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5th International Paediatric Neurodisability & Neurorehabilitation Conference

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January 15-16, 2027

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Welcome Message

Greetings!

On behalf of the organizing committee, it is my pleasure to invite you to attend the 5th International Paediatric Neurodisability & Neurorehabilitation Conference on January 15-16, 2027 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

This 2-day event is designed to provide a high level, clinically significant updates and comprehensive trends relevant to the practice of Paediatric Neurodisability & Rehabilitation. Our knowledge on the manifestations of the disorders rapidly increases, yet, our understanding of the aetiology and pathogeneses, including early detection and early intervention, is still limited.

The conference will offer a superb opportunity for healthcare professionals to share their best practices, to network within the same group of interest, and to create and strengthen clinical collaborations.

We look forward in welcoming you to this conference!



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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

To provide high-quality up to date information relevant to the practice of heath professional working with children and young people with different types and aetiologies of neurodisabilities and neurodevelopmental issues.

An opportunity to participate in evidence-based talks designed to help you overcome key challenges of day-to-day practices in this field.

Updates on some conditions associated with neurodisabilities such as Neuromuscular Disease, Epilepsy, Spasticity, ..etc.

Meets peers and colleagues working in the same field, share experiences and build up networking for better patient serving

TARGET AUDIENCE

- General Paediatricians
- Paediatric Residents
- Neurodisability Paediatricians
- Neurodevelopment Paediatricians
- Paediatric Neurologists
- Physiatrists
- Geneticists and Metabolic
- Paediatricians
- Family Physicians
- Psychiatrists, Child and Adolescent
- Physiotherapists
- Occupational Therapists
- Speech and Language Therapists
- Paediatric Nurses
- Psychologists

OVERVIEW

The 2 days Conference will focus on the latest and current clinical practice related to diagnosis, interventions and innovative treatment of individuals with congenital & acquired neurological disorders associated disabilities. Our expert speakers will focus on the challenges of early diagnosis, early intervention for best outcome. Our interdisciplinary faculty will be leading a case-based discussion sharing their local experience in reviewing common approaches in treatments and interventions.



Early Bird Rate Registration

(Extended Until November 30, 2026)

Physician
AED 1,200
(5% VAT Exclusive)

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AED 600
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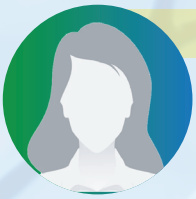
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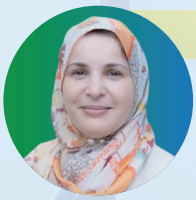
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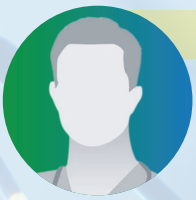
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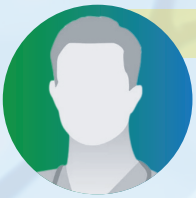


Speakers



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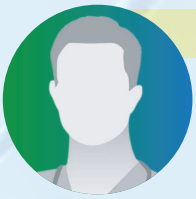
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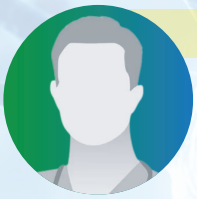
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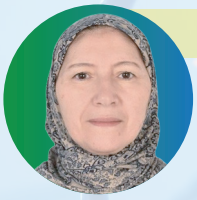
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Scientific Agenda

Day 1: Friday, January 15, 2027

Timings	Activity
01:00 - 02:00 PM	**Onsite Registration and Welcome and Introduction to the Program**
	Session 1: Neurodevelopment **Moderator: TBA**
02:00 - 02:25 PM	**Genetic Mechanisms in Neurodevelopmental Disorders** Speaker: *Dr Maryam Al Shehhi, Consultant Clinical Genetics, SKMC, UAE*
02:25 - 02:50 PM	**Neuroplasticity in Pediatric Brain Injury: Mechanisms and Therapeutic Targets** Speaker: *Dr. Fatima Ismail, UAE*
02:50 - 03:15 PM	**Premature Brain Injury: From NICU to Long-term Neurodevelopmental Outcomes** Speaker: *Dr. Bibian Ofoegbu, Corniche Hospital, UAE*
03:15 - 03:40 PM	**Advancing Rehabilitation in Cerebral Palsy** Speaker: *Dr. Amal Fahmy, STMC, UAE*
03:40 - 04:05 PM	**Novel Therapeutics on the Horizon in CP: Stem Cells and Neuroprotective Agents – Where Are We Now?** Speaker: *Dr. Haitham Bashir, Al Jalila Children's Specialty Hospital, UAE*
04:05 - 04:20 PM	**Coffee Break**
04:20 - 04:45 PM	**Standardized Tools for Global Developmental Delay** Speaker: *Dr. Huda Sadek, UAE*
04:45 - 05:10 PM	**Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) Targeted Intervention** Speaker: *Dr. Zeinab Alloub, Al Jalila Children's Speciality Hospital , UAE*
05:10 - 05:35 PM	**Use of AI and the Future of Autism Diagnosis and Management** Speaker: *Dr. Binu George, SAKINA, UAE*
05:35 - 06:00 PM	**Downs Syndrome: Neurodevelopmental Optimization – Early Intervention, Education, and Cognitive Enhancement** *Speaker: Dr. Tawq Hen, SKMC, UAE*
06:00 - 06:25 PM	**Educational Inclusion: Policy & Practice in Childhood Neurodisability** *Speaker: TBC*
06:25 PM	**Dinner**

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Day 2: Saturday, January 16, 2027

Timings	Activity
08:00 - 09:00 AM	Onsite Registration and Welcome and Introduction to the Program
	Session 2: Epilepsy & Comorbidities **Moderator: TBA**
09:00 - 09:25 AM	**Precision Medicine in Pediatric Epilepsy: Genetic Testing to Targeted Therapy** Speaker: *Dr. Anil Israni, Tawam Hospital, UAE*
09:25 - 09:50 AM	**Epilepsy-Autism Comorbidity – Shared Mechanisms and Dual Diagnosis Management** Speaker: *Dr. Dina Saleh, Reem Hospital, UAE*
09:50 - 10:15 AM	**Cultural Perspective on Epilepsy; Adressing Stigma and Improving Care** Speaker: *Dr. Arif Khan, Neuropedia, UAE*
10:15 - 10:40 AM	**Autoimmune Encephalitis: Diagnostic Approach and Treatment Escalation** Speaker: *Dr. Shanawaz Hussain, SKMC, UAE*
10:40 - 11:05 AM	**Transition from Pediatric to Adult Epilepsy Care – A Bridge Between Two Worlds** Speaker: *Dr. Mohamad Ayman Haykal - CCAD, UAE*
11:05 - 11:20 AM	**Coffee Break**
	Session 3: Neuromuscular **Moderator: TBA**
11:20 - 11:45 AM	**Newborn Screening Implementation: Early Diagnosis and the Window of Therapeutic Opportunity** Speaker: *Dr. Amal Al Tenaiji, UAE*
11:45 - 12:10 PM	**Exon-Skipping Therapies: Eteplirsen, Golodirsen, and Viltolarsen – Real-World Evidence and Patient Selection [Sponsor]** Speaker: *TBC*
12:10 - 12:35 PM	**Elevidys (Delandistrogene Moxeparvovec) Update: Efficacy Data, Recent FDA Safety Warnings, and Ambulatory Patient Selection [Sponsor]** Speaker: *TBC*
12:35 - 01:00 PM	**Spinraza (Nusinersen): Long-term Efficacy, Higher-Dose DEVOTE Trial Results, and Intrathecal Delivery Innovations [Sponsor]** Speaker: *TBC*
01:00 - 01:25 PM	**Zolgensma (Onasemnogene Abeparvovec): IV vs. Intrathecal Routes, STEER Trial Outcomes, and Real-World Comparative Data [Sponsor]** Speaker: *TBC*

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01:25 - 01:50 PM	**Evrysdi (Risdiplam): RAINBOWFISH and SUNFISH Long-term Data, Presymptomatic Treatment, and Oral Therapy Advantages [Sponsor]** Speaker: *TBC*
01:50 - 02:30 PM	**Lunch Break**
	Session 4: Miscellaneous **Moderator: TBA**
02:30 - 02:55 PM	**Functional Neurological Disorder in Children and Adolescents – Rehabilitation Approaches to "Mind-Body" Conditions** Speaker: *Dr. Biju Hameed, UAE*
02:55 - 03:20 PM	**Generation Z and Sleep** Speaker: *Dr. Sophia Konstantinopoulou, SKMC , UAE*
03:20 - 03:45 PM	**Binocular Vision Dysfunction in Neurodevelopmental Disorders** Speaker: *Dr. Irfan Khan, Moore field Eye Hospial, UAE*
03:45 - 04:00 PM	**Oral Motor Rehabilitation in Neurodevelopmental Disorders** Speaker: *TBC*
04:00 - 04:15 PM	**Coffee Break**
04:15 - 04:40 PM	**Pediatric Hearing Loss: Early Intervention to Auditory Rehabilitation** Speaker: *TBC*
04:40 - 05:05 PM	**3D Gait Analysis in Clinical Practice** Speaker: *Jennifer Walsh, Al Jalilal, UAE*
05:05 - 05:30 PM	**Hip Surveillance Programs – From Early Detection to Decision-Making** Speaker: *Dr. Ken Kontio, SKMC, UAE*
05:30 - 05:55 PM	**Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy (SDR) – Patient Selection, Timing, and Long-Term Functional Outcomes** Speaker: *Dr. Robert Pemph, SKMC, UAE*
05:55 PM	**Adjournment**

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