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"Neonatology in a New Light"

Welcome Message

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Dear Esteemed Colleagues,

A warm welcome to the 2nd International Neonatal Symposium where we gather to explore and discuss the latest advancements in neonatal care.

Throughout the symposium, we will engage in fruitful discussions, share experiences, and exchange knowledge on these crucial areas of neonatology. Our esteemed speakers, experts in their respective fields, will provide valuable insights and perspectives that will shape the future of neonatal healthcare.

I encourage each and every one of you to actively participate, network, and forge collaborations that will drive innovation and enhance the care we provide to our precious neonates. Together, let us pave the way for advancements that will positively impact their lives.

Once again, a warm welcome to the 2nd International Neonatal Symposium. Let us embark on this remarkable journey of knowledge exchange and collaboration.



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Target Audience

Neonatologists, Paediatricians & Paediatric Subspecialists, Paediatric Neurologists & Neurodevelopmental Paediatricians, Trainee Neonatologists & Paediatricians, Residents & Fellows, Paediatric Surgeons, Paediatric & Neonatal Researchers, Neonatal & Paediatric Nurses, Neonatal & Paediatric Physiotherapists, Paediatric Occupational and Speech Therapists, Paediatric Dieticians (Nutritionist)

Learning Objectives

1. Clinical Excellence in Neonatal Care

- Identify and apply current best practices in the diagnosis and management of common and complex neonatal conditions.

2. Innovation & Technology in Neonatology

- Assess the role of emerging technologies like Point Of Care Ultrasound in improving neonatal outcomes.
- Demonstrate practical knowledge of simulation-based education and digital tools in neonatal training.

3. Family-Centered & Culturally Competent Care

- Develop strategies to support mental health and well-being of parents and caregivers of neonates.

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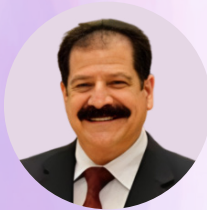
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SCIENTIFIC AGENDA

Day One - Friday, 17 October 2025

08:00 - 09:00 | Registration & Opening Remarks

Session 1

Moderator: Dr. Mahmoud Galal

09:00 - 09:25 | The Second Victim in Neonatal Care
Speakers: Dr. Hesham Abdalla, Dr. Salma Alsayed

09:25 - 09:50 | Quality Improvement in the NICU: From Vision to Implementation
Speaker: Dr. Khaled Mahmoud El-Atawi

09:50 - 10:15 | Towards Establishing Breast Milk Donation Centre in United Arab Emirates
Speaker: Dr. Khalid Iqbal

10:15 - 10:25 | Q&A

10:25 - 10:40 | Coffee Break

Session 2

Moderator: Dr. Sohrab Tomaraei

10:40 - 11:05 | Neonatal Transport: A Team-Based Approach
Speaker: Mr. Timothy Farmer

11:05 - 11:30 | Navigating the EXIT: Multidisciplinary Management of Antenatally Diagnosed Airway Obstruction
Speaker: Dr. Shaik Irfan Basha

11:30 - 11:55 | Emerging Therapies for Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy (HIE): Beyond Cooling (Virtual)
Speaker: Dr. Nicholas Hoque

11:55 - 12:10 | Q&A

Panel Discussion

Moderator: Prof. Hakam Yaseen

12:10 - 12:45 | The Changing Face of RSV Prevention in 2025/2026: National and Worldwide
Panel: Dr. Shiva Shankar, Dr. Ahmed El Ajab

12:45 - 02:00 | Friday Prayer & Lunch Break / (Symposium Talk - Abbvie - 15 min)
Speaker: Dr. Khaled Mahmoud El-Atawi

02:00 - 05:00 | Afternoon Workshops

1. Principles of Safe Neonatal Transport – Simulation & Case Discussions

Speaker: Mr. Timothy Farmer

2. How to Write a Full Research Proposal Using AI

Speaker: Prof. Samuel Ho

3. Practical Skills:

a. Ultrasound Guided Vascular Access

Speaker: Dr. Anil Ramaiah

b. Pigtail Chest Drains (Original and Improved Seldinger Techniques)

Speakers: Dr. Zahreddin Abusalah, Dr. Heba Hamid Al Saqban

c. PICC Lines (Long Lines)

Speakers: Dr. Nishath Ahmed Liyakat, Dr. Azka Rafaqat

SCIENTIFIC AGENDA

Day Two - Saturday, 18 October 2025

08:00 - 09:00 | Registration

Session 1

Moderator: Dr Monika Kaushal

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| 09:00 - 09:25 | Brachial Plexus Injury in the Newborn: Diagnosis & Management
Speaker: Dr. Debora Garozzo |
| 09:25 - 09:50 | Managing Inborn Errors of Metabolism in the NICU
Speaker: Dr. Hamda Abulhoul |
| 09:50 - 10:15 | Neonatal Endocrine Challenges: What Every Neonatologist Should Know
Speaker: Dr. Nandu KS Thalange |
| 10:15 - 10:25 | Q&A |
| 10:25 - 10:40 | Coffee Break |

Session 2

Moderator: Dr. Eyad Saada

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| 10:40 - 11:05 | Retinopathy Of Prematurity (ROP) Screening & Treatment Strategies, Revisited
Speaker: Dr. Fares Chedid |
| 11:05 - 11:20 | From Incubator to Embrace
Speaker: Dr. Azhar Abuali |
| 11:20 - 11:30 | The PROUD Study: The First Study of Preterm Neonatal Outcomes in UAE
Speaker: Dr. Heba Hamid Al Saqban |
| 11:30 - 11:55 | Neonatal Lung Ultrasound: Pearls, Pitfalls & Protocols
Speaker: Dr. Nadya Yousif |
| 11:55 - 12:20 | Optimizing Nutrition for Extremely Preterm Infants: An Unfinished Business
Speaker: Prof. Hesham Tawakol |
| 12:20 - 12:30 | Q&A |

Panel Discussion

Moderator: Dr. Aimen Ben Ayad

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| 12:30 - 01:00 | Deducing a Pathway for Home Oxygen in Babies with Chronic Lung Disease (CLD)
Panel: Dr. Rania Abusamra Abdel Karim, Sister Soosan Varughese, Dr. Anil Kopuri |
| 01:00 - 02:00 | Lunch Break |
| 02:00 - 05:00 | Afternoon Workshops |

1. Lung Ultrasound – Hands-On Training
Speaker: Dr. Nadya Yousif
2. Breastfeeding of the Preterm Infant – Practical Solutions
Speaker: Ms. Zahra Mohkber

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