culturally responsive patient management.



**Dr. Lossim Godwin Kambainei**

General Practitioner  
Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre  
Kilimanjaro, Tanzania



A medical doctor who has been working at the Pediatrics Hemato-oncology department (Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center) for more than 3 years. I have been directly involved in the management of in-patients and out-patients for the stated number of years, while also being directly involved in multiple studies/research-work, Outreach programmes as well as case series in a variety of Pediatrics Hemato-oncology cases and outcomes. Further, I have been involved in multiple national and international Pediatrics Hemato-oncology conferences and workshops, thus emphasizing my interest in learning, participating, and eventually further developing Pediatric Hemato-oncology outcomes at our facility and worldwide.

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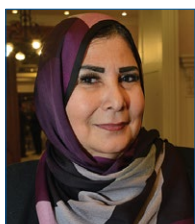


**Dr. Khadija Abdullah Mohammed Al Ghaithi**

Paediatric Resident  
Oman Medical Specialty Board  
Sohar, Sultanate of Oman



MD doctor, R2 OMSB Paediatric residency program

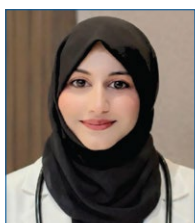


**Dr. Manal Mahmoud Mohamed Elewah**

WHO Egypt Representative for the  
Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer (GICC)  
Founder & CEO, ART2CARE Program  
Borg Al Arab University Hospital  
Alexandria, Egypt



Founder and CEO of ART2CARE Program, the first art therapy program in the Middle East dedicated to children with cancer, and their families, launched in Cairo, Egypt in 2013. ART2CARE Program has provided Art Therapy to children and adolescents diagnosed with cancer, and their families. Dr. Elewah has presented in more 160 national and international conferences, organized more 1000 training workshops, participated in more than 120 exhibitions, and conducted over 10000 art therapy sessions with different populations. Dr. Elewah is a current Board Member with National Organization for Arts in Health, NOAH, since 2022, Advisor for The Red Pencil Humanitarian Association, TRP since 2020, WHO Egypt Representative for GICC since 2020, and Board Member with Africa Regional Committee ARC since 2024. She has also translated 2 Art Therapy Books from English to Arabic language in 2016 and 2019, and a third one to be launched in 2026.



**Ms. Mahek Fathima**

Final-Year MBBS Student  
Raja Rajeswari Medical College & Hospital  
(RRMCH), Bengaluru, India



Mahek Fathima is a final-year MBBS student at RajaRajeswari Medical College & Hospital, Bangalore, with academic interests in Pediatrics, General Medicine, and Dermatology. She has consistently demonstrated academic excellence, having secured distinctions throughout her MBBS training. Her academic interests extend to clinical research and evidence-based medicine, and she is currently engaged in multiple research projects. She has presented a scientific poster at World Emergency Day and has participated in international and specialty-focused academic conferences, including ASCO meetings and pediatric oncology conferences. She has also participated in academic quizzes and medical art competitions. Her professional interests include clinical research, academic medicine, and interdisciplinary learning. She is driven by a commitment to continuous learning and combines an empathetic approach to medicine with strong communication, creative thinking, and a keen interest in contributing to patient-centered clinical practice and research.

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**Mr. Abdulwahed Zreik**

Student  
Abu Dhabi University  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Abdulwahed is a senior Software Engineering student at Abu Dhabi University with a keen focus on artificial intelligence and forward-thinking system development. He is driven by projects that merge technology with tangible, real-world value. Abdulwahed is especially interested in leveraging AI to enhance healthcare services and simplify complex medical information. Through his academic work, he strives to create intelligent, ethical, and user-centered technologies that positively impact individuals and communities.

## Poster Presenters

- 1 **Warm Autoimmune Hemolytic Anemia as a Gateway to Diagnosing XMEN Syndrome in a Young Child**  
Dr. Ahmed Atiah Alnakhli, PEDIATRIC RESIDENT 3RD YEAR, King Salman Medical City, Medina, Saudi Arabia
- 2 **Evaluating the Conformity to ASH 2019 Guidelines in Pediatric ITP Management: Clinical and Economic Outcomes at a Saudi Arabian Tertiary Care Center.**  
Dr. Rafif Yaser Alahmadi, Pediatric, Resident, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Medical City (KSAMC), Madinah - Saudi Arabia
- 3 **PREVALENCE OF TRADITIONAL AND COMPLEMENTARY MEDICINE USE AMONG PATIENTS WITH CHILDHOOD CANCERS IN KILIMANJARO: A cross-sectional study.**  
Dr. Joshua Chesco Mwalongo, Medical Doctor, Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre, Kilimanjaro, Tanzania
- 4 **Perception, Awareness, and Educational Gaps Related to International Pharmacy Practice Residency Program in Egypt**  
Dr. Alaa Farid Aly Shosha, Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacy Supervisor, Children's Cancer Hospital Egypt 57357 Cairo, Egypt
- 5 **Early Atherogenic Changes in Children with  $\alpha$ -Thalassemia Major: Role of Dyslipidemia and Carotid Intima-Media Thickness**  
Dr. Ekta Sharma, Doctor, GMC & Cancer Hospital, Chatrapati Sambhajinagar
- 6 **A Rare Presentation of Juvenile Myelomonocytic Leukemia in a 5-Year-Old Child: Diagnostic and Therapeutic Challenges**  
Dr. Maya Ahmed Mohamed Ahmed Mohamed Elmaghraby, general practitioner, Medcare hospital, Dubai, UAE
- 7 **Treatment outcomes and Relapse determinants in Pediatric Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia Patients Treated at Tikur Anbesa Specialized Hospital: A Retrospective cohort Study**  
Dr. Abdi Mulatu Kebede, Pediatric hemmatologist and oncologist, Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 8 **Cerebral Venous Thrombosis With Venous Hemorrhagic Infarction. ( Factor V Leiden Mutation positive hetrozygous H)**  
Dr. Dhaval Darji, PICU specialist, Medcare royal hospital Dubai, UAE
- 9 **Spleen-Saving or Spleen-Sacrificing? Rethinking Splenectomy Strategies in Thalassemia**  
Prof.Dr. Nader Shakibazad, Associate Professor of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology, Bushehr University of Medical Sciences, Bushehr, Iran
- 10 **Clinical Characteristics and Outcomes of Respiratory Viral Infections in Pediatric Cancer Patients, Single center experience**  
Dr. Mona Mohammed Mohammed El Sayed, Pediatric oncology/hematology consultant, Children's Cancer Hospital Egypt-57357 Cairo, Egypt
- 11 **Novel Biomarkers for Predicting Bleeding Risk and Therapeutic Response: Advances Toward Personalized Hemostasis**  
Dr. Raqshan Wajih Siddiqui, Medical and Surgical Intern, Emirates Health Services, Ras Al Khaimah, UAE
- 12 **Accelerating Pediatric Neuro-Oncology Care: Implementing RAPT (Rapid Assessment Pathway for Posterior Fossa Tumors) in Resource-Limited Settings**  
Dr. Irfana Ishaq Sindhu, Consultant Pediatric hematologist & Oncologist, Pediatric Oncology Department, Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital & Research centre, Lahore, Pakistan
- 13 **Stage IV Wilms Tumor with Intracardiac Extension: A Case Highlighting Challenges in Resource-Limited Settings. A case report**  
Dr. Nahom Chernet, Pediatric Hematology and oncology fellow, Saint Paul's Millennium medical college, Ethiopia Addis Ababa
- 14 **Cost effective utilization of Pegylated L-Asparaginase in a LMIC.**  
Mr. Pramod Kumar Nagar, NURSE, POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH, INDIA Chandigarh, India
- 15 **Delays in Childhood Cancer Care in Pakistan Are Driven By Health-System Fragmentation and Socioeconomic Inequities**  
Dr. Ruqayya Manzoor, assistant professor, Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences, Islamabad
- 16 **Presentation and types of childhood cancer at Muhimbili National Hospital,2023**  
Dr. Malaz Adam Ali Salih Arga, Fresh graduate doctor, University of medical sciences and technology, Sudan

## Poster Presenters

- 17 **Predictive Value of Mean Platelet Volume for IVIG Responsiveness in Pediatric Immune Thrombocytopenia: A Retrospective Cohort Study**  
Dr. Hamza Haj Mohamad, resident, Al Jalila Hospital, Dubai, UAE
- 18 **A Dual Genetic Hit: Alpha Thalassemia and SLC11A2 Mutation in a Saudi Family Causing Severe Anemia**  
Dr. Fatmah Yousef Rednah, Intern, MBBS, Internship unit department, College of Medicine and Surgery, Umm Al-Qura University, Makkah, Saudi Arabia, Mecca, Saudi Arabia
- 19 **Breaking the Chain: Successful Control of a Candidemia Outbreak in a Jordanian Pediatric Oncology center**  
Dr. Dana Saeed Kanaan, hematology-oncology fellow, King Hussein Cancer Center, Amman, Jordan
- 20 **Predictors of Survival and Treatment Outcomes of Children with Wilms Tumors: A Retrospective Cohort Study in Northern Tanzania**  
Dr. Lossim Godwin Kambainei, MEDICAL DOCTOR, KILIMANJARO CHRISTIAN MEDICAL CENTRE, KILIMANJARO-TANZANIA
- 21 **Pattern of Immune Reconstitution Post Allogeneic Stem Cell Transplant: Data from A Resource Constraint Country**  
Dr. Uzma Rahim (1), Senior Registrar, Peshawar Medical College, Peshawar, KPK, Paksitan
- 22 **Correlation of fibr-oscan with liver biopsy to assess iron overload in beta thalassemia major patients undergoing bone marrow transplant.**  
Dr. Uzma Rahim (2), Senior Registrar, Peshawar Medical College, Peshawar, Pakistan
- 23 **Efficacy of Arginine Therapy in Pediatric Sickle Cell Disease During Vaso-Occlusive Crisis: A Systematic Review**  
Dr. Waad Mohammed Almutairy, Medical student, University of Jeddah, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
- 24 **Paraneoplastic Neurological Syndrome in a Child with Hodgkin Lymphoma: Management and Treatment**  
Dr. Huseyin Avni Solgun (1), Pediatric Hematologist/Oncologist, Istanbul Kanuni Sultan Suleyman Training and Research Hospital, Ästanbul/Türkiye
- 25 **Pediatric Secondary Antiphospholipid Syndrome Presenting with Stroke and Severe Hemolytic Anemia: A Case Report of "Seronegative" Systemic Lupus Erythematosus**  
Dr. Mian Muhammad Hassan Ahmed, Post Graduate Resident (Year 4), Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences, Islamabad, Pakistan
- 26 **A Case of Stevens–Johnson Syndrome / Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis Caused by Hepatitis A Virus**  
Dr. Walaa Ahmed Abdo Yahya, Pediatric Oncology Specialist, Ministry of Health and Population, Cairo, Egypt
- 27 **Impact of Chronic Idiopathic Neutropenia on Early Neurodevelopment and Psychosocial Functioning in a Toddler**  
Dr. Sundus Fatima, Specialist Psychiatrist, Berlin medical and neurological rehabilitation, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 28 **Histologically Defined Subtypes of Pediatric Medulloblastoma: A Single-Center Experience**  
Dr. Sayitov Begali (1), Pediatric Hematology and Oncology, National Children's Medical Center, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- 29 **Pre-transplant donor type red cell transfusion to reduce the isohemagglutinin titers in major ABO-mismatched transplants**  
Dr. Sayitov Begali (2), Pediatric Hematology and Oncology, National Children's Medical Center, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- 30 **Beyond the Diagnosis: The Multidimensional Burden of Leukemia on the Family Unit**  
Dr. Hoda Shoaib Khan, Medical Intern, Medeor 24x7 Hospital, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 31 **DELAYED METHOTREXATE CLEARANCE IN CHILDREN WITH ACUTE LYMPHOBLASTIC LEUKAEMIA AND OSTEOSARCOMA**  
Mrs. Suhasini Ganesh PHARMACIST, CHRISTIAN MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL, VELLORE, TAMIL NADU, INDIA
- 32 **The Epidemiology and Clinical Profile of Children with Sickle Cell Disease managed at a tertiary hospital in Oman: 10 Years' Experience**  
Dr. Halima Alshibli, paediatric spcialist, royal hospital, muscat, Oman
- 33 **Prognostic Significance of Pre-treatment Inflammatory Markers in Patients with Unilateral Wilms Tumor**  
Dr. Hadeel Saleh Halalsheh, Pediatric Hematologist Oncologists, King Hussein Cancer Center, Amman, Jordan
- 34 **A rare Case of Severe Leptospirosis infection with Multi-organ Dysfunction in a Non-Endemic Region: A Case Report.**  
Dr. Rana Almugassabi, Internal Medicine Trainee, Dubai Hospital, Dubai, UAE

## Poster Presenters

- 35 **COMPARING OUTCOMES OF CHILDREN WITH ALL WHO OPTED FOR OR AGAINST TREATMENT AT A CENTRE- IMPACT OF DEDICATED PHO NURSES**  
Ms. Nalini Nesadeepam William, Senior Staff Nurse, Christian Medical College Hospital, Vellore, Tamil Nadu, India
- 36 **Congenital thrombocytopenia due to ITGB3 Gene mutation presenting as severe early onset thrombocytopenia in a late preterm Neonate**  
Dr. Kavya Keerthana, Haematologist, Prime Hospital, Dubai, Dubai, UAE
- 37 **Use of oral metformin therapy for therapy induced hyperglycemia in pediatric patients with acute lymphoblastic leukemia**  
Dr. Ankita Chakraborty (1), Pediatric Hematology- Oncology, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi, India
- 38 **A prospective study on health-related quality of life of adolescents and adult patients with thalassemia in a tertiary care center**  
Dr. Ankita Chakraborty (2), Pediatric Hematology- Oncology, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi, India
- 39 **PREVALENCE, SEVERITY AND FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH ORAL MUCOSITIS AMONG PEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY PATIENTS RECEIVING CHEMOTHERAPY AT BUGANDO MEDICAL CENTRE, MWANZA, TANZANIA**  
Dr. Caroline Deusdedit Majinge, PEDIATRICIAN, CATHOLIC NIVERSITY OF HEALTH AND ALLIED SCIENCES DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA
- 40 **Integration of Artificial Intelligence and Econometric Methods for Bleeding Risk Assessment in Hemophilia Patients**  
Mr. Feruzakhon Toshpulatova, Internal Medicine Department Central Asian Medical University; Head of the Pediatric Oncohematology Department, Fergana Regional Children's Multi-disciplinary Medical Center, Pediatric Hematologist. Central Asian Medical University, Fergana State Technical University, Fergana city, Fergana region, Republic of Uzbekistan.
- 41 **A Neglected Complication of Cure: Post-Induction Adrenal Insufficiency in Indian Children With Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia**  
Dr. Neha Da Rocha, Senior Resident in DM pediatric oncology ( 2nd year trainee), Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, Bangalore, India
- 42 **Bacterial Bloodstream Infections in Pediatric Patients with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia: Revisiting Past Data in Light of Recent Data**  
Dr. Enas Nagi Gaaffar, Pediatric Oncology & Malignant Hematology Specialist, Saudi German Hospital, Cairo, Egypt & Oncology Specialized Medical Centers, Ministry of Health, Egypt, Cairo, Egypt
- 43 **Wilms Tumor with Inferior Vena Cava Thrombus: A Comparative Analysis of Clinical Characteristics and Outcomes**  
Dr. Rahaf Al-Hasan, Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Fellow, King Hussein Cancer Center (KHCC), Amman, Jordan
- 44 **Demographic clinico pathological and molecular profile of paediatric acute lymphoblastic leukemia: A study from North India**  
Dr. Faisal Rahid Guru, Associate Professor, Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, Srinagar, India
- 45 **In a world of molecular stratification where do our patients stand: a study from a tertiary care centre from Kashmir**  
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- 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).

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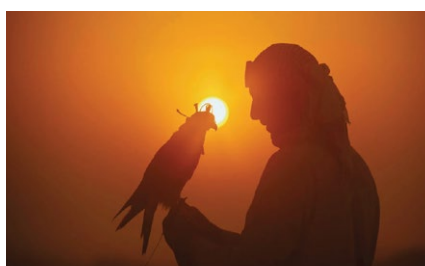
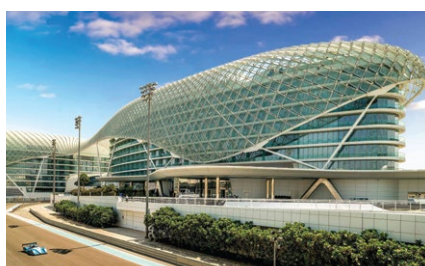
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