



5th International Paediatric Neurodisability & Neurorehabilitation Conference



October 16 - 17, 2026



Beach Rotana Hotel, Abu Dhabi, UAE



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 October 16 - 17, 2026 in Beach Rotana Hotel, 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 pathogenesis, 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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MANAGED BY:





To provide high-quality up to date information relevant to the practice of health 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
- Psychiatrists
- 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

(Until July 15, 2026 Only)

Physician
AED 1,200

(5% VAT Exclusive)

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Non-Physician
AED 600

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Scientific Agenda

Day 1: Friday, October 16, 2026

Timings

01:00 - 02:00 PM

Activity

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. Tawfiq 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, October 17, 2026

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; Addressing 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*



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- 01:00 - 01:25 PM Zolgensma (Onasemnogene Apeparovvec): IV vs. Intrathecal Routes, STEER Trial Outcomes, and Real-World Comparative Data [Sponsor]
Speaker: *TBC*
- 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 Hospital, 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