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## Welcome Note



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Dear Colleagues,

We are delighted to extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you for the "6th Emirates Paediatric Haematology & Oncology Conference" scheduled to take place on May 4 - 5, 2024, at Grand Hyatt Hotel in Abu Dhabi.

This conference has been meticulously designed to cater to the needs of both General Pediatricians and Pediatric Hematologists and Oncologists, with a primary focus on the diagnosis of common haematological and oncological conditions in children. Our goal is to facilitate meaningful discussions on effective management strategies for these diseases.

We are honored to have the presence of esteemed experts from the UAE and around the globe, who will contribute to creating a vibrant platform for interaction and the exchange of ideas, knowledge, and experiences. The conference aims to empower healthcare professionals with the latest insights, equipping them to provide the highest level of care for children affected by cancer and blood diseases.

This event is specifically tailored for General Pediatricians, Pediatric Subspecialists, Pediatric Trainees, Residents & Fellows, Family Physicians, General Practitioners, Emergency Medicine Physicians, Nurses and Pharmacists. It promises to offer an engaging and enriching experience for all participants.

In addition to the enriching educational sessions, the conference provides a unique opportunity for networking, fostering future collaborations in both academic and clinical settings.

We encourage you to seize this chance to connect with peers, share your expertise, and contribute to the advancement of pediatric healthcare.

We extend our sincere gratitude for your active participation, and we firmly believe that this conference will be a memorable and rewarding educational experience for all involved.

Thank you once again for your participation, and we are eagerly looking forward to a highly successful and impactful conference.

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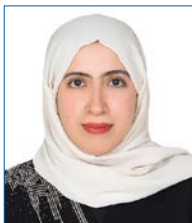
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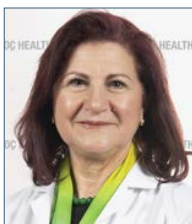
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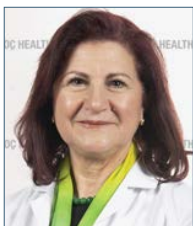
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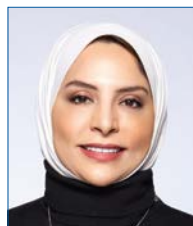
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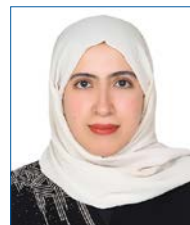
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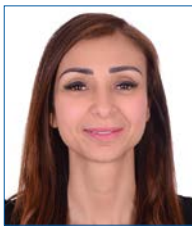
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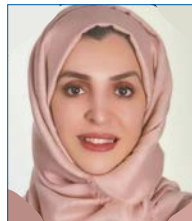
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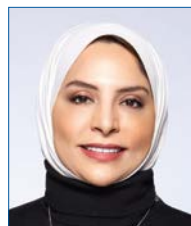
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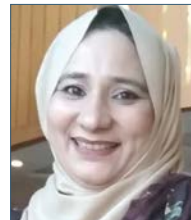
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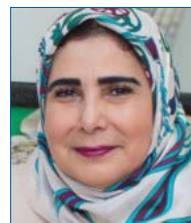
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## Learning Objectives

- 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

## Who Should Attend?

*This activity is designed to meet the needs of:*

- Pediatric Hematologist and Oncologist
- General Pediatricians
- Pediatric Subspecialists
- Pediatric Trainees
- Residents & Fellow
- Family Physicians
- General Practitioners
- Emergency Medicine Physicians
- Specialist Nurses
- Psycho-social counsellors

## 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

# Scientific Program

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07:30-08:25 Registration  
 08:25-08:30 Welcome & Introduction - Master of Ceremony

**Session 1 | Hematology-Oncology Track**

Chair: Prof. Rupert Handgretinger & Dr. Nisreen Khalifa

08:30-08:55  
 The role of checkpoint Inhibitors in solid tumors In children  
 Dr. Hiba Al Tarrah | Saudi Arabia

08:55-09:20  
 Immunotherapy of Neuroblastoma: Facts and Hopes  
 Prof. Holger N. Lode | University of Greifswald-Germany

09:20-09:45  
 How anti-GD2 ImmunoTherapy has changed the treatment of high-risk Neuroblastoma:  
 from Biology to Cure"  
 Dr. Jaume Mora-Graupera | SJD Barcelona Children's Hospital

**Session 1 | General Pediatrics Track**

Chair: Dr. Rajesh Phatak & Dr. Vishwanath Gowraiah

08:30-08:55  
 Innovations in Pediatric Hematology & Oncology: Exploring the Depth of Specialized Services  
 Malika Maddison | Children's Hospital Los Angeles

08:55-09:20  
 CerebroTendinous Xanthomatosis: A treatable Neuro-metabolic  
 rare disease - Dr. Amal Mohamed | SKMC

09:20-09:45  
 Early diagnosis of Primary Immunodeficiency disease  
 Dr. Fulvio Porta | Italy

09:45-10:00 Q & A | Panel Discussion

10:00-10:30 Official Inauguration

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

**Session 2 | Hematology-Oncology Track**

Chair: Dr. Iftikhar A Jan & Dr. Layla Ali Eisa Mohamed Alreymi

10:45-11:10  
 Advances in Pediatric Surgical Oncology  
 Dr. Sanjeev A. Vasudevan | Texas Children's Hospital

11:10-11:35  
 Principles of chest wall resection and reconstruction in Pediatric  
 Oncology - Dr. Edward Black | Tawam hospital

11:35-12:00  
 Update in Pediatric Orthopaedic Sarcoma Surgery  
 Prof. Dr.Philipp Berdel | Tawam hospital

**Session 2 | General Pediatrics Track**

Chair: Dr. Rola Ahmed Alzir & Dr. Maya Prabhakaran

10:45-11:10  
 Pediatric oncologic emergencies  
 Dr. Muhammad Saghir Khan | Saudi Arabia

11:10-11:35  
 Minimally invasive surgery in the management of paediatric  
 intraabdominal tumours  
 Dr. Moustafa Hamchou | Tawam hospital, UAE

11:35-12:00  
 EARLY DIAGNOSIS OF BRAIN TUMOR IN CHILDREN  
 Dr. Naureen Mushtaq | Pakistan

**Session 2 | Oral Abstract Presentations**

Chair: Dr. Nancy Nabil

10:45-10:55  
 Establishing micro-RNA 451-a as a biomarker in Neuroblastoma:  
 Results from a discovery phase and validation analysis  
 Dr. Aditya Kumar Gupta

10:55-11:05  
 Fluconazole Prophylaxis in Children with Acute Leukemia During  
 Induction Chemotherapy in a Tertiary Care Hospital in Bangladesh  
 Dr. Farzana Islam

11:05-11:15  
 Profile of Paediatric Optic Gliomas – Experience from a Tertiary  
 Paediatric Oncology Centre from South India  
 Dr. Rishab Bhurat

11:15-11:25  
 Comparison of Metabolic Tumour Volume with Standardised  
 Uptake Value (SUV) in F18 FDG PET CT Scan in Children with  
 Hodgkin Lymphoma  
 Dr. Leni Grace Mathew

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**Session 2 | Hematology-Oncology Track**

Chair: Dr. Iftikhar A Jan & Dr. Layla Ali Eisa Mohamed Alreyami

**Session 2 | General Pediatrics Track**

Chair: Dr. Rola Ahmed Alzir & Dr. Maya Prabhakaran

**Session 2 | Oral Abstract Presentations**

Chair: Dr. Nancy Nabil

- 11:25-11:35  
Dosimetric comparison between volumetric-modulated arc therapy and three dimensional conformal radiation therapy for pediatric medulloblastoma treated with craniospinal irradiation  
Dr. Ghufra Aljawi
- 11:35-11:45  
Malignant spinal cord compression as initial presentation in paediatric oncology: a South African experience.  
Dr. Angidi Mauree
- 11:45-11:55  
Evaluation of Effective Strategies and Adherence to Protocol in the Prevention of Chemotherapy-Induced Mucositis Among Children in Pakistan  
Mrs. Dilnasheen Safdar
- 11:55-12:05  
Prevalence of Sleep Disturbance in Patients With Cancer: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis  
Dr. Mohammed Abdullah Al Maqbali
- 12:05-12:15  
Single-Day Intravenous Fosaprepitant versus Three-Day Oral Aprepitant-Based Anti-emetic Regimen in Pediatric Patients Receiving Highly-Emetogenic Chemotherapy: An Investigator-Initiated, Randomized, Open-Label, Non-Inferiority Trial  
Dr. Azgar Abdul Rasheed

12:00-12:15

Q & A | Panel Discussion

12:15-12:45

Symposium 1- Breaking free Pushing Boundaries In Hemophilia-A  
Speaker:- Dr. Muhammad Faisal Khanani | Chair: Dr. Mohammad Fahed Abdullah

12:45-13:15

Symposium 2 - Voxelotor - New Hope in Sickle Cell Disease  
Speaker:- Dr. Najam Ahmed Muhammad Ahmed Awan | Chair : Dr. Muhammad Faisal Khanani

13:15-14:15

Lunch Break | Poster Presentation

**Session 3 | Hematology-Oncology Track**

Chair: Prof. Mohammed Sajid Qureshi &amp; Prof. Dr. Ali Raza Brohi

14:15-14:40  
Wilms tumor - SIOP versus North American approach.  
Which one is better?  
Dr. Naveed Ahmed | National Guard KSA

14:40-15:05  
Factors improving survival in Wilms tumor patients:  
surgeon's perspective  
Dr. Abid Quddus Qazi | Danat Al Emarat

15:05-15:30  
Updates in Wilms tumor surgery  
Dr. Lucas Krauel-Giménez | SJD Barcelona Children's Hospital

**Session 3 | General Pediatrics Track**

Chair: Dr. Najam Ahmed Muhammad Ahmed Awan &amp; Dr. Funda Cipe

14:15-14:40  
Management of acute ITP In children  
Dr. Sondus Ibrahim AlSharidah | Kuwait

14:40-15:05  
Approach to Neutropenia in children  
Dr. Mohammed Al Nuaimi | Tawam, UAE

15:05-15:30  
New era in the management of Iron deficiency anaemia in children  
Dr. Ahmed Abdelaal | Mediclinic, UAE

**Session 3 | Oral Abstract Presentations**

Chair: Dr. Mohamed Ramzan &amp; Dr. Sagar Mohan Nivargi

14:15-14:25  
Effectiveness of levofloxacin in the induction of chemotherapy in  
high-risk acute lymphoblastic leukemia in children in a developing  
country  
Dr. Areeba Ejaz Khan

14:25-14:35  
Therapeutic Dolls Bring Comfort to Pediatric Oncology Patients  
Dr. Manal Mahmoud Mohamed Elewah

14:35-14:45  
StoryTelling Therapeutic Tool Children Battling Cancer  
Dr. Manal Mahmoud Mohamed Elewah

14:45-14:55  
Anthracycline-Related Cardiotoxicity in Patients with Acute  
Leukemia and Down syndrome: A retrospective study  
Dr. Nashwa M.Ezz Eldeen

14:55-15:05  
Prevalence and Parental perspectives on the use of  
Complementary and alternative medicine in children with cancer  
Dr. GopaKumar

15:05-15:15  
A prospective, observational study of acute toxicities in  
transfusion-dependent  $\beta^0$ -Thalassemia patients treated with  
thalidomide in the setting of hydroxyurea.  
Ms. Huda Faizan

15:15-15:25  
Molecular characterization of the beta-globin in patients with  
thalassemia in the Uzbek population.  
Ms. Shahnoza Bekmurodova

15:25-15:35  
Effect of filial therapy and education on pain and health-related  
quality of life of children with sickle cell disease in a Middle  
Eastern country: A quasi-experimental design  
Dr. Suthan Pandarakutty

15:35-15:45  
Awareness among Pediatricians in the UAE about inborn errors  
of immunity (IEI) - Amina Abdul Gafoor

15:30-15:45

Q &amp; A | Panel Discussion

15:45-15:55

Coffee Break

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**Session 4 | Hematology-Oncology Track**

Chair: Dr. Samina Afzal

- 15:55-16:20  
New directions for the treatment of pediatric glioma  
Ass. Prof Richard Graham, MD | Cincinnati Children's Hospital
- 16:20-16:45  
Advancement in Medulloblastoma treatment can lead to reduced long term toxicities  
Dr. Murali Mohan Chintagumpala | Texas Children's Hospital
- 16:45-17:10  
State of the art approaches in pediatric radiation therapy  
Prof. Anthony E. Mascia | Cincinnati Children's Hospital

**Session 4 | General Pediatrics Track**

Chair: Dr. Pawan Mutalik & Dr. Ghulam Mujtaba

- 15:55-16:20  
Anemia in NewBorn  
Dr. Rathinabalan Indiran | NMC Specialty Hospital
- 16:20-16:45  
Thrombocytopenia in Newborn  
Dr. Sameer Kallaroath | Medeor Hospital,UAE
- 16:45-17:10  
Abnormal hemoglobins detected in newborn screening: How to proceed?  
Dr. Deepthi Boddu | Burjeel Speciality Hospital

**Session 4 | Oral Abstract Presentations**

Chair: Dr. Amr Abdalla Salem Dahdouh

- 15:55-16:05  
Haploidentical Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation with a Controlled Number of CD3+ Cells and Post-Transplant Cyclophosphamide: Experience from a Single Pediatric Center  
Dr. Giulia Albrici
- 16:05-16:15  
Hematopoietic stem cell transplantation in Chronic granulomatous disease (CGD): the experience of the Childrens Hospital of Brescia  
Dr. Marianna Maffeis
- 16:15-16:25  
Prevalence and correlation of Transfusion-Transmitted Infections (TTI) with the distribution of ABO, Rh and Kell Blood Group Types among Blood Donors in Abu Dhabi, Al-Ain, and Al-Dhafra regions, United Arab Emirates; A 5-Year Retrospective Study  
Ms. Lama Musallam
- 16:25-16:35  
Infantile pure red cell aplasia secondary to ADA2 mutation - time to think beyond Diamond Blackfan Anemia  
Dr. Amiya Ranjan Nayak
- 16:35-16:45  
The Surgical Outcomes in Pediatric Patients with Hemophilia: The Royal Hospital Experience in Oman  
Dr. Rahaf Rafea Amar
- 16:45-16:55  
Therapeutic Outcomes of Severe Aplastic Anemia: The Earlier the Better!  
Dr. Srishti Srivastava
- 16:55-17:05  
TREGs/KREGs and lymphocyte subsets in 7 disease groups of patients with inborn errors of immunity  
Dr. Ekaterina V. Kalinina
- 17:05-17:15  
Surgical procedures in hemophilia A inhibitor patients on Emicizumab; real world experience  
Dr.Archit Sunil Pandharipande

17:10-17:25

Q & A | Panel Discussion

17:25

Closing & End of Day 1

**Scientific Program**

08:00-08:30 Registration  
 08:30-08:40 Welcome & Opening Remarks

Session 5   Hematology-Oncology Track Chair: Dr. Sagar Mohan Nivargi	Session 5   General Pediatrics Track Chair: Dr. Krish Venkatesh	Session 5   Nursing Track Chair: Manar Shaban Kilani Ashour & Khaled Abdulla Raja Al Habaiba
08:40-09:05 Aplastic Anemia in Childhood: IST vs. Stem Cell Transplant Dr. Shahbaz Memon   National Guard Hospital, Riyadh, KSA  09:05-09:30 Bone Marrow Failure: Challenges and Novel Management Approaches Dr. John M. Cunningham   University of Chicago  09:30-09:55 Psychosocial aspect of Palliative care in Pediatric Oncology Dr. Shah Mohammed Wasifuddin   Oman	08:40-09:05 BMT a safe and curative option for many patients with non-malignant disorders - Dr. Kenneth Cooke   The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, US  09:05-09:30 "BMT In Children in the UAE Single Centre Experience" Dr. Zainul Aabideen   Burjeel Medical City  09:30-09:55 When do you suspect leukemia in children ? Do's and Dont's Dr. Atish Narayanrao Bakane   INDIA	08:40-09:05 Oral maintenance chemotherapy in childhood leukemia Challenges and solutions Mr. Abdullah Odat   Burjeel Medical City  09:05-09:30 Childhood cancer an approach to patient centered care Mariam Aiash   Tawam Hospital, UAE  09:30-09:55 Overcoming Barriers to patient centered care in childhood cancer Mr. Khaled Abdulla Raja Al Habaiba   Tawam Hospital

09:55-10:10 Q & A | Panel Discussion

10:10-10:25 Coffee Break

Session 6   Hematology-Oncology Track Chair: Dr. Grace Nehme & Dr. Rajasekhar Cingapagu	Session 6   General Pediatrics Track Chair: Dr. Kamran Mahmood & Dr Mahmoud Alhussain	Session 6   Nursing Track Chair: Manar Shaban Kilani Ashour & Abdullah Odat
10:25-10:50 Treatment of bone sarcomas in children and adolescents-an update - Dr. Rejin Kebudi   KOC HEALTHCARE  10:50-11:15 Road ahead transforming Rabhdomyosaroma treatment Dr. Rajkumar Venkatramani   Texas Children's Hospital  11:15-11:40 Immunotherapy for pediatric diffuse midline gliomas Dr. Andres Morales Lamadrid   SJD Barcelona Children's Hospital  11:40-12:05 New updates on molecular genetics in Pediatric oncology Dr. Maryam Busehail   Bahrain	10:25-10:50 Digital Health and Artificial Intelligence in Pediatric Current Practice and Future Prospective Dr. Ibrahim Al Ghaithi   OMAN  10:50-11:15 Gene Therapy and Hematology for the General Pediatrician Dr. Alexis Thompson   CHOP  11:15-11:40 Drug treatment of thalassemia: A new hope Prof. Dr. Md. Anwarul Karim   Bangladesh  11:40-12:05 Diagnosis of Hemoglobinopathy In children Dr. Samah Babiker   Guys & St Thomas NHS Foundation trust, UK	10:25-10:50 Exploring the Challenges and Roles of Pediatric Oncology Nurses in Health Care Delivery - Jennifer D. Maralit   Burjeel Medical City  10:50-11:15 Role of pediatric Oncology Hematology coordinator in patient journey - Rima Mohamed Abdelgadi   SKMC ,UAE  11:15-11:40 Palliative Care and symptom control Aqeela Anwar Sheikh   BMC, UAE  11:40-12:05 Pediatric Oncology Nursing Certification: Investing in Expertise and Compassion Ihab Muzher   Al Jalila childrens Hospital, UAE

12:05-12:20 Q & A | Panel Discussion

12:20-12:40 Symposium 3 - Management & MDT approach in the evolving landscape of Neurofibromatosis Type 1 -  
 Speaker: Dr. Muhammad Faisal Khanani

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12:40-13:10	Symposium 4 - Addressing the unmet needs in Hemophilia: Esperoct®: "a state of the art, Extend half-life rFVIII" Speaker: Dr. Mohammad Fahed Abdullah   Chair: Dr. Muhammad Faisal Khanani
13:10-13:30	Symposium 5 - Modern Management of SCD   Speaker: Dr. Hany Elsayed Mohamed Abdelaal Dewedar   Chair: Dr. Muhammad Faisal Khanani
13:30-14:20	Lunch Break   Poster Presentation & Viewing

## Session 7 | Hematology-Oncology Track

Chair: Dr. K G Gopakumar &amp; Dr. Mohammed Sulaiman Al Hinai

14:20-14:45	Post chemotherapy cardiomyopathy Dr. Anas Abu Hazeem   UAE
14:45-15:10	Management of toxicities due to high dose Methotrexate in children Dr. Anjan Madasu   Al Jalila Childrens Hospital, Dubai
15:10-15:35	Preventing hearing loss in children treated with cisplatin: an introduction to Pedmark Prof. Penelope Brock

## Session 7 | General Pediatrics Track

Chair: Dr. Badi Alatasi

14:20-14:45	Impact of Jordan Head Smart program Dr. Nisreen Amayiri   Jordan
14:45-15:10	New horizon in pediatric hemostasis disorders: case scenarios Prof. Mehran Karimi   American Hospital, UAE
15:10-15:35	Multidisciplinary management of neurofibromatosis Dr. Hiba Bedri   UAE

15:35-15:50 Q &amp; A | Panel Discussion

15:50-16:00 Coffee Break

## Session 8 | Hematology-Oncology Track

Chair: Dr. Deepthi Boddu

16:00-16:25	Myeloid leukemia in Down Syndrome Dr. Arvind Jain   UAE
16:25-16:50	Outcome of Treating Pediatric Langerhans Histiocytosis with LCH III in Tertiary Center, Saudi Arabia. Dr. Abdullah Baothman   Saudi Arabia
16:50-17:15	Gene Therapy in Sickle Cell Disease Dr. Alexis Thompson   CHOP

## Session 8 | General Pediatrics Track

Chair: Dr. Sudheer Madathiparambil Sadanandan

16:00-16:25	Approach to Pancytopenia in children Dr. Mohammed Ramzan   Burjeel Medical City
16:25-16:50	Congenital haemolytic anaemia- squeezing and survival. Dr. Rakeshkumar Lalitbhai Shah   Burjeel Medical City
16:50-17:15	Hope on the Horizon: New and Future Therapies for Sickle Cell Disease Prof. Charles Quinn   Cincinnati Children's Hospital

17:15-17:30 Q &amp; A | Panel Discussion

17:30 Closing Remarks / End of Conference



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Participants are required to wear their name tags throughout the meeting in order to be admitted to the lecture halls and other scheduled activities.

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# Speakers' Biography

## Speakers' Biography



**Dr. Zainul Aabideen**

Conference Chair  
Chairman Organizing & Scientific Committee  
Consultant and Head of Pediatric Hematology,  
Oncology and BMT, Burjeel Medical City  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Dr. Zainul is a highly skilled and experienced in Paediatric Haematology and Oncology. He received his Degree in Medicine at Calicut University in Kerala, India, subsequently he took his post-Graduate degree in Paediatrics from the University of Mumbai.

In 2001, Dr. Zainul moved to the United Kingdom where he specialize and undertake further training and experience in paediatric haematology, paediatric oncology and Paediatric Bone Marrow Transplantation in various hospitals in UK

- Royal Marsden Hospital, London, UK
- University College Hospitals of London UCLH London
- Imperial College London UK
- Manchester Children Hospital, Manchester UK
- Alder Hey Children Hospital Liverpool UK
- Great North Children Hospital Newcastle UK

Dr. Zainul gained his master's degree in Paediatric Oncology at Birmingham University as well as Certificate in Medical Education at Manchester University. Subsequently, he completed his International Fellowship in Paediatric Bone Marrow Transplantation at Great North Children's Hospital in Newcastle.

He worked previously as Consultant Pediatric at University Hospital of Coventry and Warwickshare and Royal Oldham Hospital before moving to UAE.

In the UAE, He had worked at Department of Pediatric hematology and Oncvology Tawam Hospital as Consultant, Al Ain, before he joined at Burjeel Medical City.

Aside from his commitment to further advance his experience and knowledge in the field of Paediatrics, Paediatric Haematology, Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplantation in the United Kingdom he also published numerous articles and actively support by sharing his knowledge to the community by participating in international conference across countries



**Dr. Kenneth R. Cooke**

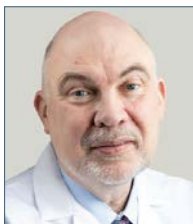
Director, Pediatric Blood and Marrow Transplantation Program  
Herman and Walter Samuelson Professor of Oncology and Pediatrics  
The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, United States



Dr. Kenneth Cooke is a professor of Oncology and Pediatrics at the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins. He also serves as the Director of the Pediatric Blood and Marrow Transplantation (BMT) Program at the Johns Hopkins Children's Center. Ken did his pediatric residency training at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia before completing a fellowship in pediatric hematology, oncology and BMT at The Dana Farber Cancer Institute and Children's Hospital, Boston. His scientific interests are directed toward understanding the immunologic mechanisms that contribute to the development of graft-versus-host disease (GVHD) and non-infectious lung injury occurring following allogeneic BMT. His research endeavors have resulted in his induction into the American Society of Clinical Investigation.

Ken is committed to improving outcomes for pediatric, adolescent and young adult (AYA) BMT recipients by developing novel strategies to: reduce the incidence and severity of transplant-related complications, overcome traditional limitations to donor availability by using partially-matched, related, donors and safely broaden the scope of BMT to patients with non-malignant disorders of the blood and immune systems. To this end, he has a particular interest the use of allogeneic BMT as a safe, curative, and accessible therapy for patients with transfusion-dependent thalassemia and aplastic anemia.

## Speakers' Biography



**Dr. John M. Cunningham**  
George M. Eisenberg Professor of Pediatrics  
Chair, Department of Pediatrics  
Physician-in-Chief, University of Chicago  
Medicine Comer Children's Hospital  
UChicago Medicine, United States



John M. Cunningham, MD, is a globally recognized expert in the treatment and research of childhood cancers and blood diseases. With a focus on leukemia, lymphoma, immunodeficiencies, sickle cell disease, and thalassemia, he has become a leader in pediatric stem cell transplantation, pioneering innovative treatments in this life-saving field.

As an active researcher, Dr. Cunningham delves into various areas including the biology and therapy of hemoglobinopathies, hematopoiesis, leukemia stem cells, and transcriptional mechanisms in vertebrate organism development. Throughout his esteemed career, he has garnered support for his research from prestigious organizations like the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute and the American Society of Hematology.

His contributions extend beyond research; Dr. Cunningham serves on the scientific council of the American Cancer Society and is a member of the editorial board of *The Oncologist*. With over 100 scientific articles, numerous book chapters, and invited reviews to his name, he has left an indelible mark on the field. He has also lent his expertise to journals such as the *Journal of Biological Chemistry* and acts as a reviewer for esteemed publications like *Blood*, *Molecular and Cellular Biology*, *Cancer Research*, and *Genomics*.

A sought-after speaker, Dr. Cunningham has shared his insights at universities and scientific gatherings worldwide. Recognized as a top doctor by *Chicago* magazine and an American Top Doctor, his influence in the medical community is profound.

Prior to his tenure at the University of Chicago Medicine, Dr. Cunningham played a pivotal role in the Division of Experimental Hematology and Bone Marrow Transplantation at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.



**Dr. Murali Chintagumpala**  
Pediatric Hematologist Oncology specialist  
Clinical Director of the Brain Tumor Program  
Texas Children Hospital, United States



Dr Murali Chintagumpala is a Professor of Pediatrics and the Director, Clinical Neurooncology program at the Texas Children's Cancer Center, Baylor College of Medicine. He has over 30 years of experience in the management of children with solid and brain tumors and was the Director of both the solid tumor program and the neurooncology program. He is also the Co-Director of the Retinoblastoma Center of Houston. Within the Children's Oncology Group (COG) he was the principal investigator for brain tumor, retinoblastoma and renal tumors protocols. He is the chair of the Retinoblastoma Subcommittee within COG. He is the author or the co-author of 250 publications. He is a visiting professor for the Global HOPE Program which oversees pediatric hematology/oncology fellowships in Sub-Saharan Africa. He has trained numerous fellows both nationally and internationally.

## Speakers' Biography



**Dr. Sanjeev Vasudevan**  
Pediatric Surgeon  
Co-Director of the Liver Tumor Program  
Texas Children Hospital,  
United States



Dr. Sanjeev Vasudevan is an associate professor of surgery at the Michael E. DeBakey Department of Surgery, Division of Pediatric Surgery and associate professor of pediatrics with the Department of Pediatrics, Division of Hematology and Oncology, Baylor College of Medicine. He is a physician-scientist who specializes in the field of pediatric surgical oncology with a major clinical focus on liver cancer, and, in that capacity, co-leads the Liver Tumor Program within the Texas Children's Cancer and Hematology Centers. Dr. Vasudevan also serves as a surgical vice chair of the Liver Tumor Committee for the Children's Oncology Group, and drafted the surgical guidelines for the recently completed international clinical trial for pediatric liver cancer, AHEP1531/PHITT. He also serves as the director of the Pediatric Surgical Oncology Laboratory with a core commitment to develop novel models and perform preclinical testing of therapeutics for relapse/refractory hepatoblastoma. Dr. Vasudevan has pushed the boundaries of surgical technique by pioneering fluorescence-guided surgery for primary liver tumor and pulmonary metastasis management. As the associate program director for the general surgery training program, Dr. Vasudevan has trained several general and pediatric surgery residents and postdoctoral fellows several of which are now academic surgeons and scientists.



**Dr. Rajkumar Venkatramani**  
Section Chief of Oncology  
Director, Clinical Business Operations,  
Cancer and Hematology Center  
Texas Children Hospital, United States



Dr. Venkatramani is a Professor of Pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine. He completed his fellowship training at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. He has a master's in clinical investigations from University of Southern California and an MBA from University of Massachusetts. He is the section chief of oncology and director of rare tumor programs at Texas Children's Hospital. He is the scientific chair of the Children's Oncology Group Soft tissue sarcoma committee. He has published more than 120 manuscripts, and numerous book chapters.



**Prof. Anthony Mascia**  
Director of Medical Physics  
Proton Therapy Center  
Cincinnati Children's Hospital, USA



As an Associate Professor, Anthony Mascia, PhD, serves as the Executive Director of Proton Therapy Center and Director of Medical Physics at the Cincinnati Children's Hospital and University of Cincinnati Proton Therapy Center. Holding a PhD in Biophysics from UCLA since 2008, he received certification from the American Board of Radiology in Medical Physics in 2011. Having joined from Scripps Proton Therapy Center in 2015, Mascia oversees all aspects of physics, dosimetry, therapy staff, and research activities in Cincinnati. Mascia is an internationally recognized expert in proton therapy commissioning, quality assurance, treatment planning, and clinical operations.

His research encompasses radiation detector design, proton dosimetry, and biological studies, particularly focusing on the emerging field of FLASH radiotherapy. Mascia leads projects ranging from exploring the absolute dosimetry of FLASH radiation to its effects on animal models to clinical trials. He co-directed the pioneering FAST-01 human trial in proton FLASH radiotherapy and currently oversees FAST-02, with additional trials in development. Mascia's leadership has been instrumental in advancing proton therapy research and translating it into clinical practice at Cincinnati Children's Hospital and University of Cincinnati.

## Speakers' Biography



**Dr. Richard T. Graham**  
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics  
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center  
Cincinnati Ohio, USA



Richard T. Graham graduated with a Bachelor's degree in English from Brigham Young University but decided partway through that he wanted to pursue medicine as a career. He completed medical school at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, and then went on to residency training in pediatrics at the University of Texas Southwestern/Dallas Children's Hospital program where he stayed on for an extra year as a chief resident.

In residency, he developed a strong interest in oncology and accepted a fellowship position at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, where he completed a Heme/Onc/BMT fellowship and began to do research focused on proteomic characterization of pediatric gliomas. Knowing going into fellowship that he was planning to pursue further training in Neuro-oncology, he completed another fellowship in Neuro-oncology at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN, after which he accepted a faculty position at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. He has an active clinic and continues to pursue his research interests in proteomics as well as other areas. Outside of his professional pursuits, he enjoys reading, writing, and spending time with his wife.



**Dr. Alexis A. Thompson**  
Chief of the Division of Hematology  
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia,  
USA



Alexis A. Thompson, MD, MPH, is Chief of the Division of Hematology at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. She holds the Elias Schwartz, MD, Endowed Chair in Hematology.

Areas of Expertise: Gene Therapies for Sickle cell disease, thalassemia

Dr. Alexis Thompson is Chief, Division of Hematology at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. She is also Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine and holds the Elias Schwartz MD Endowed Chair in Hematology. Previously, Dr. Thompson was the Hematology Section Head at Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago in Chicago, Illinois and held the A. Watson and Sarah Armour Endowed Chair for Blood Diseases and Cancer. For over 12 years, Dr. Thompson was Associate Director for Equity and Minority Health at the Northwestern's Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center. Her research interests include hemoglobinopathies (thalassemia and sickle cell disease), and stem cell transplantation in pediatric patients, including gene therapy. Her most significant scientific contributions are clinical and translation studies to better understand and treat hemoglobinopathies, leading to landmark findings in the field. She has been a leader in multicenter collaborations, such as the NHLBI-funded Thalassemia Clinical Research Network and the Sickle Cell Disease Implementation Consortium. She has served on regional and national advisory committees for governmental agencies as well as non-profit organizations focused on improving healthcare access, increasing workforce diversity and reducing health disparities.

Dr. Thompson is a former president of the American Society of Hematology and remains a leader in the organization today, where Dr. Thompson helped to develop a comprehensive report on the current state of clinical care for SCD in an effort to identify unmet medical needs, launch a national sickle cell data collection platform and create a sickle cell learning community to improve outcomes. She is also leading efforts to implement newborn screening and early intervention efforts in sub-Saharan Africa, where the burden of SCD is profound. In 2023 Dr. Thompson received the ASH Award for Leadership in Promoting Diversity.

Education and Training:

- Medical School: MD - Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA
- Internship: Pediatrics - Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
- Residency: Pediatrics - Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
- Fellowship: Hematology/Oncology - The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA
- Graduate Degree: MPH in Health Services - University of California, Los Angeles, CA
- Board Certification:
  - Pediatrics
  - Pediatrics, Hematology-Oncology

## Speakers' Biography



**Dr. Jaume Mora-Graupera**  
Scientific Director  
Oncology and Hematology Department  
SJD Barcelona Children's Hospital  
Barcelona



Jaume Mora-Graupera, PhD, is the Scientific Director of the Oncology and Hematology Department at SJD Barcelona Children's Hospital and Director of the Developmental Tumours Laboratory at the same institution. He holds membership in various national and international scientific societies, including the International Pediatric Oncology Society, where he was honored with the Schweisguth Prize. Additionally, he is a member of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), having received both the Young Investigator Award (YIA) and the Career Development Award (CDA) from ASCO.

Dr. Mora-Graupera's educational background includes a PhD in Medicine from the Faculty of Medicine at the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB) in 2003. He completed his Pediatrics specialization at Hospital Vall d'Hebron in 1995 and obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Medicine and Surgery from the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Barcelona in 1990. With extensive international experience, Dr. Mora-Graupera pursued fellowships at prestigious institutions such as the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, USA, where he focused on Molecular Pathology of Pediatric Tumors from 1999 to 2001, and the combined fellowship programs at The New York Hospital Cornell University and Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology from 1996 to 1999.

He serves as the Coordinator of the Developmental Cancer research area and has authored over 75 peer-reviewed articles and 6 book chapters in national and international publications. Dr. Mora-Graupera also contributes to the scientific community as a reviewer for several esteemed journals including Cancer, Laboratory Investigation, Oncogene, and more.

His dedication to research and outstanding contributions to the field of pediatric oncology have been recognized through awards such as the BBVA Foundation Award in 2011 and the First Prize of the Spanish Association Against Cancer (AECC) in 2006 for his studies on childhood cancer.

For a list of Dr. Jaume Mora-Graupera's publications, you can refer to the following link:  
<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/?term=jaume+mora>



**Dr. Andres Morales Lamadrid**  
Clinical Director  
Pediatric Oncologist  
SJD Barcelona Children's Hospital  
Barcelona



Dr. Andres Morales Lamadrid is a specialist in brain and spinal cord tumors developed by children and adolescents. He obtained his Degree in Medicine from the Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia and served as a pediatrician at the Hospital Vall d'Hebron in Barcelona. Dr. Morales further specialized in oncology, hematology, and pediatric transplantation through the University of Chicago/Comer Children's Hospital. He also pursued neuro-oncology training as a pediatrician at Harvard University/Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, United States. Additionally, he holds a Master's Degree in health management from the Universitat de Barcelona.

Dr. Morales is deeply committed to global pediatric oncology and actively participates in projects aimed at enhancing the training of pediatric oncologists in countries with limited resources. He also contributes to initiatives focused on improving access to specialized care for children and adolescents with cancer. Dr. Morales strongly believes that every pediatric patient with cancer deserves access to potentially curative treatment and the best possible quality of life.

His educational background includes:

- Master in Health Management, Universitat de Barcelona, Spain, 2016 - 2018.
- Fellowship in Paediatric Neuro-Oncology, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute/Boston Children's Hospital, United States, 2012 - 2013.
- Clinical and Research Fellowship, Section of Paediatric Haematology and Oncology and Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation, Comer Children's Hospital, University of Chicago, United States, 2009 - 2012.
- Clinical Fellowship in Paediatric Oncology, SJD Barcelona Children's Hospital, Spain, 2007 - 2009.
- Residence in Paediatrics, Hospital Vall d'Hebron Barcelona, Spain, 2003 - 2007.
- Degree in Medicine and Surgery, Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia, Lima, 1994 - 2002.
- He has gained extensive international experience through fellowships and scientific activities, including:
- Clinical and Research Fellowship, University of Chicago, United States, 2009 - 2012.

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Dr. Morales has served as the Principal Investigator for a clinical trial against DIPG using dendritic cell vaccines. He has also been a sub-investigator in pediatric clinical trials on open oncological diseases at the SJD Barcelona Children's Hospital. Furthermore, he has presented his research at several national and international congresses of pediatric oncology.



**Dr. Lucas Krauel-Giménez**  
Specialist, Pediatric Surgeon  
SJD Barcelona Children's Hospital  
Barcelona



Dr. Lucas Krauel-Giménez has an impressive educational background and international experience in pediatric surgery. He obtained his Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery from the Autonomous University of Barcelona in 1998 and completed his training as a Specialist in Pediatrics and its specific areas at Mútua de Terrassa University Hospital, University of Barcelona, in 2004. Subsequently, he pursued specialization in Pediatric Surgery through Resident Medical Internship training at SJD Barcelona Children's Hospital, University of Barcelona, graduating in 2009.

Dr. Krauel-Giménez furthered his expertise with international experience, becoming a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons (FACS) and a Fellow of the European Board of Pediatric Surgery (FEBPS). He also underwent specialized training in Pediatric Surgical Oncology as a Fellow at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC) in New York, USA, in 2013.

His research interests focus on diseases originating in the womb or during the early years of life, particularly in adulthood. He has contributed to research in this area at the Institute of Pediatric Research.

For a list of Dr. Lucas Krauel-Giménez's publications, you can refer to the following link:  
<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/?term=krauel+lucas>



**Dr. Ibrahim Al Ghaithi**  
Consultant,  
Pediatric Hematology Oncology  
The Royal Hospital  
Muscat, Oman



Ibrahim Al Ghaithi, MD, FRCPC, FAAP, MSc (Medical Education) Consultant, Department of Pediatric Hematology Oncology Director, Pediatric Hematology Oncology Fellowship Program, Chairman, MOH E-Library

Graduating from the College of Medicine at Sultan Qaboos University in 2001, he continued his education with a residency program in general pediatrics at McGill University, Canada, completing it in 2009. Following this, he pursued a fellowship in pediatric hematology/oncology at the University of Calgary, Canada, which he finished in 2012. Concurrently, he attained a Master's degree (MSc) in Medical Education.

Certified by both the Royal College of Physicians of Canada and the American Academy of Pediatrics, Dr. Al Ghaithi has been actively involved in various capacities in the medical field. Since 2013, he has been serving as a Consultant in the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Department at the Royal Hospital, Oman. Additionally, he has held roles as the Director of Education & Training Department and Head of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology.

Dr. Al Ghaithi's expertise extends beyond clinical practice; he has a keen interest in medical education, digital health, and pediatric hemostasis, particularly hemophilia. His research endeavors reflect these interests while also encompassing other areas within pediatric hematology/oncology.

As a testament to his commitment to professional development and collaboration, Dr. Al Ghaithi is an active member of several international and regional professional societies. His contributions to both the medical community and the field of pediatric hematology/oncology are invaluable.

## Speakers' Biography



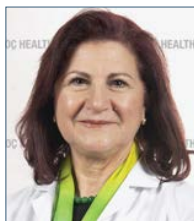
**Dr. Hiba AlTarrah**  
Pediatric Hematology & Oncology Consultant  
King Fahad Specialist Hospital,  
Dammam, KSA



Dr. Hiba Tarrah is a Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Consultant at King Fahad Specialist Hospital, Dammam, KSA. After completing her MBBS at King Faisal University and general pediatric residency at Dalhousie University, Canada, she completed a Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Fellowship specializing in Solid tumor and Cancer Predisposition syndromes at SickKids, University of Toronto, Canada in 2020.

She serves as the Fellowship Program Director and Director of Quality and Patient safety at King Fahad specialist Hospital. She is a member of several international societies including: Canadian Pediatric Society, AAP Member, SIOP member, ASPHO member, Sick kids/ Middle East tumor board member, Global neuroblastoma network, Oncofertility Preservation eastern province network Chair.

Dr. Tarrah has several publications to her name as well as presentation at acclaimed international conferences. Her area of expertise is in Solid Tumors and Cancer Predisposition syndromes.



**Dr. Rejin Kebudi**  
Professor of Pediatric Hematology Oncology  
KOÇ Healthcare (Consultant) & Istanbul University  
Turkey



Professor Rejin Kebudi holds the position of Professor in Pediatric Hematology-Oncology at the Istanbul University, Oncology Institute, as well as at the Istanbul University Istanbul Faculty of Medicine. Additionally, she serves as the chair of the Department of Preventive Oncology. Dr. Kebudi also works as a consultant at Koç Healthcare- American Hospital in Istanbul. Previously, she held the position of President of the Turkish Pediatric Oncology Group (TPOG) Society and currently serves as the Secretary General of the International Society of Pediatric Oncology (SIOP). She has also held leadership roles as the co-chair of the SIOP-Supportive Care Network, SIOP Global Health Network, and the Education Committee of SIOP.

Dr. Kebudi has gained valuable international experience through her work at institutions such as Radboud Hospital in the Netherlands, Divisions of Pediatric Hematology-Oncology at New York University, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, UCLA, and Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

Recognized for her contributions to oncology, Dr. Kebudi was honored with the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) - 2018 International Woman Who Conquer Cancer Mentorship Award. She is an active member of major international oncology societies including SIOP, ASCO, and COG.

Her research interests encompass a wide range of topics including the biology and clinical management of pediatric cancer, lymphomas, brain tumors, sarcomas, rare tumors, retinoblastoma, supportive care, palliative care, cancer predisposition syndromes, and cancer care in developing countries.

## Speakers' Biography



**Dr. Rakeshkumar Lalitbhai Shah**  
Laboratory Director and Chief  
Clinical Pathologist, Burjeel Medical City  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Dr. Rakeshkumar is a laboratory director and Chief Clinical Pathologist at Central laboratory in Burjeel Medical City. He has more than 20 years of experience in various areas of laboratory medicine with special interest in benign and malignant hematologic disorders. He is the chair of transfusion committee and has extensive experience in various subspecialties such as flowcytometry, transfusion medicine, Thalassemia /hemoglobinopathy, bleeding disorders and thrombophilia work up amongst others. He has been instrumental in setting up centralized laboratory services for Burjeel Holding group of hospital as well as in set up of flow cytometry service. He has provided effective leadership to achieve ISO 15189 and CAP accreditation for central laboratory. He is awarded as "unsung Hero of the year" in 2016, for outstanding contribution to develop paediatric bone marrow transplant program by Burjeel Medical City in 2022 and Annual Oncology award by Burjeel Medical City in 2024. He has published in international journals and had been chair and speaker of numerous international conferences.



**Prof. Dr. Md. Anwarul Karim**  
Professor, Pediatric Hematology & Oncology  
Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical  
University Hospital, Dhaka, Bangladesh



Prof. Dr. Md. Anwarul Karim has served as a professor in the Department of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) since 2015, showcasing a wealth of expertise in Pediatric Hematology & Oncology. He earned his MBBS from Dhaka Medical College under the University of Dhaka in 1990 and subsequently completed his Post Graduate fellowship (FCPS) in Pediatrics from BCPS. Furthering his academic pursuits, he obtained an MD degree in Pediatric Hematology and Oncology from BSMMU.

Prof. Karim has undergone specialized training in Flow Cytometry and various other professional courses related to child health and the management of hematological and oncological cases both domestically and internationally. He is actively involved in postgraduate medical education, research endeavors, and the management of hematological and oncological disorders within a tertiary care teaching hospital setting.

Dedicated to professional development and collaboration, Prof. Karim holds life memberships in five professional organizations and is a founding member of both the Bangladesh Childhood Cancer Foundation and the Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Society of Bangladesh. Additionally, he actively participates as a member of the International Society of Pediatric Oncology (SIOP).

## Speakers' Biography



### Dr. Samah Babiker

Consultant Paediatric Haematologist,  
Evelina London Children's Hospital,  
Guys & St Thomas NHS Foundation trust  
London, UK



Dr. Samah Babiker is a distinguished paediatric haematology consultant with a profound focus on benign haematology and red cell disorders, particularly haemoglobinopathies. Graduating from the University of Khartoum in 2009, Dr. Babiker embarked on a journey of medical excellence, obtaining MRCP-UK in 2015 and FRCPath in 2020. Driven by a passion for advancing paediatric haematology, Dr. Babiker completed haematology training in London by early 2021.

In 2021, Dr. Babiker assumed the role of paediatric haematology consultant at the prestigious Evelina London Children's Hospital, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust. Renowned for a collaborative and multidisciplinary approach to healthcare, Dr. Babiker works tirelessly alongside fellow medical professionals, caregivers, and families to develop tailored treatment plans that cater to the unique requirements of each child under their care.

A stalwart in cutting-edge research, Dr. Babiker actively participates as an investigator in various commercial and non-commercial studies, with a primary focus on enriching therapeutic interventions for patients grappling with hemoglobinopathies. Moreover, Dr. Babiker harbors a special interest in facilitating the seamless transition of young individuals from paediatric to adult healthcare settings, ensuring continuity of care and support throughout their medical journey.



### Prof. Holger N. Lode

Professor and Chairman of Pediatrics &  
Pediatric Hematology and Oncology/BMT  
Director, University of Greifswald  
Greifswald, Germany



Holger N. Lode, M.D., was appointed as Professor and Chairman of Pediatrics and Pediatric Hematology and Oncology/BMT in 2009, concurrently serving as the Director of the University Children's Hospital in Greifswald since 2010.

He commenced his academic journey at Eberhard Karls Universität, Tübingen, and Brown University, Providence, RI, USA, from 1986 to 1993, culminating in his graduation in 1993. Dr. Lode defended his doctoral thesis titled "Release of iron from ferritin and lipid peroxidation of neuroblastoma cells and erythrocyte ghosts" at the Eberhard Karls University, Tübingen, Germany, on November 15th, 1993, earning the prestigious degree "Summa cum laude."

Following his university education, he completed his pediatric training at the University of Tübingen and the Charité University Medicine Berlin, obtaining board certification in pediatrics in 2003. Dr. Lode holds dual subspecialties in Pediatric Intensive Care and Pediatric Hematology/Oncology.

During this period, he was awarded an Emmy-Noether-Research Fellowship from the DFG and established a team of young investigators dedicated to researching immunotherapy for neuroblastoma. Dr. Lode's contributions have been recognized with numerous young investigator awards and the Heinrich-Finkelstein Prize from the North German Society of Pediatrics.

He has authored over 100 original papers published in esteemed international peer-reviewed journals and actively serves on editorial boards. Additionally, Dr. Lode holds three patents for investigational new agents in the field of pediatric oncology.

## Speakers' Biography



**Dr. Naveed Ahmad**  
 Consultant Paediatric Oncologist  
 King Abdullah Specialist Children's Hospital,  
 Riyadh, Saudi Arabia



Dr. Naveed Ahmad concluded his pediatric residency and fellowship in pediatric hematology oncology in Pakistan in 2009. Following this, he transitioned to the UK, where he served as an International Fellow at Newcastle, University College London, and Great Ormond Street Hospital London from 2009 to 2013. His consultant journey commenced at John Radcliff Hospital Oxford in 2013, followed by a tenure at Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital from 2014 to 2019. Currently, he is stationed in Riyadh, working as a Consultant Pediatric Oncologist and Section Head of the Pediatric Solid Tumors division at King Abdullah Specialized Children's Hospital since 2019.

Throughout his consultant career, Dr. Ahmad pursued postgraduate certificates in Medical Education and Medical Research from the University of Aberdeen, as well as Medical Genomics from the University of Exeter. Specializing in pediatric solid tumors, he harbors a keen interest in clinical research and teaching.



**Dr. Shahbaz Latif Memon**  
 Consultant in Pediatric Hematology/  
 Oncology and BMT  
 National Guard Hospital, Riyadh, KSA



Dr. Shahbaz Memon is a distinguished Consultant in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology and Stem Cell Transplant at the prestigious King Abdullah Specialist Children Hospital, Ministry of National Guard and Health Affairs in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Dr. Memon brings a wealth of expertise to his role, having completed a clinical Fellowship in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplant at SickKids, University of Toronto, Canada.

With a primary focus on Pediatric Stem Cell Transplantation, Dr. Memon is deeply committed to advancing the field of pediatric oncology and hematology. He is actively involved in pioneering therapies such as CAR T-cell therapy for Pediatric Refractory Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, as well as spearheading newly launched Gene Therapy programs aimed at treating Sickle Cell Anemia and Transfusion-Dependent Thalassemia.

Dr. Memon's dedication to cutting-edge research and innovative treatments underscores his commitment to providing the highest standard of care to his young patients. His leadership and expertise contribute significantly to the advancement of pediatric hematology and oncology in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and beyond.



**Dr. Shah Mohammed Wasifuddin**  
 Consultant Pediatric Hematologist - Oncologist,  
 National Oncology Center  
 Royal Hospital, Muscat Oman



Dr. Shah Mohammed Wasifuddin is currently working as a consultant Pediatric Hematologist – Oncologist at the National Oncology Center, Royal Hospital, Muscat, Oman. Prior to this role, he held positions at Sultan Qaboos University Hospital, Oman. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Pediatrics & Child Health, UK.

Dr. Shah Mohammed Wasifuddin received training in India, Oman, and the USA. He has contributed significantly to the field, with over 25 publications including chapters in three textbooks, and presentations in numerous international, regional, and local conferences. His areas of interest encompass Childhood Leukemia, Sickle Cell disease, bleeding disorders, and Palliative care.

## Speakers' Biography



**Dr. Naureen Mushtaq**  
Associate Professor,  
Pediatrics Oncology Department  
Aga Khan University Hospital  
Karachi, Pakistan



Dr Mushtaq is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics Oncology in the department of oncology and Section Head of Pediatric Oncology at Aga Khan University Hospital, Karachi. She graduated in 2000 from Sindh Medical University, Karachi. Following graduation, she started her fellowship of Pediatric followed by subspecialty training in Pediatric Hematology and Oncology at Aga Khan University Hospital. Dr Mushtaq has joined AKUH as an attending Pediatrics Hem/Oncology in 2010.

She later joined Neuro-oncology fellowship at The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto 2013-2014. As the only trained Pediatric Neuro-oncologist in Pakistan she has established Pediatric Neuro-oncology MDT at AKU with the help of an excellent twinning initiative with The Hospital of Sick Children Toronto. She also developed Pediatric Brain Tumor Boards across Pakistan with the help of My Child Matter Grant (Sanofi Espoir Aventis Foundation) for Capacity building of Pediatric Neuro-oncology services in 13 private/public sector hospitals of Pakistan. Her research interests are Low grade glioma and medulloblastoma in children. She is author of more than 30 peer reviewed manuscripts and few book chapters. She is also the founder of Pediatric Neuro-oncology fellowship in Pakistan at Aga Khan University Hospital. PNO (Pediatric Neuro-oncology) team led by her developed Pakistan National Guidelines for the treatment of Medulloblastoma, Low Grade Glioma and High-Grade Glioma.



**Dr. Charles T. Quinn**  
Pediatric Hematologist  
Cincinnati Children's Hospital, USA



Dr. Quinn is a pediatric haematologist and Professor of Pediatrics at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. He is the medical director of the pediatric sickle cell program and co-director of the Erythrocyte Diagnostic Laboratory. He is also the medical director of the regional newborn screening program for hemoglobinopathies. Dr. Quinn conducts clinical and translational research in sickle cell disease with focus on identifying mechanisms of disease, novel treatments, and advanced diagnostic testing.



**Dr. Maryam Busehail**  
Salmaniya Medical Complex - Ministry of Health  
Manama, Bahrain



Dr. Maryam Busehail graduated from Kasturba Medical College, India, in 2006. She completed her pediatric residence program at the Arab Board in Pediatrics in 2013 in Bahrain. Following this, she pursued a fellowship in Genetic and Metabolic specialty at King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Center in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Dr. Maryam Busehail is a consultant in genetic and metabolic disorders with over 12 years of experience in evaluating, diagnosing, and managing various genetic and metabolic disorders in pediatric and adult age groups. She also serves as a consultant in pediatrics and is actively involved in clinical research on genetic and metabolic disorders.

Additionally, Dr. Maryam Busehail is a member of the Bahrain Genome Project.

## Speakers' Biography



**Dr. Atish Narayanrao Bakane**

Senior Consultant & Head  
New Era Group of Hospitals  
Nagpur, India



Dr. Atish Narayanrao Bakane

MBBS, DCH (KEM Hospital, Mumbai), DNB (Paediatrics) Chennai

FNB: Paediatric Haematology, Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplantation (National Board)

FIAP: Paediatric Haematology, Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplantation ( Sir Ganga Ram Hospital)

Successfully performed the first allogenic bone marrow transplantation in Vidrabha region of Maharashtra in a child suffering from sickle cell disease.

Many publications

Received outstanding young achiever award by Academy of Medical Sciences Nagpur for the year 2023-24.

I am working in association with the NGO, Sickle Cell Association of Nagpur (SCAN ) for the tribal population and is actively involved in training the medical officers regarding the treatment of Sickle Cell Disease.



**Dr. Fulvio Porta**

Medical Doctor Head of the Oncohaematology  
and BMT Unit, Children's Hospital, Spedali Civili,  
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 2 children with CAR T cells

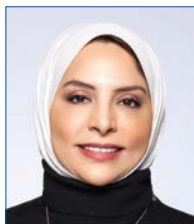
Education and qualification: 15 July 1983 Medical Doctor Degree 1983, 1987 Specialization in Pediatrics, 1991 Specialization in Haematology, 1986-90 Policlinico S. Matteo Pavia Italy permanent position

From July 1984 till March 1985 BMT coordinator in "Bud Flanagan Ward", Leukemia Unit, Royal Marsden Hospital Later that year I started the BMT Unit at the Paediatric Department of Pavia, Italy, assisting oncohaematological children realizing more than 100 BMT.

1990-2022 Spedali Civili Brescia Italy permanent position

More than 700 BMT performed. 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; member of the Italian Foundation for Pediatric Oncohaematology (FIEOP); International Expert ASTER Hospital Bangalore India 2017/2019. He is currently International Adviser, BMC, Abu Dhabi

## Speakers' Biography



**Dr. Sondus Ibrahim AlSharidah**  
Chairman of Pediatric Haematology Oncology  
Department, Head of SCT Unit,  
NBK specialized Children's Hospital, Kuwait



Head of pediatric haematology oncology department.

Director of Paediatric SCT program in Kuwait, Head of paediatric SCT unit in NBK Children's Specialised Hospital, committee head for Stem Cell and tissue principles and technical and administrative standards. Head of committee for Central Policies for secondary and tertiary care, member of COVID-19 inspection team in MOH, Vice-president of SCD higher committee, president of Kuwait Paediatric association. Treasurer of Kuwait Thalassaemia league. Member of international bodies: EBMT, ISCT, ASTCT, ASHI, ARSHI. Graduated from Dublin, Ireland RCSI, double qualification for paediatrics (Kuwaiti board and MRCPCH), fellowship in paediatric haematology and SCT UK.

Established the paediatric SCT in 2020, initiated the treatment of CCP in Kuwait 2020. Research interest in the field of benign haematology, thrombosis haemostasis and stem cell transplantation.



**Dr. Abdullah Baothman**  
Pediatric Hematology & Oncology Consultant  
King Abdullah Specialized Children Hospital-National Guard Hospital  
Jeddah, KSA



Dr. Abdullah A. Baothman is a highly accomplished pediatric hematologist-oncologist with a distinguished career spanning over two decades. He received his Arab Board certification in Pediatrics in 1997 and went on to complete fellowships in pediatric hematology and oncology at KFSHRC-Riyadh and Louisiana State University. Dr. Baothman's commitment to excellence is evident through his numerous accolades, including the prestigious first-place best research award for his groundbreaking work on molecular defects in protein C deficiency. In addition to his clinical expertise, Dr. Baothman is also passionate about medical education, holding a Master's degree in Medical Education. He is widely recognized for his leadership in community development and has received accolades such as the Medal for Leadership in Community Development from the International Commission for Tolerance. Dr. Baothman's dedication to advancing pediatric hematology-oncology and his contributions to medical research and community service make him a respected figure in his field."



**Dr. Muhammad Saghir Khan**  
Assistant Consultant,  
Pediatric Hematology and Oncology  
King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Center,  
Al Madinah, KSA



Dr. Muhammed Saghir Khan is a dedicated professional serving as an Assistant Consultant in Pediatric Hematology and Oncology at the esteemed King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Center in Al Madinah. Dr. Khan's commitment to advancing pediatric oncology extends beyond clinical practice; he is actively engaged in various leadership roles within international organizations.

As the Co-Chair of the SIOOP Global Health Network, formerly known as the SIOOP PODC Committee, Dr. Khan focuses on pediatric oncology in developing countries under the International Society of Pediatric Oncology. His contributions to the field are further underscored by his membership on the SIOOP Board of Directors and the SIOOP Scientific Program Advisory Committee (SPAC).

Dr. Khan's leadership acumen is evident through his past roles, having served as the Chair of the SIOOP Education and Training Committee and the SIOOP CEDAR Project. He is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Asian Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Group (APHOG). Additionally, Dr. Khan has previously chaired the Training Working Group for the Pediatric Oncology East Mediterranean (POEM) group.

## Speakers' Biography



**Prof. Penelope Brock**  
Consultant Paediatric Oncologist  
Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children  
UK



Prof. Penelope Rachel Brock, MD, PhD, MA, is a distinguished paediatric oncologist with a remarkable career spanning over three decades. She began her journey as an Honorary Registrar in Oncology at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Trust in London, UK. Prof. Brock's dedication and expertise led her to hold various positions of increasing responsibility, including Assistant Head of Clinic in Oncology and Consultant Paediatric Oncologist at Great Ormond Street Hospital, among others.

Throughout her career, Prof. Brock has made significant contributions to paediatric oncology research and clinical practice. She has been instrumental in leading numerous clinical trials and has served as the UK Chief Investigator for several international studies, including SIOPEL 4 and HR NBL trial 1. Her work has been recognized and supported by prestigious grants and awards, including those from Cancer Research UK and the Bellucci Award in 2020.

In addition to her clinical and research endeavors, Prof. Brock is actively involved in various professional associations and committees, including the European Neuroblastoma Study Group, SIOP (International Society of Paediatric Oncology), and SIOPEN (SIOP Epithelial Liver tumour group), where she has held leadership roles.

Prof. Brock's dedication to advancing paediatric oncology extends beyond her professional responsibilities. She has served as a medical trustee of The UK Neuroblastoma Society and has chaired the Public Advisory Group CHILTERN. Her commitment to improving outcomes for children with cancer is evident in her extensive clinical trial work and advocacy efforts.

Overall, Prof. Penelope Rachel Brock is a respected leader in the field of paediatric oncology, known for her clinical expertise, research contributions, and commitment to patient care.



**Dr. Arvind Jain**  
Head of the Department (HOD)  
Anatomic Pathology & Hematopathology  
Biosytech Medical Reference laboratory,  
Dubai, UAE



Dr. Arvind Jain earned his 'M.D. (Pathology)' from Shivaji University, Maharashtra, India, in 2002. Alongside his clinical qualifications, he holds diplomas in Hospital and Healthcare Management, as well as Medicolegal Sciences, from India. Dr. Jain is also a 'Certified Six Sigma Green Belt' and completed his 'M.B.A.' with distinction from Torrens University, Australia. His exceptional academic performance led to him receiving the topper and best student awards among all students in UAE and Bahrain. In 2023, he was conferred with a Doctor of Philosophy / Ph.D. from CMJ University, India.

With over 21 years of experience in Laboratory Medicine and Pathology, Dr. Jain is recognized for his profound subject expertise and adept administrative abilities. He has played a pivotal role in establishing world-class laboratories across the subcontinent and in the UAE. Actively engaged in various scientific societies, Dr. Jain serves as an Editorial and Reviewer Board Member for esteemed scientific journals in Laboratory Medicine. Additionally, he holds the position of College of America (CAP) Inspection Team leader.

Dr. Jain's professional journey includes leadership roles as the 'Head of Department and Consultant Pathologist' in prestigious private hospitals and multinational reference laboratories in Mumbai, India, and Colombo, Sri Lanka. He transitioned to the UAE in 2008, where he contributed significantly to Biosytech Medical (Reference) Laboratory in Dubai. Prior to this, he held positions at Sheikh Khalifa Medical City, Abu Dhabi, as Hematopathologist and Histopathologist, and at Imperial College London Diabetes Centre under Mubadala Healthcare, as 'Laboratory Director, Anatomic and Clinical Pathologist,' overseeing diagnostic services in Abu Dhabi and Al Ain.

## Speakers' Biography



**Dr. Ahmed Abdelaal**  
Senior Consultant Pediatric  
Mediclinic Airport Road Hospital,  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Dr. Abdelaal is a distinguished Consultant pediatrician at Mediclinic Airport Road hospital, with more than 25 years' experience in Egypt, Kuwait, KSA, and UAE.

Dr. Abdelaal completed his graduation from faculty of medicine, Zagazig University, Egypt in 1989, then acquired his Masters, and M.D. Degree in Pediatrics, and neonate from the same university. post-graduated in pediatric nutrition (PGPN) Boston University,

D. Ahmed is member of American Academy of pediatrics(AAP), European Society of pediatrics and neonatal intensive care (ESPNIC)

Dr. Ahmed has been a key speaker, chairperson, advisory board member for many national and international conferences, and keen researcher and has published a number of Articles in reputed medical journals.



**Dr. Mehran Karimi**  
Professor Emeritus of Pediatric  
Hematology and Oncology  
Consultant Pediatric Hematologist-Oncologist  
American Hospital Dubai, UAE



Professor Mehran Karimi served as a Professor of Pediatric Hematology-Oncology at Shiraz University of Medical Sciences starting in 1997. Additionally, he held the position of Chief at the Hematology Research Center for over a decade until his retirement from Shiraz University of Medical Science in 2021. With a career spanning 27 years, he has made significant contributions to the fields of hemophilia, homeostasis, thrombosis, sickle cell/thalassemia, and pediatric oncology. Since 2012, he has practiced pediatric hematology-oncology in Dubai.

Dr. Karimi completed his medical degree at Shiraz University of Medical Science, followed by subspecialty training in pediatric hematology-oncology at Ahvaz University of Medical Sciences. He further honed his expertise through two six-month fellowships in Leeds, UK (1996) and Milan, Italy (2001 & 2003), as well as a year-long research stint at IHTC in Indianapolis, USA (2016-2017).

His research interests encompass congenital bleeding disorders, sickle cell, and thalassemia, where he has led regional programs. He is a member of ISTH and ASH, and serves as a reviewer for peer-reviewed journals. Dr. Karimi's outstanding contributions have earned him recognition, including two best researcher awards from the Razi Festival in Iran (2003 and 2008), the 15th Abu Reyhan Biruni Research Festival Award in 2014, and recognition as a pioneer in hematology research at Shiraz University of Medical Sciences from 2004 to 2018.

As a principal investigator, Dr. Karimi has been involved in gene editing in sickle cell and thalassemia since 2017. He recently proposed a CRISPR therapy approach for thalassemia and sickle cell disease.

Dr. Mehran Karimi is a prolific author, with nearly 400 articles and over 350 abstracts published in peer-reviewed journals. He is also a sought-after speaker at national and international meetings.

## Speakers' Biography



**Dr. Abid Quddus Qazi**  
Consultant Pediatric Surgeon  
Danat Al Emarat Women & Children's Hospital  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Dr. Abid Qazi brings over 30 years of extensive experience in pediatric surgery, which he has honed across three countries: the UK, Pakistan, and the UAE. Renowned for his dedication and expertise, Dr. Qazi is a passionate surgeon with a subspecialty focus on surgical oncology.

Over the past decade, Dr. Qazi has played a pivotal role in providing surgical care to children afflicted by solid tumors and ensuring access to vascular procedures for all pediatric cancer patients. His commitment extends beyond medical expertise; Dr. Qazi firmly believes in the principle that every child diagnosed with cancer deserves equal and timely treatment, regardless of their social or economic background.



**Dr. Rathinabalan Indiran**  
Consultant Pediatrician  
Nmc specialty hospital,  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Dr. Rathinabalan Indiran completed his MBBS in 2006 from Madurai Medical College, Tamil Nadu, India. In 2011, he attained his MD in Paediatrics from Institute of Child Health, Madras Medical College, Tamil Nadu, India. In 2016, he became a member of MRCPCH, The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health in London, UK.

Dr. Rathinabalan has 13 years of experience in Paediatrics. In 2011, he joined as Senior Resident at Sri Muthukumaran Medical College Hospital and promoted as Assistant Professor in 2013. In 2014, he continued his practice in Institute of Child Health and Hospital for Children as Consultant Paediatrician and Junior Consultant in NICU in Amma Hospital. In 2016, he moved to Abu Dhabi to continue his practice as Specialist Paediatrics in NICU of Universal Hospital. In 2019, he transferred to NMC Specialty Hospital, Abu Dhabi.

Dr. Rathinabalan areas of interests are immunisation, common childhood infections, asthma, community paediatrics, NICU, and palliative care in Paediatrics.



**Dr. Anas Abu Hazeem**  
Consultant Pediatric Cardiologist  
Kids Heart Medical Center, Abu Dhabi, UAE



Dr. Anas Abu Hazeem is American Board certified in Pediatrics and Pediatric Cardiology. He also has higher Fellowship in Pediatric Interventional Cardiology.

Dr. Anas Abu Hazeem graduated from Jordan University of Science and Technology with MBBS degree in 2004.

Dr. Abu Hazeem completed his pediatric residency at Cleveland Clinic Ohio where he was also the chief resident. He completed his Fellowship in Pediatric Cardiology at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, USA and He obtained fellowship in interventional pediatric cardiology at University of Colorado and Children's Hospital of Colorado.

Before joining KidsHeart in April 2018, Dr. Abu Hazeem was an assistant professor at Jordan University of Science and Technology and then a pediatric cardiology consultant at King Faisal Specialty Hospital and Research Center in Riyadh.

## Speakers' Biography



**Dr. Edward Black**  
Consultant Thoracic Surgeon  
Tawam Hospital  
Al Ain, UAE



Dr Edward Black graduated from Guy's Medical School, London in 1992. He trained in Cardiothoracic Surgery in Oxford, Leicester, Nottingham, Sheffield and Edinburgh. He was awarded Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training in Cardiothoracic Surgery in 2005. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England in General Surgery and Cardiothoracic Surgery.

He was appointed Consultant Thoracic Surgeon in Nottingham University Hospitals in 2006, Oxford University Hospitals in 2009 and SEHA in 2014. He currently works in Tawam and STMC hospitals and is Associate Professor at Khalifa University Medical School Abu Dhabi.

He is Vice President of the Thoracic Surgery Group of the Emirates Respiratory Society



**Prof. Dr. Philipp Berdel**  
Consultant  
Orthopaedic Oncology Surgeon  
Tawam Hospital  
Al Ain, UAE



Prof. Philipp Berdel earned his medical degree from the University of Bonn in Germany, following which he commenced his residency as an Orthopaedic Surgeon in 1997 at the Department of Orthopaedic and Trauma Surgery of the University Hospital Aachen, Germany.

Upon completing his training as an Orthopaedic Surgeon in 2005, he pursued fellowships in Orthopaedic Rheumatology (2006) and Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgery (2008), obtaining training authorizations in both fields in 2008 and 2010, respectively.

In 2011, he attained the highest level of orthopaedic training in Germany, Advanced Orthopaedic Procedures, accredited by the Medical Board Nordrhein, Germany.

Since 2013, he has been residing and practicing in Al Ain, Abu Dhabi, UAE. In 2017, he was among the exclusive 45 certified Orthopaedic Oncology Surgeons recognized by the German Medical Board, a remarkable achievement considering the vast number of Orthopaedic Surgeons in the country.

From 2017, he has held the position of Adjunct Professor in the Department of Surgery at the College of Medicine and Health Science, United Arab Emirates University (UAEU), and as of February 2021, he serves as a (Full) Professor.

Dr. Berdel is an active member of the German Orthopaedic Society (DGOOC) and its scientific working group for Orthopaedic Oncology. He joined the Emirates Medical Association/Emirates Orthopedic Society on May 1st, 2015. He is also a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England and holds licenses from the German, GMC (UK), DOH (Abu Dhabi), and MOH (Oman) medical regulatory bodies

## Speakers' Biography



**Dr. Moustafa Hamchou**  
Consultant Pediatric Surgeon &  
Acting Division head  
Tawam Hospital  
Al Ain, UAE



Dr Moustafa Hamchou is a consultant paediatric surgeon and Acting Division head at Tawam Hospital in Al Ain, UAE, he has advanced experience in Neonatal and paediatric surgery, paediatric Urology and paediatric surgical oncology, with a special interest in Minimally invasive Surgery.

Dr Hamchou is also Adjunct assistant Professor of Surgery in the college of Medicine and Health Sciences, United Arab Emirates University, and has published several articles in scientific and peer reviewed journals.



**Dr. Anjan Madasu**  
Pediatric hemato-oncologist & BMT Physician  
Al Jalila Children's Hospital, Dubai, UAE



Dr. Anjan Madasu is a Consultant Pediatrician & Senior Pediatric Haemato- oncologist at Al Jalila hospital. Dr. Anjan is a highly experienced and skilled Consultant Pediatric Haemato-Oncologist, specializing in the treatment of pediatric cancers, blood disorders, cancer-related clot disorders, and hematopoietic stem cell transplant (BMT). With over 20 years of experience in the field of pediatrics and pediatric haemato- oncology, has worked at renowned tertiary centers both in India and abroad.

He has clinical fellowships in Pediatric Hematology-Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplant from the Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto, Canada, and in Pediatric Haemato-oncology and BMT from the Center of Child Health, Sir Gangaram Hospital, India.



**Dr. Deepthi Boddu**  
Specialist Pediatric Oncologist  
Burjeel Speciality Hospital, Sharjah, UAE



Dr. Deepthi Boddu is currently working as a Specialist Pediatric Oncologist at Burjeel Speciality Hospital, Sharjah.

She completed both her undergraduate and postgraduate medical training in Pediatrics at Christian Medical College Vellore, India. Following her post-graduation, Dr. Boddu pursued a D.M in Pediatric Oncology at Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram, India, obtaining board certification in Pediatric Oncology.

Returning to Christian Medical College Vellore, Dr. Boddu joined the Pediatric Hematology and Oncology department as an Associate Professor until August 2023. She possesses extensive experience in diagnosing and treating both benign and malignant hematology and solid tumors. Dr. Boddu has served as a Principal Investigator and co-investigator in numerous research projects and has several publications in indexed journals.

Dr. Deepthi Boddu has a broad range of teaching experience, having instructed medical undergraduates, pediatric postgraduates, and Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Fellowship students. Her professional interests include histiocytic disorders and hyperinflammatory states in infection and sepsis.

Driven by her belief that treatment should never outweigh the disease, Dr. Boddu is dedicated to providing the best possible holistic care. She emphasizes the importance of collaborative efforts among healthcare professionals, including doctors, nurses, pharmacists, social workers, occupational and physical therapists, dieticians, and other supportive care providers.

## Speakers' Biography



**Dr. Sameer Kallaroath**  
Consultant Neonatologist & Pediatrician  
Medeor Hospital  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Dr. Kallaroath is a Consultant Neonatologist trained in the United Kingdom with over 13 years of expertise. He is skilled in the diagnosis, treatment, and ongoing care of newborn newborns in the neonatal unit, managing neonates from 23 weeks onwards and counseling antenatal patients whose pregnancies create concern. Dr. Kallaroath also treats infants who are oxygen-dependent or have neurodevelopmental issues. He has direct experience stabilizing and managing critically ill youngsters. He has extensive experience in teaching and education as a supervisor of pediatric physicians and medical students. Before migrating to the UAE, Dr. Kallaroath was a Consultant Pediatrician and Neonatologist at top children's hospitals in the United Kingdom.



**Dr. Mohammed Al Nuaimi**  
Consultant Physician, Pediatric Hematology and Oncology,  
Bone Marrow Transplant and Cellular Therapy, Adjunct Assistant Professor,  
College of Medicine and Health Sciences, United Arab Emirates University,  
Tawam Hospital, Al Ain, UAE



Dr. Mohammed Al Nuaimi is a consultant physician in Pediatric Hematology & Oncology, Bone Marrow Transplant and Cellular Therapy, at Tawam Hospital, Al-Ain, UAE 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 (US) 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.



**Dr. Muhammad Faisal Khanani**  
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.

## Speakers' Biography



**Dr. Naser Al Zein**  
Consultant Pediatric Hematology/Oncology  
MediClinic-City Hospital  
Dubai, UAE



Dr. Naser presently holds the position of Chief of the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Division at Sheikh Khalifa Medical City (SKMC). He commenced his tenure at SKMC in 2009 following his role as the medical director of pediatric hematology/oncology at Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa, USA. Additionally, he serves as an assistant professor of pediatrics/pediatric hematology/oncology at Carver College of Medicine at the University of Iowa.

Dr. Naser earned his medical degree from Jordan University of Science and Technology in 1993, followed by a PhD in Pediatrics at the University of Jordan. Subsequently, he pursued his training in the United States, achieving double American board certification in Pediatrics and pediatric Hematology/Oncology. His primary interests encompass lymphoma, hematological malignancies, and benign hematology, particularly hemoglobinopathies.

He has been recognized for his outstanding contributions, receiving the American Society of Oncology (ASCO) Merit Award twice for his exceptional translational medicine research in cancer genetics. Moreover, he was honored with the Lymphoma Spore Group Grant Award in 2005 for his research on DNA methylation in B cell lymphomas. Dr. Naser has also been awarded the Best Teaching Award from the Education Department at SKMC three times.

With extensive experience in bone marrow transplant and solid tumors, Dr. Naser is a respected speaker at various international and regional meetings. He has authored numerous publications in his field, further establishing his expertise and influence in pediatric hematology/oncology.



**Dr. Mohammad Fahed Abdullah**  
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 Sheikh Khalifa Medical City (SKMC)/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. 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 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 Abu Dhabi.



**Dr. Nisreen Yousef Shihadeh Amayiri**  
 Consultant Pediatric Oncologist/  
 Neuro-Oncologist  
 King Hussien Cancer Center  
 Amman, Jordan



Dr Amayiri is the pediatric neuro-oncologist in charge at the King Hussein Cancer Center (KHCC) in Jordan. Through the My Child Matters grant, an initiative of the Sanofi Espoir Foundation, I am leading a national awareness project, HeadSmart Jordan, since 2020. This project aims to improve the public and health care professionals' awareness about the signs and symptoms of brain tumors in children to allow timely diagnosis and referral. My main clinical interest is to work nationally, regionally and internationally to improve the survival and importantly the quality of life of children diagnosed with CNS tumors in resource-limited countries. This can be achieved through close collaborations and twinning with institutions and programs in high income countries.



**MMalika Maddison**  
 Associate Vice President-  
 Cancer & Blood Disorders Institute and Gene Therapy  
 Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, USA



With over 21 years of combined clinical and administrative expertise, Malika Maddison serves as the Associates Vice President at the helm of the Children's Hospital Los Angeles Cancer and Blood Disease Institute and Gene Therapy. In her role, she oversees a team of 550 professionals, managing the largest pediatric hematology-oncology program in the Western United States. Malika's leadership is characterized by a strategic focus on financial management, process optimization, business expansion, and tactical planning across clinical, research, and educational realms.

Under her guidance, the CBDI has consistently secured top rankings in pediatric cancer care by US News & World Report since 2017. Malika's stewardship has propelled significant growth, evidenced by a 20% surge in new patient enrollment since fiscal year 2020. Moreover, her visionary leadership has spearheaded the establishment of pioneering initiatives, including CHLA's Brain Tumor Center and Southern California's inaugural inpatient MIBG radiation therapy program.

Malika Maddison holds a diverse educational background, encompassing an MBA and MHA from the University of Houston-Clear Lake, alongside a BS in Radiologic Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Certified in Radiation Therapy, she combines her clinical acumen with specialized skills in strategic planning, team empowerment, financial analysis, and compassionate leadership. Malika is also a trained facilitator in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), further underscoring her commitment to fostering inclusive and high-performing healthcare environments.

## Speakers' Biography



**Dr. Hiba Bedri**  
Consultant Paediatrician Neurodevelopment  
Al Jalila Children's Specialty Hospital  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Dr. Bedri graduated from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Khartoum, then moved to the United Kingdom, where she completed the Royal College of Pediatrics and Child Health Training Program with subspecialty in Community (Development and Behavioural) Paediatrics

Dr Bedri worked as a Consultant Community Paediatrician at Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust, Trafford, UK before joining the Neuroscience Centre of Excellence at Al Jalila Children's Specialty Hospital, Dubai September 2022

Dr Bedri has a wide experience managing autism, attention deficit-hyperactivity disorder, developmental delay and other neurodevelopmental disorders. She recently set up the 1st neurofibromatosis specialized clinic an MDT service in the region



**Dr. Amal Mohamed Al Tenaiji**  
Metabolic genetics consultant  
Sheikh Khalifa Medical City,  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Dr. Amal completed her undergraduate studies at UAE University and graduated in 2006 with Bachelor in Medicine and Health Science. She then completed the pediatrics residency program at Sheikh Khalifa Medical City and successfully obtained the Arab Board Specialization in Pediatrics as well as the MRCPCH. She then continued and pursued further postgraduate studies at The University of Toronto, and Hospital for Sick Children, Canada. In 2014, She completed a clinical fellowship in biochemical genetics. She is certified by the Canadian College of Medical Genetics Board in Clinical Biochemical Genetics. Currently, she is a metabolic genetics consultant at Sheikh Khalifa Medical City, Abu Dhabi.

## Speakers' Biography (Nursing & Pharmacy Session)



**Abdullah Odat**  
Pediatric Hematology – Oncology and  
BMT Manager, Burjeel medical city  
Abu Dhabi , UAE



Abdullah is Pediatric hematology , Oncology and BMT operational Manager within the Pediatrics Hematology-Oncology Unit at the Burjeel Hospital, United Arab Emirates. Prior to this, Abdullah graduated from the Faculty of Nursing at the Jordan University of science and technology, Irbid Jordan before going on to obtain a Masters of Science in Healthcare Administration at the University of Atlanta in the USA. He actively participates in many Activity to improve pediatric oncology care, research, training

Abdullah personal experiences, coupled with a passion for social justice and a commitment to make a meaningful difference, drive him to acquire the necessary expertise and contribute significantly to improving childhood cancer health outcomes globally.



**Jennifer Maralit**  
Senior Clinical Resource Nurse- Pediatrics  
Burjeel Medical City  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Jennifer's nursing career is an inspiring journey of dedication and expertise. With 28 years of experience, including 19 years in the UAE, she has excelled in various fields such as adult transplant and intensive care, pediatric cardiac and intensive care, and pediatric high dependency units. Jennifer's passion for nursing education and professional development is evident through her role as a Senior Clinical Resource Nurse in PICU and other Pediatric Department including Oncology, also ECMO co-coordinator at Burjeel Medical City. Her recent licensure as a Pediatric Speciality Nurse by the DOH of Abu Dhabi underscores her commitment to excellence.



**Khaled Abdulla Raja Al Habaiba**  
Unit Manager - Pediatric Hematology/  
Oncology Unit, Tawam Hospital  
Al Ain, UAE



Mr. Khaled is currently a Unit Manager within the Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Unit at the Tawam Hospital, United Arab Emirates. Prior to this, Khaled graduated from the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Jordan in Amman, Jordan before going on to obtain a Master's of Science in Healthcare Administration at the University of Atlanta in the USA, currently obtaining second masters in the science of Global Child Health at St. Jude Academy, Memphis-USA. He actively participates in many hemophilia -focused groups, taking on the role of Nurses Committee Member for the World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH), and General Secretary and Hemophilia Nurse at the United Arab Emirates Hemophilia Group. Khaled is also the Chairperson for the Nursing Care Working Group initiated by the Pediatric Oncology Eastern Mediterranean (POEM) Group, which aims to continuously improve pediatric oncology care, research, training and advocacy in the eastern and Mediterranean region by means of integrated teamwork. Khaled a leadership consultant for the development of health services and medical personnel at the Arab Leadership and Foresight Agency which aims to improve health care in Low and Middle Income Countries (LMICs).

## Speakers' Biography (Nursing & Pharmacy Session)



**Mariam Aiash**  
Clinical Nurse Educator  
Paediatric Hematology Oncology unit and polyclinics  
Tawam Hospital, Al Ain



Mariam Aiash - Clinical Nurse Educator in Pediatric hematology Oncology and polyclinic from February 2019. Qualified with BSc Nursing. And has 17 years of experience in clinical nursing.

She joined Tawam in October 2005 as GNI in Pediatric Medical and moved to peds oncology unit in 2006.

Being in educator role actively participating in all educational activities like Hospital Orientation programs, workshops, competencies, simulations, Grand rounds etc. As per the learning needs identified the gaps conducted teaching sessions by liaising with Nurse Manger

Mariam is actively involved in the Orientation programme for the new staff, educational activities contributing to the unit, and as a Preceptor. Being a preceptor was able to precept nursing interns and new staffs.

She is also a committee member of the Nursing Midwifery Education & Research Unit (NMERU) at Tawam Hospital

She received her bachelor degree in nursing in 2008 from Fatima College for health science.

She received her diploma in health organizations management in 2017.

She received her Master degree in healthcare administration in 2019 from Swiss Business College.

She received her Master degree in healthcare professional education from Ajman Medical University in 2022.



**Rima Mohamed Abdel Gadir**  
Pediatric Hematology Oncology coordinator  
Sheikh Khalifa Medical City (SKMC)  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Rima is a pediatric hematology oncology Coordinator at Sheikh Khalifa Medical City (SKMC) United Arab Emirates.

Prior to this, Rima graduated from the Diploma \_Institutes of nursing Ministry of Health UAE before going on to obtain Bachelor's degree Vinayaka Mission University\_ India.

Certified as Clinical Research CRC from POEM (pediatric oncology Est & Mediterranean)

Members with POEM.

Rima actively participates in many Activities to improve pediatric oncology care

Rima plays a noteworthy role in the health care system, patient and parents emotional support, guidance to patients, and coordination of patients' care and more available to patient's links them to multidisciplinary team and know better to control symptoms and work as team players with multiple care providers to provide best patient care.

## Speakers' Biography (Nursing & Pharmacy Session)



**Aqeela Anwar Sheikh**  
Clinical Nurse Specialist Palliative Care  
Burjeel Medical City  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



A UK trained Clinical Nurse Specialist in Palliative Medicine. After completing a BSc in Adult Nursing Aqeela went on to work in ICU and the Palliative/ Long Term community setting. She completed an MSc in Nursing (UK) and focused her thesis on the barriers/ perception of end of life care. She previously worked within the NHS and hospice holding over 10 years of experience. In her most recent UK role Aqeela was a Clinical Services Team Lead managing the Day Hospice, Hospice at Home, Complementary Therapy and Lymphoedema Clinic.

Aqeela is an autonomous practitioner; she has completed the UK ECEPC, Fellowship in Palliative Care Services and Pediatric Palliative Care Certificate

Aqeela provides training and offers external palliative consults. During her first year in the UAE Aqeela introduced the use of sub cutaneous infusions/ injections.

Her belief is following the golden rule of palliative medicine, doing that which is beneficial to the patient. Aqeela believes that Palliative medicine incorporates more than managing symptoms. It involves delivering emotive / challenging conversations based on advance care planning and allowing natural death. Whilst the primary focus ensures quality comfort care, it is imperative to acknowledge patients do not exist in isolation. Involving the family in all aspects of care will ensure a gold standard service. This requires holistic assessments and reviews focusing on physical, spiritual, psychological, social aspects of care.



**Ihab Aref Ata Muzher**  
Pediatric Oncology Senior Staff Nurse  
Al Jalila Children's Specialty Hospital-Dubai Health  
Dubai, UAE



Ihab Muzher is a highly experienced Oncology Nurse with 14 years of experience, who has made significant contributions in the field of oncology care in Jordan and UAE.

He has held various key positions, including oncology acting nurse manager of ambulatory services, oncology unit charge nurse, paediatric clinical coordinator of pain management, palliative and hospice, and paediatric oncology home care team leader.

Currently, Ihab is associated with Al Jalila Children's Specialty Hospital in Dubai, UAE. This renowned hospital specializes in providing advanced medical care to children, and Ihab's expertise in paediatric haematology and oncology makes him a valuable asset to the institution.

Ihab's educational background includes a degree in nursing science, which he obtained on 2009. He has also pursued additional courses to enhance his professional skills, including post-graduation diploma in health care leadership and management.

Ihab's dedication and expertise have earned him recognition and recommendations from his peers. Colleagues appreciate his caring nature, technological proficiency, and positive attitude, which contribute to better health outcomes for patients and healthcare providers. His commitment to excellence and his passion for advancing the field of oncology nursing make him a highly respected healthcare professional.

## Oral Presenters' Biography



**Dr. Aditya Kumar Gupta**  
Additional Professor  
Division of Pediatric Oncology  
All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)  
New Delhi, India



Additional Professor of Pediatric Oncology at AIIMS, New Delhi which is one of the largest tertiary care centres of India. Has 84, publications in national and international journals and his core area of research include JMML, pediatric HSCT, neuroblastoma and relapsed malignancies.

Has been a mentor to DM students of pediatric oncology and PhD students.



**Dr. Farzana Islam**  
Medical Officer  
Department of Paediatric Hematology-Oncology  
Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University  
Dhaka, Bangladesh



Dr. Farzana Islam a dedicated & compassionate physician started her career as a medical officer department of Paediatric Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) in 2006. Since then, she has been practicing & gaining extensive knowledge, experience & skill in the field of pediatric disciplines. With a strong commitment to patient-centered care Dr Farzana has spent the past decade delivering comprehensive health care services. She earned her medical degree from Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (2003) She completed MD Residency Course on Paediatric Haematology & Oncology from the prestigious institution BSMMU (2021).

Driven by a passion for preventive medicine she published her research on fungal infection prophylaxis in children with Acute Leukemia. Adding on this she also trained herself in critical care of children along with special training in the management of children with Haematological disorders from EULJI University Hospital South Korea.

Dr Farzana's empathetic approach & clinical acumen have earned her recognition both among her peers & the patients she serves. As a steadfast advocate for health & wellness, she continues to make a positive impact on the lives of those children under her care.



**Dr. Suthan Pandarakutty**  
Assistant Professor in Nursing  
Fatima College of Health Sciences,  
Institute of Applied Technology,  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Dr. Suthan Pandarakutty is an accomplished nursing professional with over 15 years of experience in nursing education and clinical practice. Currently serving as Assistant Professor in Nursing at Fatima College of Health Sciences, Institute of Applied Technology in Abu Dhabi, Dr. Pandarakutty brings a wealth of expertise to his role.

Registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Council in the UK and a fellow of a higher education academy in the UK, Dr. Pandarakutty's career has spanned various esteemed institutions globally. From serving as a full-time Senior Lecturer in Adult Nursing at De Montfort University in the UK to holding esteemed nursing faculty positions in Oman, Nigeria, and Ethiopia, he has contributed significantly to the field.

Dr. Pandarakutty holds a Ph.D. in Nursing and an M.Sc in Nursing from the esteemed Annamalai University in India, in addition to a B.Sc in Nursing from the renowned Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R Medical University in India. His commitment to advancing nursing education and practice is evident in his extensive experience and dedication to the field.

## Oral Presenters' Biography



**Mrs. Dilnasheen Safdar**  
Director Nursing  
National Institute of blood diseases and  
Bone Marrow Transplantation  
Lahore, Pakistan



Dilnasheen Safdar is working as Director Nursing/Infection Prevention and control at NIBD & BMT with additional responsibilities of NIBD outreach BMT program.

She is winner of international Global of Oncology Nursing Master of Nursing award 2022 UK. and Steering committee member of Global Power of Oncology Nursing UK. She is member of SIOP (International Society of pediatric oncology), PIDS USA (International Society of pediatric infectious diseases), APHON (Association of Pediatric hematology oncology Nurses) USA, HIS (Healthcare association infectious diseases) UK, LOTUS USA, GPON (Global Power of Oncology Nursing). EMAR ID (East and Mediterranean AntibioGram resistance Infectious diseases), POEM The Pediatric Oncology East and Mediterranean Group.

She got certification in Intensive infection control from St Jude Research hospital USA in 2019, Infectious disease certificate in 2020 and one year specialized certificate in Critical care from St Jude USA in 2022. She is first Nurse in Pakistan to part of team to establish Bone Marrow transplant unit in Public sector in Pakistan. Her field of interest is Hematology oncology, Bone marrow transplantation and Infection prevention and control. She is part of making curriculum of Diploma in hematology oncology and BMT by Pakistan Nursing council. She facilitates and coordinates nursing training courses/seminars at national and international level. She has 15 publications. She serves on different posts of Management in entire 26 years of professional life (Nursing).



**Dr. Mohammed Abdullah Al Maqbali**  
Assistant Professor  
Fatima College of Health Sciences  
Al Ain, UAE



Dr. Mohammed Al Maqbali is an Assistant Professor at Fatima College of Health Sciences, Al Ain, where he primarily instructs undergraduate students. His main focus lies in research and evidence-based practice, particularly specializing in systematic reviews, meta-analyses, and umbrella reviews. Mohammed obtained his Ph.D. with a dissertation on fatigue and sleep disturbance among cancer patients. He has authored more than 64 publications in peer-reviewed journals and contributed to three chapters in books. His current research spans various areas, including the use of multilevel models to assess the healthcare work environment and oncology, with particular emphasis on quality of life, fatigue, and sleep disturbance.



**Dr. Rishab Bhurat**  
DM Paediatric Oncology Resident  
Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education  
and Research  
Chennai, India



Education: Pursuing DM Pediatric oncology  
Qualification: MBBS / MD(Pediatrics) / DNB ( Pediatrics)  
Publication - 3  
2 pubmed indexed ( JACC and Indian Pediatrics)

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**Dr. Ekaterina V. Kalinina**

MD, The Laboratory of Molecular Immunology  
Rogachev National Research Center of  
Pediatric Hematology, Oncology & Immunology  
Moscow, Russia



Dr. Ekaterina Kalinina is a distinguished medical biophysicist and clinical laboratory scientist, holding a Master of Science in Medical Biochemistry from the Pirogov Russian National Research Medical University in 2014 and a Doctor of Clinical Laboratory Science (MD) from the Dmitry Rogachev National Research Center of Pediatric Hematology, Oncology, and Immunology in 2016. Dr. Ekaterina started her journey as a student trainee at the Laboratory of gene therapy in Institute of Gene Biology from 2012 to 2015 and later honed her research skills as a Trainee Researcher at the Laboratory of molecular immunology at the Rogachev National Research Center of Pediatric Hematology, Oncology, and Immunology. Her research experience continued at the Rogachev National Research Center of Pediatric Hematology, Oncology, and Immunology, where she has been working as a Junior Research Fellow and Clinical Laboratory Scientist from 2015 to 2024.



**Ms. Huda Faizan**

Pharmacist  
The Children Hospital  
Karachi, Pakistan



Huda Faizan is a dedicated Clinical Hematology Oncology Pharmacist currently working at Children's Hospital Karachi. She completed her Pharm-D degree in 2016 from the University of Karachi, Pakistan. Currently, she is enrolled in MPhil (Clinical Pharmacy) at the University of Karachi, furthering her education and expertise in the field.

Prior to her current role, Huda served as a community pharmacist for 6 years in various community pharmacies in Karachi, Pakistan. Throughout her career, she has demonstrated a commitment to promoting the safe and effective use of medicines while minimizing the risks of adverse drug reactions.

Huda's passion lies in supporting the clinical use of medicines, particularly in the field of hematology and oncology. She is dedicated to ensuring that patients receive the highest quality of care through her expertise in pharmaceuticals and her ongoing pursuit of knowledge in clinical pharmacy.



**Dr. Azgar Abdul Rasheed**

Associate Consultant  
Medical and Pediatric Oncology  
KIMS Cancer Center  
Trivandrum, India



Dr. Azgar Abdul Rasheed is a dedicated pediatric oncologist and medical researcher with a passion for advancing cancer care. His journey began with post-graduation in Pediatrics at AIIMS, New Delhi, followed by a pivotal role as a Research Officer in Pediatric Oncology, where he gained hands-on experience in the field.

With a thirst for knowledge and a commitment to excellence, Dr. Rasheed pursued advanced training, completing a DM in Medical and Pediatric Oncology at BRAIRCH, AIIMS, Delhi, last year. Since then, he has served as an Associate Consultant at the prestigious KIMS Cancer Center in Trivandrum, India, specializing in pediatric leukemias and adult gastrointestinal/breast cancers.

Dr. Rasheed's professional endeavors extend beyond clinical practice, as he actively engages in research endeavors. His interests encompass randomized control trials, cost-effectiveness analysis, and translation-validation studies, particularly focusing on pediatric oncology and adult gastrointestinal cancers. Through his dedication to both patient care and research innovation, Dr. Rasheed continues to make significant contributions to the field of oncology, driving forward advancements in treatment modalities and improving outcomes for cancer patients.

## Oral Presenters' Biography



**Dr. Areeba Ejaz Khan**  
Pediatric Senior Registrar  
Almana General hospital Dammam  
Dammam, Saudi Arabia



Dr. Areeba Ejaz, a distinguished pediatrician certified by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Pakistan, brings a wealth of expertise to her practice. Having completed a rigorous four-year residency program in general pediatrics, Dr. Ejaz further specialized in pediatric hematology and oncology through a two-year fellowship at the prestigious Indus Hospital in Pakistan. Currently serving as a Senior Pediatric Registrar at Almana Hospital in Dammam, Saudi Arabia, Dr. Ejaz continues to excel in providing compassionate care to her young patients. Her dedication to pediatric medicine and oncology is underscored by her commitment to ongoing professional development and learning.

With a passion for advancing medical knowledge and enhancing patient care, Dr. Ejaz eagerly anticipates participating in the upcoming conference. Her enthusiasm for sharing insights and collaborating with fellow healthcare professionals reflects her dedication to improving pediatric healthcare outcomes.



**Dr. Leni Grace Mathew**  
Professor  
Christian Medical College Hospital  
Vellore, Tamil Nadu, India



Undergraduate and post graduate pediatric training from Christian Medical College, Vellore, India. Pediatric Hematology-Oncology training from UK. Been in charge of PHO unit in CMC, Vellore from 2004.



**Dr. Archit Sunil Pandharipande**  
Assistant Professor  
Post Graduate Institute of Child health Noida.  
Uttar Pradesh, India



Dr. Archit Pandharipande works in the department of Pediatric Hematology Oncology (PHO) at Post Graduate Institute of Child Health (PGICH) NOIDA, an autonomous institute under the government of Uttar Pradesh.

He has completed his MBBS from GMC Nagpur .

He pursued his MD Medicine from TNMC & BYL NAIR charitable hospital,mumbai .

He has worked as Assistant professor in department of medicine at GMC NAGPUR For 1 year

He subsequently completed DM in clinical hematology from SGPGIMS Lucknow.

Currently he is working as Assistant professor in department of Pediatric Hematology Oncology at Post Graduate institute of child health Noida.

His interests include hemostasis and thrombosis, thalassemia & MPN.

## Oral Presenters' Biography



**Dr. Giulia Albrici**  
 Medical doctor  
 Children Hospital Brescia  
 Italy



Dr. Guila Albrici is a dedicated pediatrician at the forefront of pediatric oncology and hematology, with a special focus on bone marrow disorders and transplantation in children. Passionate about her work, she thrives on providing expert care to young patients with both malignant and non-malignant diseases. Based at the Children's Hospital of Brescia in Italy, she contributes her expertise to a specialist center for primary immunodeficiencies and bone marrow transplantations, enriching the lives of children and their families with her compassionate approach to medicine



**Dr. Manal Mahmoud Mohamed Elewah**  
 Certified Art Therapist  
 MISK Comprehensive Development Foundation  
 Alexandria, Egypt



Dr. Manal Mahmoud Mohamed Elewah epitomizes innovation and compassion in the realm of art therapy. As the visionary Founder and CEO of the ART2CARE Program, she introduced the pioneering concept of art therapy to support children facing cancer and their families in the Middle East. Since its inception in Cairo, Egypt, in 2013, the ART2CARE Program has been a beacon of hope, providing Art As Therapy and Art Therapy to countless young patients grappling with the complexities of cancer.

With over a decade of experience, Dr. Elewah has emerged as a trailblazer in her field. She has shared her expertise in more than 120 national and international conferences and has conducted extensive training workshops, empowering others to harness the therapeutic potential of art.

Dr. Elewah's dedication extends beyond pediatric oncology. She has extended her compassionate touch to orphaned children, individuals navigating grief and loss, and elderly populations affected by dementia and Alzheimer's disease. Additionally, she has worked with incarcerated individuals and those struggling with addiction, using art therapy as a tool for healing and rehabilitation.

Through her unwavering commitment to leveraging art as a catalyst for healing and empowerment, Dr. Elewah continues to make a profound impact, inspiring hope and resilience in the lives of countless individuals worldwide.



**Dr. Ghufra Aljawi**  
 Pediatric Radiation Oncology Assistant  
 Professor and Consultant  
 King Saud bin Abdulaziz University for Health Sciences  
 National Guard Health Affairs  
 Jeddah, Saudi Arabia



Dr. Ghufra Aljawi is an esteemed Radiation Oncology Assistant Professor and Consultant at King Saud bin Abdulaziz University for Health Sciences, affiliated with National Guard Health Affairs in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

She completed her Radiation Oncology residency at The Ottawa Hospital/University of Ottawa in Ontario, Canada, earning the FRCPC; Radiation Oncology Canadian Board Certification in 2021. Dr. Aljawi furthered her expertise through a clinical Fellowship in 2022 at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, BC, specializing in Pediatric Radiation Oncology and Late Effects, Assessment, and Follow-up (LEAF), as well as adult Central Nervous System Radiation Oncology.

## Oral Presenters' Biography



**Dr. Marianna Maffeis**

Medical Doctor  
ASST Spedali Civili  
Brescia , Italy



Graduated in medicine at the University of Brescia in 2012 with a thesis in pediatric immunology awarded withof "Best Communication in the Immunological Field" in 2013 (SIAIP Congress). Pediatrician since 2019. Dealing with pediatric stem cell transplantation since 2018. Experience abroad in 2018 at the Great North Hospital in Newcastle (UK) with Andrew Gennery, Mary Slatter and Andrew Cant. Selected several times as a speaker for best oral presentation at the Italian Pediatric Oncoematology Congress (AIEOP) and in 2018 also for the European Society for Immunodeficiency (ESID). In 2021 accreditation of the knowledge of the main topics from the curriculum of the EBMT (EBMT exam). I am part of the Pediatric Disease Working Party of EBMT as Young Investigator. Since 2019 I work in the Pediatric Bone Marrow Unit of Children's Hospital, ASST Spedali Civili Brescia.



**Dr. Angidi Pillay Mauree**

Fellow in Paediatric Oncology  
Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital  
University of the Witwatersrand  
Johannesburg, South Africa



Dr Angidi Mauree is a Global HOPE Paediatric Haematology and Oncology Fellow. He completed his undergraduate medical studies and postgraduate paediatric fellowship in South Africa. He is currently training at Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital in Johannesburg.

Dr Mauree is from the little paradise island of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean. His long-term goal is to establish the first paediatric oncology unit in Mauritius so that children with cancer do not have to travel overseas to seek medical treatment.

Dr Mauree is thrilled at the opportunity of meeting world experts at this conference.



**Ms. Bekmurodova Shahnoza**

Student, First year Hematology and Oncology  
Tashkent Pediatric Medical Institute  
National Children's Medical Center  
Tashkent, Uzbekistan



Shahnoza Bekmurodova was born on February 24, 1999, in the Jizzakh region of the Republic of Uzbekistan. Graduating from school in the Jizzakh region with excellent grades in 2015, she embarked on her journey in the medical field. From 2015 to 2018, Shahnoza pursued her education at a medical college, laying the foundation for her future endeavors.

Subsequently, she earned her bachelor's degree from the Tashkent Pediatric Medical Institute, a significant milestone in her academic journey. Currently, Shahnoza is a Master's student in the first stage of Hematology and Oncology at the same institute, further specializing in her field of interest.

Shahnoza's passion lies in studying blood diseases prevalent in Uzbekistan, including thalassemia, leukemia, and bone marrow transplantation. She actively engages in practical learning at the Department of Hematology and Oncology of Children's National Medical Center, under the mentorship of Docent, PhD Rustamova Khilola. Through her studies, Shahnoza aims to contribute to the advancement of pediatric oncology and hematology in her country.

Participating in the 6th Emirates Pediatric Hematology Oncology Conference is a dream come true for Shahnoza. She eagerly anticipates gaining valuable knowledge, exchanging skills, and networking with esteemed colleagues at the conference. Shahnoza is determined to utilize the insights gained from the conference to introduce innovative practices in Uzbekistan, ultimately contributing to the restoration of health in sick children.

## Oral Presenters' Biography



**Ms. Lama Musallam**  
Faculty of Medical Laboratory Sciences  
Hematology and Blood Banking  
Higher Colleges of Technology  
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Lama Musallam received a Bachelor Degree (2006) in Medical Laboratory Sciences and Masters (2010) in Hematology and Blood Banking from Jordan University of Science and Technology, Jordan. Ms Musallam is currently a Faculty of Health Sciences/ Medical Laboratory Sciences specialized in Hematology & Transfusion Medicine at the Higher Colleges of Technology, UAE, Internationally Certified Expert of Digital teaching and Learning Program and a Fellow of the Advanced Higher Education Academy (FHEA), UK. Ms Musallam has over fifteen years of teaching, industry and research experiences from Jordan and UAE. Her research interests and publications mainly center on Hemoglobin disorders, Blood Transfusion practices, Thrombosis/Thrombophilia and Stem Cell banking & Transplantation. Ms Musallam won many national & international scientific competitions and academic recognitions/awards. Ms Musallam is a professional member at many national and international committees, such as the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS), USA, American Association of Blood Bank (AABB), USA, Biomedical Research & Drug Discovery Committee, HCT, UAE.



**Dr. Nashwa Mahmoud Ezz Eldeen**  
lecturer of Pediatric oncology/ consultant  
hematology oncology  
National Cancer Institute  
Cairo, Egypt



Nashwa Mahmoud Ezz eldeen, MSC & MD of Pediatric Oncology National Cancer Institute (NCI), Cairo University of Egypt with 16 years' experience in pediatric oncology at NCI & 9 years of experience of pediatric hematology oncology at 573757 Children Cancer Hospital of Egypt.

Lecturer of pediatric oncology at NCI & Consultant of hematology oncology at CCHE since 2019



**Dr. Amiya Ranjan Nayak**  
Senior resident  
All India Institute of Medical Sciences  
New Delhi, India



Dr. Amiya Ranjan Nayak, a dedicated medical professional, is currently specializing in Clinical Hematology at the prestigious All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS). With a profound passion for hematology and a commitment to advancing healthcare, Dr. Nayak brings three years of invaluable experience to the field. He obtained his Masters in General Medicine from Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research (JIPMER), Puducherry, where he developed his clinical skills and acquired a comprehensive understanding of internal medicine. Dr. Nayak's interests lie in disorders such as childhood anemia, leukemia, and bone marrow failure, reflecting his dedication to addressing critical healthcare challenges.

## Oral Presenters' Biography



**Dr. Rahaf Rafea Amar**  
General Physician  
Al-Hayat International Hospital  
Muscat, Oman



Dr. Rahaf Ammar is an aspiring junior doctor with a passion for pediatrics, particularly in the fields of hematology, oncology, and immunotherapy. Dedicated to the health and well-being of children, she is enthusiastic about providing compassionate care and making a positive impact in pediatrics.

Driven by a desire to learn and grow in the field of pediatrics, Dr. Rahaf is committed to staying abreast of the latest developments and best practices. She recognizes the importance of understanding the unique needs of pediatric patients and their families, particularly in the context of hematologic and oncologic disorders.

Furthermore, Dr. Rahaf is deeply intrigued by the potential of immunotherapy in treating pediatric cancers. She is eager to explore this cutting-edge field and contribute to research efforts aimed at harnessing the power of the immune system to combat childhood cancer. While still early in her medical career, Dr. Rahaf is actively exploring opportunities for involvement in pediatric research.

Known for her enthusiasm, empathy, and dedication, Dr. Rahaf is poised to become a valuable asset in the field of pediatrics. She approaches each day with a commitment to excellence and a genuine desire to make a difference in the lives of children and their families.



**Dr. Srishti Srivastava**  
Senior Resident  
Pediatric Hematology Oncology  
AIIMS Bhopal  
Bhopal, India



DNB in Pediatrics from Lilavati Hospital & Research Centre, Mumbai. She worked as a Senior Resident (Pediatrics) at AIIMS Raipur for a few months and later completed Fellowship training (2 years) from MCGM CTC-PHO-BMT center, Borivali, Mumbai. Currently she is working as a Senior Resident in Pediatrics at AIIMS Bhopal.

Her presentations span a wide range of topics, showcasing her expertise in pediatric hematology and oncology. Dr. Srivastava's notable achievements include winning awards for her presentations and securing first prize in a national hematology quiz competition. Her contributions to the field reflect her dedication and commitment to advancing pediatric healthcare.

## Oral Presenters' Biography



**Amina Abdul Gafoor**  
 Medical Student  
 Dubai Medical College For Girls  
 Duabi, UAE



Amina Abdul Gafoor is a dedicated medical student at Dubai Medical College For Girls in Dubai, UAE. Throughout her academic journey, she has demonstrated a strong commitment to research and leadership.

Amina has actively engaged in various research projects, including presentations on topics such as 'Lipoic Acid and the Benefits in Health and Disease', 'Vitamin D and COVID-19', and a cross-sectional Public Health study on 'Psychological Distress among Medical Students'. She has also participated in poster presentations, focusing on Molecular Biology and Cardiovascular topics.

In addition to her research endeavors, Amina has held leadership positions, notably serving as the Director of Medical Education for the International Federation of Medical Student Associations (IFMSA-UAE). In this role, she has contributed to initiatives promoting access to research and research education, as well as advocating for open access to medical education and data.

Amina has represented the UAE at various regional meetings, where she has actively participated in discussions on topics such as women's empowerment in research, digitalization of medical education, accessible healthcare, and the role of medical students as changemakers.

She is grateful for the opportunity to participate in the conference alongside experienced professionals and looks forward to contributing to the advancement of research in her field.



**Dr. K G Gopakumar**  
 Assistant Professor- Pediatric Oncology  
 Malabar Cancer Centre  
 Kerala, India



2002-2008: MBBS (Government Medical College, Kozhikode)

2011 - 2014: MD (Pediatrics), Kasturba Medical College, Mangalore, Manipal University)

2015 -2018: DM (Pediatric Oncology) - Regional Cancer Centre, Trivandrum)

2019 - till date: Assistant professor in pediatric oncology, Malabar Cancer Centre, Kerala

Worked as Secretary, Indian Academy of Pediatrics, Thalassery branch, 2020-21

Interests: Pediatric oncological emergencies and supportive care, Cancer Survivorship, Community oncology and public health

Publications: 23 publications in national and international journals in domains of public health, community oncology, supportive care, pediatric oncological emergencies

Reviewer for: Cancer reports, Asian Pacific journal of cancer Prevention, BMC Hematology, BMJ Case reports, World Journal of Pediatrics, Indian Journal of Cancer, Cancer Management and Research, African Journal of Laboratory Medicine

## Poster Presenters

1. **1) Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia in Children Cancer Hospital Egypt**  
Prof.Dr. Samah Fathy Abdelrahman Semary, Assistant Professor of pediatric oncology, Beni-Suef University, Beni-Suef, Egypt/ Children Cancer Hospital Egypt, Cairo, Egypt
2. **2) Myeloid sarcoma, Spectrum of clinical characteristics, Prognostic impact, and Treatment outcome.**  
Prof.Dr. Samah Fathy Abdelrahman Semary, Assistant Professor of pediatric oncology, Beni-Suef University, Egypt
3. **15) The Expression of CD79a in B-cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) and its effect on the outcome.**  
Dr. Muhammad Ahmed Muhammad Alsabagh, Pediatric oncology assistant lecturer, National Cancer Institute - Cairo University, Egypt
4. **21) Pyridoxine Refractory Sideroblastic Anemia: Diagnosis and Misdiagnosis**  
Dr. Muhammad Matloob Alam, Consultant, Pediatric Hematology/Oncology, Armed Forces Hospital - Alhada, Saudi Arabia
5. **22) Nabais Sa-de Vries syndrome and thalassemia: an undiscovered Concurrence of SPOP and HBB genetic mutation**  
Dr. Muhammad Matloob Alam, Consultant, Pediatric Hematology/Oncology, Armed Forces Hospital, Alhada, Saudi Arabia
6. **25) Prognostic Implication of Translocation t(1:19) in Pediatric Pre-B Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia: A Nationwide Study**  
Dr. Ibrahim Abdulelah Sanduqqi, Pediatric hematology and oncology Acting Consultant, King Fahad Medical City, Saudi Arabia
7. **28) Primary CNS Lymphoma In Children "Current Management Strategies and Impact on Patient Survival**  
Dr. Magda Abdelkhalik Elgazzar, Consult of pediatric oncology, Children cancer hospital of Egypt 57357, Egypt
8. **34) Clinical presentation, adverse prognostic factors and outcome analysis of pediatric bone tumors treated at King Abdullah Specialized Children Hospital, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia- a retrospective review over 20 years**  
Ms. Rund Sami Aleissa, Medical student, King Saud bin Abdulaziz University for Health Sciences, Saudi Arabia
9. **35) Incidence of Irinotecan associated diarrhea in pediatric oncology patients at Childrens Cancer Hospital- Egypt 57357**  
Prof.Dr. Inas Mohsen El Nady, Professor and senior consultant of pediatric oncology in CCHE and Beni- suef University, Children Cancer Hospital of Egypt, Beni-Suef university faculty of medicine, Egypt
10. **39) Cardiotoxicity related mortality among children with Acute Myeloid Leukemia in Low middle income countries: Is it treatment or sepsis related ?**  
Dr. Parween Youssef Hassan Gaber, Assistant Lecturer of Pediatric Oncology, National Cancer Institute, Cairo university, Egypt
11. **44) Comparison of bloodstream infection pathogens among infants, children, and adolescents with leukemia**  
Dr. Razan Za'Tara, Pediatrics Clinical Pharmacist, King Hussein Cancer Center, Jordan
12. **46) Optimizing the Treatment Modalities of Neuroblastoma Cases in Developing Countries**  
Dr. Parpiev B.U, Doctor, National children's medical center, Uzbekistan
13. **48) Incidence of PEG-Asparaginase-Induced Pancreatitis in Children During Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia Treatment: A Multicenter Retrospective Cohort Study**  
Dr. Hanan Mosead Alrasheedi, Paediatrics oncology fellow, king fahad medical city - Saudi Arabia, Saudi Arabia
14. **55) Spontaneous Remission of Acute Myeloid Leukemia after Anti-TB Treatment for TB in an Adolescent Male with Subsequent Relapse as Leukemia Cutis**  
Dr. Maryam Haitham Salman, Medical Intern, Dubai Health - MBRU, UAE
15. **57) Bone marrow oxalosis: A rare cause of pancytopenia in childhood**  
Dr. Ahmed Hisham Mohamed Abdulfattah, Clinical Pathology and Hematology Specialist, Faculty of Medicine, University of Alexandria, Egypt
16. **61) Evaluating Fungal isolates in Pediatric Patients with Cancer in Jordan**  
Dr. Aseel Khaled Abusara Clinical Pharmacist, King Hussein Cancer Center, Jordan
17. **62) Temporal Resistance Trends of Gram-Negative Pathogens among Pediatric Cancer Patients: An 8-year assessment at a Comprehensive Cancer Center in Jordan**  
Dr. Dana Hassouneh, Clinical Pharmacist, King Hussein Cancer Center, Jordan
18. **69) Infection-related Morbidity in relapsed Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia Among Pediatric Patients at the National Cancer Institute Cairo University**  
Dr. Nashwa M.Ezz Eldeen, lecturer of pediatric oncology / consultant of hematology oncology, national cancer institute, Cairo university of Egypt/57357 CCHE, Egypt

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19. **73) Infection related mortality and morbidity during day+28 post chemotherapy period in children with Acute Myeloid Leukaemia**  
Dr. Leenu Lizbeth Joseph, Pediatric Hematology-Oncology, Christian medical College Hospital, Vellore, TN, India
20. **75) The Role of Autologous and Allogeneic SCT in High Relapsed/refractory Hodgkin's and Non Hodgkin's lymphoma.**  
Dr. Mehmet Koussa, Hematology Oncology Pharmacist, Medical Park Oncology Hospital, Istanbul & Turkey
21. **76) Management and prognosis of malignant nerve sheath tumor in pediatrics**  
Prof. Dr. Inas Mohsen El Nady, Professor and senior consultant of pediatric oncology in CCHE and Beni-Suef University, Children Cancer Hospital of Egypt, Beni-Suef university faculty of medicine, Egypt
22. **79) Correlation of serum ferritin with cardiac and liver iron overload measured by T2\* MRI in TDT and NTDT**  
Dr. Archit Sunil Pandharipande, Assistant Professor, Post Graduate Institute of Child Health Noida, Uttar Pradesh, India
23. **80) Surgical Procedures and Haemostatic Outcome in Patients with Haemophilia Receiving Concizumab Prophylaxis During the Phase 3 explorer7 and explorer8 Trials**  
Dr. Muhammad Faisal Khanani, Chief, Division of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology, Consultant Pediatric Oncology Tawam Hospital, Al Ain, UAE
24. **81) Understanding treatment burden in pediatric hemophilia: development of the child hemophilia treatment experience measure (Child Hemo-TEM)**  
Dr. Mehran Karimi, Professor Emeritus of Pediatric, Hematology and Oncology, Consultant Pediatric Hematologist-Oncologist, American Hospital Dubai, UAE
25. **82) The efficacy, safety, and pharmacokinetics of N8-GP in previously treated Chinese patients with haemophilia A: results from the phase 3b pathfinder10 study**  
Dr. Mehran Karimi, Professor Emeritus of Pediatric, Hematology and Oncology, Consultant Pediatric Hematologist-Oncologist, American Hospital Dubai, UAE
26. **84) The effect of genetic polymorphisms on cyclophosphamide's tolerability and clinical efficacy in Egyptian patients with lupus nephritis**  
Nermeen Abuelsoud, Department of Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacy Practice, Egyptian Russian University, Egypt



## About Abu Dhabi

Abu Dhabi is the largest emirate in the United Arab Emirates, occupying 84 per cent of the national landmass territory. It has 200 islands and a long coastline stretching 700km. Its total area is 67,340 sq. km. Abu Dhabi city in the emirate is the federal capital of the UAE.

### Population

According to Abu Dhabi Statistics Centre The estimated population of the emirate around mid-2016 was 2,908,173 (comprising 1,857,618 males and 1,050,555 females). 551,535 were UAE nationals and 2,356,638 were expatriates. The average annual population growth rate for the years from 2010 to 2016 was 5.6 per cent.

### Location and geography

The emirate of Abu Dhabi lies on the coast of the Arabian Gulf and is bordered by Sultanate of Oman to the east, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the south and the west and the emirate of Dubai to the northeast. The three main regions of the emirate are:

- 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).

Al Dhafrah has seven main cities: Liwa, Madinat Zayed, Ghayathi, Ruwais, Mirfa, Sila and Delma Island.

The city of Abu Dhabi is connected to the mainland by four bridges: Maqta bridge, Mussafah bridge, Sheikh Zayed bridge and Sheikh Khalifa bridge.

### Economy

Over the recent decades, the emirate of Abu Dhabi has undergone a significant transformation in economic growth. Due to the vision of Abu Dhabi's leaders and the abundance of oil and natural gas reserves, the emirate has grown to become a dynamic hub and major competitor on the global stage. While recognising the success of the oil sector, Abu Dhabi is working hard to reduce its hydrocarbons reliance and broaden the emirate's economy. Investment in infrastructure, tourism, transport, health and education is continuing, in line with the government's 2030 economic plan.

Tourism is playing an integral role in Abu Dhabi's economic development. Major investment in new luxury resorts and business hotels is underway. Abu Dhabi has many things to offer to its visitors and residents: a versatile landscape, thriving investment hub, and a friendly environment boasting one of the highest per capita incomes and one of the lowest crime rates in the world.

### Touristic importance

Abu Dhabi has become a centre for world-class sporting events such as: the Abu Dhabi Golf Championship, the prestigious Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge cross-country rally and the Formula One Abu Dhabi Grand Prix.

In addition, the city will soon house the world's largest concentration of premier cultural institutions which will include the Sheikh Zayed National Museum, the Guggenheim Abu Dhabi and Louvre Abu Dhabi.

Abu Dhabi is rich in natural wonders too. While the emirate's famous Liwa oasis in the south of the emirate is home to some of the largest and most beautiful sand dunes in the world, the garden city of Al Ain in the foothills of Jebel Hafeet is home to several heritage sites.



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