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WELCOME MESSAGE



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Dear friends and colleagues,

On behalf of the organizing committee, it is our great pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all of you for the **2nd Emirates Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplant Congress** held on **21-22 October, 2023**, at the prestigious Grand Hayatt Hotel in Abu Dhabi, Under the esteemed patronage of H.E Shaikh Nahyan Mabarak Al Nahyan, UAE Ministry of Tolerance and Coexistence, this congress promises to be a remarkable event.

The congress provides an exceptional scientific program that focuses on the current practices and challenges of Pediatric Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation (HSCT) and Cell Therapy. With the UAE's unwavering commitment to establishing a world-class Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplant Center for the region, this congress aims to foster high-quality scientific discussions and networking opportunities, significantly contributing to the advancement of Pediatric BMT practices in the UAE and surrounding areas.

We have carefully curated a diverse selection of educational sessions, ensuring that our scientific program offers the latest insights and developments in the field. Our national and international distinguished speakers and experts will share their knowledge and experiences, providing valuable perspectives on the advancements, innovative techniques, and best practices in Pediatric HSCT and Cell Therapy.

This meeting presents an ideal platform for networking, collaboration, and the exchange of ideas. We encourage all participants to take full advantage of the ample opportunities available to connect with fellow professionals, foster collaborations, and collectively work towards improving child health in the UAE and the region.

We are confident that this congress will deliver the highest quality of scientific and educational opportunities. It is our aim to create an environment that encourages active participation, engagement, and the sharing of expertise among all attendees.

Once again, we extend our warmest welcome to each and every one of you. We are certain that the 2nd Emirates Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplant Congress will be an enriching and rewarding experience for all, and together, we will contribute to advancing the field of Pediatric BMT in our region.

Thank you for your presence and participation.

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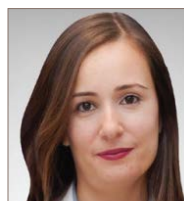
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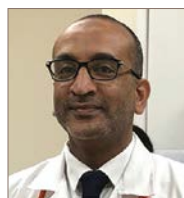
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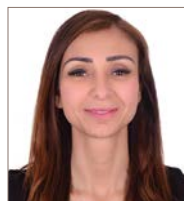
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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Increase knowledge in bone marrow transplant in pediatrics.
- Deepen understanding of advanced topics in bone marrow transplant.
- Address the unmet need for greater understanding of and the screening for long-term complications in the growing population of survivors of transplantation for nonmalignant disorders
- Acquire new skills to apply learnings to practice
- Improve care of pediatric BMT patients
- Provide additional source of ongoing education for Advanced practice providers
- Provide the tools for a successful bone marrow transplant and immune effector cellular therapy in an educational setting.
- Offer an in-depth exposure to multidisciplinary approaches to hematological malignancies and multi-modal management strategies.
- Provide exposure and training in BMT/IEC
- Discuss updates in research in the field of hematologic malignancies, BMT, and/or cellular therapy.
- Allow the opportunity to improve medical knowledge, and overall subspecialty competence related to the areas of bone marrow transplant.

HIGHLIGHTED TOPICS

- BMT for Non-Malignant conditions such as Hemoglobinopathies, Primary Immune Deficiency, Inherited Bone Marrow Syndromes, and metabolic conditions.
- BMT for malignant conditions.
- Autologous BMT in children.
- Pre-transplantation workup.
- Management of complications during BMT.
- Supportive care in BMT.
- Infections during BMT, monitoring, prevention, and treatment.
- Stem cell manipulations in pediatric BMT.
- Late Effects after Pediatric Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation
- And many more

KEY FEATURES

- Full two-day program.
- Presentations by renowned expert speakers
- Interactive Sessions
- Connecting scientific community
- World class exhibits.

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND?

- Meeting renowned experts from around the world
- Networking and developing new partnerships
- Learning and sharing best practices
- Get introduced to success stories & achievements
- Learning novel concepts & practices in Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplant

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This activity is designed to meet the needs of:

- Pediatric oncologist.
- Pediatric hematologist.
- Pediatric BMT physicians.
- Pediatric infectious disease physician.
- Pediatric gastroenterologist.
- Pediatric other Subspecialists
- Pediatric Trainees
- Pediatric hematology, oncology, and BMT residents & Fellows.
- Stem cell lab professionals.
- Specialist Nurses
- Psycho-social counsellors.

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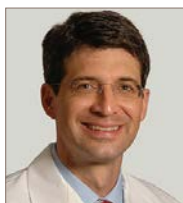
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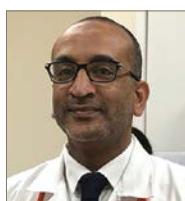
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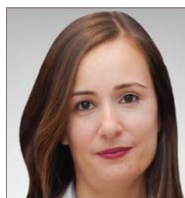
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VENUE

Grand Hyatt Abu Dhabi Hotel & Residences Emirates Pearl offers a 5 star luxury hotel and events venue of awe-inspiring design and extraordinary architecture, located in the iconic West Corniche district of Abu Dhabi.

NAME TAGS

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

REFRESHMENT AND LUNCH

Refreshment and lunch will be offered in accordance with the breaks indicated on the Agenda.

CYBER INTERNET

Free internet will be available in the exhibition area during the conference.

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Participants are kindly requested to keep their mobile phones silent mode in the conference hall and refrain from taking photographs during sessions.

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CME ACCREDITATION

The 2nd Emirates Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplant Congress (EPBMTC) has been accredited for **15 European CME credits** (ECMEC[®]s) by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME[®]).

DAY 1, Saturday 21/10/2023 is Accredited for 7.5 CME Hours

DAY 2, Sunday 22/10/2023 is Accredited for 7.5 CME Hours

The 2nd Emirates Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplant Congress (EPBMTC) has been accredited by the Department of Health Abu Dhabi (DOH) and has been designated for a maximum of **14.25 CME credits**.

DAY 1, Saturday 21/10/2023 is Accredited for 6.5 CME Hours

DAY 2, Sunday 22/10/2023 is Accredited for 7.8 CME Hours

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- Certificates can be downloaded at MENA Conference (www.menaconference.com) website 7 days post conference. A notification with the link and instructions on how it can be downloaded will be sent to your email address.
- All delegates are requested to complete the online evaluation prior to downloading their certificates as a mandatory requirement from the accreditation body.
- Each medical specialist should claim only those credits that he/she actually spent in the educational activity.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

DAY 1: Saturday – October 21, 2023

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
07:50-08:50	Registration	
08:50-09:00	Welcoming Speech	
SESSION 1: Moderators: Dr. Ibrahim Al Ghaiti, Dr. Mohammed Ramzan and Dr. Mustafa Baroudi		
09:00-09:25	Cure without complication in Sickle Cell Disease: Transplant or Gene Therapy	Dr. Hemalatha Rangarajan
09:25-09:50	Gene therapy for SCD/Thal. aplastic anemia, and MDS	Dr. Timothy Olson
09:50-10:15	Will Gene Therapy replace BMT in hemoglobinopathies	Dr. Sonali Chaudhury
10:15-10:25	Panel Discussion	
10:25-10:50	OFFICIAL INAUGURATION	
10:50-11:10	Coffee Break	
SESSION 2: Moderators: Dr. Murtada Al Sultan, Dr. Intezar Mehdi, Dr. Hanafy Hafez and Dr. Anjan Madasu		
11:10-11:35	Whether TBI is necessary for ALL conditioning	Dr. Alix E. Seif
11:35-12:00	SCID/conditioning (including long-term follow-up)	Dr. Arjan Cornelis Lankester
12:00-12:25	HSCT for non-SCID Inborn errors of Immunity	Dr. Andrew Gennery
12:25-12:50	Management of steroid-refractory GVHD In children during BMT Role of ECP and Ruxolitinib	Dr. James Labele
12:50-13:15	Outcomes of TCRαβ and CD19-Depleted Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation from Matched, Mismatched Unrelated and Haploidentical Donors for Pediatric Patients with Hematological Malignancy: A Meta-Analysis of Aggregated and Individual Patient Data	Dr. Hussien Abdelgawad
13:15-13:30	Panel Discussion	
13:30-14:30	Lunch Break POSTER PRESENTATION	
SESSION 3: Moderators: Dr. Ayman Saleh, Dr. Saqib Ansari, Dr. Alaa Elhaddad and Dr. Samina Afzal		
14:30-14:55	Management of secondary immunodeficiency in pediatric patients treated with CART-19 for LLA	Dr. Laia Alsina Manrique de Lara
14:55-15:20	Stem Cell Harvesting in Children Peripheral blood or Bone Marrow Advantages and Disadvantage	Dr. Vikas Dua
15:20-15:45	Immunosuppressive therapy (IST) Vs Front Line Alternative Donor Transplantation in Aplastic Anemia ?	Dr. Sonali Chaudhury
15:45-16:10	Role of Intensive Care Support in Pediatric BMT: A case based discussion	Dr. Kesava Ananth Ramakrishnan
16:10-16:25	Panel Discussion	
SESSION 4: Moderators: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Funda Cipe, Dr. Ali Mullah Ali and Dr. Mohammad Alshahrani		
16:25-16:50	CAR-T Therapy in B Cell Malignancies - Experience from India	Dr. Sunil Bhat
16:50-17:15	Management of VOD In children during BMT Role of Defibrotide	Dr. Rawad Rihani
17:15-17:40	Fertility preservation What are the option and when?	Prof. Dr. Ceyhun BOZKURT
17:40-18:05	Will CAR-T Cell Therapy replace BMT in B-Cell Lymphoblastic Leukemia?	Dr. Emily Hsieh
18:05-18:15	Panel Discussion	
18:15	End of Day 1	

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TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
07:30-08:25	Registration	
08:25-08:30	Welcome Speech	
08:30-09:00	Organ and Blood Stem Donation - Current Status and Future Directions	Dr. Biju George Dr. Amro El Saddik
SESSION 5: Moderators: Dr. Grace Nehme, Dr. Mohammed Al Nuaimi and Dr. Hiba Mohammed Osman Shendi		
09:00-09:25	Optimising outcomes of alternate donor HSCT in Hemoglobinopathies	Dr. Guarav Kharya
09:25-09:50	Pulmonary Complications in HSCT patients	Dr. Christopher Towe
09:50-10:15	Update on Fanconi Anemia Transplant in children	Dr. Anant Vatsayan
10:15-10:25	Panel Discussion	
10:25-10:45	Coffee Break	
SESSION 6: Moderator: Dr. Rajesh Phatak, Dr. Sagar Mohan Nivargi, Dr. Rupert Handgretinger and Dr. Mohammad Fahed ABdullah		
10:45-11:10	Pediatric BMT Unit in a Public Sector Hospital in India - Making a Difference	Prof. Mamta Vijay Manglani
11:10-11:35	Busulfan drug monitoring Is it necessary?	Dr. Lawrence Faulkner
11:35-12:00	Role of CD45/RA depleted Donor Lymphocyte infusion	Dr. Mary Slatter
12:00-12:25	GvHD prophylaxis with ATLG in the pediatric setting.	Dr. Fulvio Porta
12:25-12:50	Setting up of the first Pediatric stem cell transplant Centre in the UAE and experience of first 25 transplant	Dr. Zainul Aabideen
12:50-13:00	Panel Discussion	
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break POSTER PRESENTATION	
SESSION 7: Advances in the management of Pediatric B Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia		
Opening remarks: Dr. Zainul Abideen		
14:00-14:25	Current Paradigm in frontline and relapsed Pediatric/AYA B Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia Session content: • Overview of pediatric protocols Integrating innovative immunotherapies in frontline & Relapse pediatric/AYA B-ALL • Mitigating long-term toxicities. Moderator: Dr. Naser Al Zein Speaker: Dr. Mohammad Fahed ABdullah	
14:25-14:40	Panel discussion: Incorporation of immunotherapies in current treatment protocols in Gulf: Opportunities & limitations Moderator: Dr. Naser Al Zein Panel Experts: Dr. Yasser Wali, Dr. Zainul Aabideen and Dr. Mohammad Fahed ABdullah	
14:40-15:00	Immunotherapy & Allogeneic Bone Marrow Transplantation in B Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia: How to Sequence? Session content: • The role of immunotherapy pre and post-transplant • Sequencing CD-19 targeted therapies in ALL Moderator: Dr. Faisal Kanaani Speaker: Dr. Rupert Handgretinger	
15:00-15:25	ALL case-based panel discussion Session content: • Pediatric ALL Case (15min) • Cases reflections (10 min) Moderator: Dr. Faisal Kanaani Panel Experts: Dr. Hani Humad	
15:25-15:30	Q&A - All speakers and panelists	

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SESSION 8: Moderators: Dr. Prasad Iyer and Dr. Momena Begum		
15:30-15:55	Prevention and Treatment of Viral Infection during Transplant	Dr. Michael Grimley
15:55-16:20	TA-TMA how to diagnose? New recommendations and available treatment?	Prof. Fatih Erbey
16:20-16:45	Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation after CAR-T Therapy	Dr. Montserrat Rovira Tarrats
16:45-17:10	Transplant for metabolic disorders	Dr. Rolla Abu-Arja
17:10-17:35	Outcome of Second Allogeneic Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant (HSCT) in Children with Non-SCID Inborn Errors of Immunity (IEI): An International Cohort Analysis (On Behalf of IEWP)	Dr. Zohreh Nademi
17:35-18:05	Immunoglobulin prophylaxis in Pediatric BMT When? For How Long?	Dr. Gizem Zengin Ersoy
18:05-18:20	Panel Discussion	
18:20-18:30	Closing Remarks	

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Dr. Hemalatha Rangarajan

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Dr. Hemalatha Rangarajan is a Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics in the division of Blood and Marrow Transplant and Cellular therapy at Nationwide Children's Hospital (NCH), Columbus Ohio. Dr. Rangarajan received her medical degree from India and completed her fellowship in Pediatric hematology, oncology and Bone marrow transplant from the Medical College of Wisconsin in 2012. She has been a faculty at Nationwide Children's hospital since November 2012. Dr. Rangarajan's research interests include use of adoptive immunotherapy for prevention of relapse in patients with high-risk hematological malignancies, utilization of large databases to study complications following bone marrow transplantation, and curative therapies (transplant and gene therapy) for patient with non-malignant disorders with a focus on sickle cell disease, beta-thalassemia, inborn errors of immunity and leukodystrophy.. Dr. Rangarajan is currently the co-chair of the CIBMTR Health Services and International Studies, chair of the Sickle Cell transplant Advocacy and Research Alliance (STAR) supportive care committee member of the American Society of Pediatric Hematology Oncology Conference planning Committee and Childrens Oncology Group Young Investigator Liaison. Dr. Rangarajan is also an active member of the Sickle Cell Transplant Advocacy and Research Alliance (STAR) and Vanderbilt Global Consortium for Cure for Hemoglobin disorders.



Dr. Timothy Olson

Medical Director, Blood & Marrow Transplant Program, Oncology, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, USA



Timothy S. Olson, MD, PhD, is the Medical Director of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's Blood and Marrow Transplant Program, the Director of Research at CHOP's Comprehensive Bone Marrow Failure Center, and is Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the Perelman School of Medicine at The University of Pennsylvania. He focuses on pediatric hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT), with a specific emphasis on HSCT for patients with inherited and acquired bone marrow failure.

Areas of Expertise: Blood and marrow transplantation, Bone marrow failure

Dr. Timothy Olson's clinical efforts focus on pediatric hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT), with a specific emphasis on HSCT for patients with inherited and acquired bone marrow failure. Through combined clinical activities in the Bone Marrow Failure Center within the Division of Hematology and the Blood and Marrow Transplant Section within the Division of Oncology, his goal is to facilitate outstanding care for patients with inherited bone marrow failure and acquired aplastic anemia during their transition from diagnostic evaluation to treatment through HSCT.

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Dr. Sonali Chaudhury

Associate Professor of Pediatrics (Hematology, Oncology and Stem Cell Transplantation), Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Section Head, Stem Cell Transplantation and Cellular Therapies Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, Chicago, USA



Dr. Sonali is a Section Head of the Pediatric Hematopoietic Stem cell transplant and Cellular therapy program, and clinical research director for the section in the Division of Hematology-Oncology and Stem cell transplant. Her primary clinical research focus is directed at improving transplant and cellular therapy-related outcomes specifically focusing on access to novel cellular therapies and supportive care strategies. She is the local PI on multiple clinical trials including cellular therapy trials, both investigator-initiated and industry-sponsored, aimed at improving access to these studies for pediatric populations. Dr. Sonali is involved in several multicenter national efforts to study cellular therapy in pediatric patients, organized through consortiums such as the Pediatric Immune Deficiency Transplant Consortium (PIDTC), Pediatric Transplant and Cellular Therapy Consortium (PTCTC), Children's Oncology Group (COG) Blood and Marrow Transplant Clinical Trials Network (BMT CTN). She serves as the secretary-treasurer and member of the executive board of PTCTC and heads the chronic myeloid disease committee of COG.



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Dr. Arjan Cornelis Lankester

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After obtaining his M.D. from the University of Leiden and a PhD on B cell receptor signaling from the University of Amsterdam, he was trained as pediatrician-immunologist at Leiden University Medical Center (LUMC). Since 2009 he is clinical director of the JACIE-accredited Pediatric Stem Cell Transplantation program which serves as the national center for stem cell therapy in patients with inherited immune and hematological disorders. In 2016 he was appointed as professor of Pediatrics and Stem Cell Transplantation at the University of Leiden. He is heading the LUMC expert center on inherited immune disorders and stem cell transplantation (SCT), member of ERN-RITA. His primary research interest is to improve efficacy and safety of stem cell therapy with particular focus on optimizing conditioning regimens and immune reconstitution after SCT. He has conducted and coordinated many single and multicenter studies including investigator-initiated adoptive cellular therapy trials. He is PI of the ongoing RECOMB trial on lentiviral stem cell gene therapy in RAG1 severe combined immunodeficiency. He is co-founder of the AGORA (Access to Gene therapies fOr RAre disease) consortium, and the past chair of Inborn Errors Working Party of the European Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation and European Society for Immune Deficiencies.



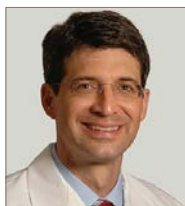
Dr. Andrew Gennery

Sir James Spence Professor of Child Health
Professor/Honorary Consultant in Paediatric Immunology & Haematopoietic Stem Cell
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Dr. Gennery is a Professor in Paediatric Immunology and Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne and Honorary Consultant for the Northern Supra-Regional Bone Marrow Transplant Unit for SCID and related disorders, at the Great North Children's Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne, clinically qualified and active. He spent a year of post-doctoral studies working with Anne Durandy and Alain Fischer in the Necker Hospital in Paris and was involved in the discovery of Cytidine Deaminase one of the first genes to be discovered involved in class switch recombination and somatic hypermutation. He has been a consultant in Newcastle for 20 years. He has pioneered paediatric immunology research at the university. His research interests include immunoreconstitution following haematopoietic stem cell transplant for primary immunodeficiency, long-term outcomes of transplantation for primary immunodeficiency (and in particular Chronic Granulomatous Disease and Severe Combined Immunodeficiency), DNA repair disorders and their appropriate treatment and Di George Syndrome. More recently, he has adapted new methods of T cell depletion for patients with primary immunodeficiency, and established extracorporeal photopheresis for the treatment of children with graft versus host disease. Dr Gennery discovered important mechanistic insights relating to the action of extracorporeal photopheresis. And he has been exploring the use of defibrotide for the treatment of non-VOD endothelial cell activation disorders post-HSCT.

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Prof. James LaBelle

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Dr. LaBelle is currently an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Chicago and Director of the Pediatric Stem Cell and Cellular Therapies Program at Comer Children's Hospital. His laboratory focuses on therapeutic BCL-2 family-mediated immune modulation and nanoparticle drug delivery of compounds that reactivate cell death pathways in diseased cells.

Alternatively Dr. LaBelle received his medical and graduate school training at the Medical College of Wisconsin through the Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP). His graduate work centered on anti-tumor immunology and bone marrow transplant research aimed at separating graft-versus-leukemia (GVL) from graft-versus-host disease (GVHD). During this time, Dr. LaBelle worked closely with members of the Center for International Blood & Marrow Transplant Research (CIBMTR). Dr. LaBelle then attended pediatric residency at Boston Children's Hospital/Boston Medical Center combined residency program followed by pediatric hematology/oncology fellowship training at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute /Boston Children's Hospital. Clinically, he specialized in stem cell transplantation and in treating patients suffering from chronic GVHD. Scientifically, his post-doctoral studies focused on targeting the BCL-2 family of apoptotic proteins in cancer and immune cells using peptide-based therapeutics. Dr. LaBelle has been at the University of Chicago since 2012 and is currently an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Chicago and Director of the Pediatric Stem Cell and Cellular Therapies Program at Comer Children's Hospital. His laboratory focuses on therapeutic BCL-2 family-mediated immune modulation and nanoparticle drug delivery of compounds that reactivate cell death pathways in diseased cells.



Dr. Hussien Abdelgawad

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Dr. Abdelgawad is a native Egyptian physician and an expert in the field of Cancer Clinical Research and Clinical Trials. With extensive experience and a notable background, Dr. Abdelgawad has dedicated 6 years post-graduation to advancing research in patients with chronic diseases. He holds a master's degree in Clinical Translational Research from Arizona State University. Currently, his research focus is on advancing cell therapy and stem cell transplantation. Dr. Abdelgawad's dedication to improving cancer care is evident through his ongoing clinical trials work at Phoenix Children's Hospital and his track record of publications.

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Dr. Laia Alsina Manrique de Lara

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Dr. Laia is a physician scientist with a Bachelor's Degree in Medicine and Surgery, and a PhD in Medicine. I have worked as a specialist in the clinical immunology and allergy department since 2011, becoming head of it in 2020. It is designated a reference center for primary immunodeficiencies in Spain and Europe (core member at ERN-RITA). Both her patient care and research activities are focused on pediatric primary and secondary immunodeficiencies. She has participated and led publicly and privately funded research projects, both national and international, and have published over 140 indexed articles. She received a national and an international research award. Dr. Laia is a co-editor or reviewer of the journals *Frontiers in Pediatrics*, *Frontiers in Immunology* (subject Pediatric Immunology) and *Journal of Clinical Immunology*, and she has been involved in 5 international clinical trials in Primary Immunodeficiencies. She is currently a member of the WG in Clinical Immunology in the European Society EAACI. She has been a medical advisor of the primary immunodeficiencies patient's association (ACADIP) since 2011. Dr. Laia, coordinates undergraduate and graduate teaching in pediatrics, clinical immunology and primary immunodeficiencies. And she is the head of Studies at the SJD Barcelona Children's Hospital till the beginning of 2018.



Dr. Vikas Dua

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Dr Vikas Dua is Pediatric Hemato Oncologist and bone marrow transplant specialist of the generation. Dr. Dua's results in the field of Pediatric Hematology Oncology and BMT have been some of the best. He and his team has done 1200+ transplants. He is known for his excellent outcome in stem cell transplant specially in Pediatric unrelated & haploidentical transplant and he has done some of the very rare transplants which nobody else has done in India.

Work Experience: MBBS PGIMS Rohtak, MD (Pediatrics) PGIMS Rohtak, Served as a senior resident in Department of Pediatrics in Rohtak and Delhi, FNB(Pediatric Hematology Oncology) SGRH, New Delhi, Consultant Pediatric Hematology Oncology Action Cancer Hospital, Delhi, Fellowship In Pediatric Bone Marrow transplant, NUH Singapore, Senior Consultant Pediatric Hemato Oncology and BMT, Artemis Hospital, Gurgaon, At present working as a Principal Director & Head, Pediatric Hematology, Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplant.

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Specialty Interests: Benign pediatric Hematology, Hemato-oncology, Matched sibling and unrelated and pediatric haploidentical transplants

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Dr. Kesava is a pediatric intensivist with more than 20 years of experience in pediatric critical care. His training was in India, the UK and Australia, following which he worked as a consultant in a tertiary care university hospital in PICU for 8 years before moving to UAE. His areas of expertise include postoperative care of children with congenital cardiac conditions and extracorporeal circulation. Research interests include primary immunodeficiencies and immune dysfunction in critically ill patients. He enjoys teaching and training immensely and is passionate about healthcare quality. Currently acting division head in PICU at Burjeel Medical City, Abu Dhabi.



Dr. Sunil Bhat

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Dr. Sunil Bhat is Head of the Dept. in Pediatric Hematology, Oncology, and Bone Marrow Transplantation service at Mazumdar-Shaw Cancer Center of Narayana Hrudayalaya Health City. His primary interest is in Blood and Marrow Transplantation in children including the newer techniques like Haplo-identical Transplants using alpha-beta TCR depletion techniques. He has experience with more than 1,500 transplants in children. He has over 60 publications and many book chapters to his credit. He has been a pioneer in writing up brain tumor management guidelines for Indian children and newer techniques for bone marrow transplants in children. His primary research interests are; graft vs. host disease after BMT, virus-specific T-Cell therapy, and infections post-BMT.



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- Consultant, Pediatric Hematology/Oncology/ Blood and Marrow Transplantation and Cellular Therapy Program @KHCC since 2005 to date
- Masters of Science Degree in Global Child Health- Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences/ St. Jude Children's Research Hospital – First Cohort Global Scholars Program, 2021
- Pediatric Hematology/Oncology/BMT fellowship- Center for Children's Cancers and Blood Disorders/ Sydney Children's Hospital/University of New South Wales
- Jordanian Board of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology
- Higher Specialization Degree (Master Degree) in Pediatrics from the Faculty of Higher Education University of Jordan
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- Bachelor of General Medicine and Surgery Degree (MBBS), The University of Jordan faculty of Medicine

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He graduated from Istanbul University, Cerrahpasa School of Medicine in 1989. He completed his Child Health and Diseases Specialization training at Ankara Dr. Sami Ulus. Child Health and Diseases Training and Research Hospital between 1990 and 1995. He completed his Pediatric Oncology Residency at Dr. Sami Ulus Child's Hospital between 2000 and 2004. He had been as an observer at the Pediatric Transplantation Unit of Cincinnati Children's. Hospital Medical Center for six months in 2008-2009. And an observer at the Department of Pediatric Neuro-oncology at Harvard University, Dana Farber Cancer Institute/Boston Children's Hospital for two weeks 2010.

He served as the administrative chief of Ulus Children's Hospital, Pediatric HematologyOncology clinic between 2012-2014. And was appointed as a faculty member at Istinye University Faculty of Medicine, Department of Child Health and Diseases in 2017, he was appointed as a professor in September 2019, and currently, serve as a the Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Clinical Director and Deputy. Director of the Stem Cell Transplantation Unit at Bahcelievler Medical Park Hospital.



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Dr. Emily Hsieh is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics in the Cancer and Blood Disorders Institute at the Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) and University of Southern California, Keck School of Medicine. She graduated from Duke-National University of Singapore Medical School and completed residency training (including a Chief Resident year) in Pediatrics at Tufts Children's Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. She then completed her Pediatric Hematology/Oncology fellowship and a Bone Marrow Transplant/Immunotherapy advanced fellowship at Texas Children's Hospital, Baylor College of Medicine, in Houston, Texas. Dr. Hsieh is currently an attending physician in the Transplantation and Cellular Therapy section at CHLA and is also the chimeric antigen receptor (CAR)-T cell Director, where she is Principal Investigator of several CAR-T clinical trials offered at CHLA. Her research interests include developing cellular therapies for relapsed hematologic malignancies and exploring late effects of CAR-T therapies.



Dr. Amro El-Saddik

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Dr. Amro El Saddik is an Oncology Excellence Director & Bone Marrow Transplant Program Lead at Burjeel Holdings.

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Dr. Biju George is a Professor of Haematology from India, trained at Christian Medical College, Vellore in India and received additional training at Westmead Hospital, Sydney. He has been working in the field of stem cell transplantation for more than 20 years.

His specific interests are in the field of Stem Cell Transplantation, Bone Marrow Failure syndromes, Thalassemia and infections following chemotherapy and stem cell transplantation.

He has published more than 250 peer reviewed articles in International journals and is a reviewer for many journals including Blood Reviews, Lancet Haematology, Transplant and Cellular Therapy, British Journal of Haematology, Bone Marrow transplantation etc.

He is a member of many societies including American Society of Haematology, American Society for Transplant and Cellular Therapy [ASTCT] and the Asia Pacific Bone Marrow transplantation society [APBMT].



Dr. Gaurav Kharya

Clinical Lead, Center for BMT &
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Fellowship in Pediatric Hematology & Bone Marrow Transplant: St Mary's Hospital, Imperial NHS trust, Paddington, London UK (Sep 4th 2013 till March 2nd 2014)

Fellowship in Pediatric Hematology-Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplant: The Great North Children Hospital, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle Upon Tyne, UK (Sep 2012 to Sep 2013)

Fellowship Pediatric Hematology-Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplant: Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi, India (Feb 2009 to Jan 2011)

DNB Pediatrics: From Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi, Degree awarded on April 5th 2010

DCH: Baba Raghav Das Medical, College, Gorakhpur, UP, India (2004)

MBBS: Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Medical College, Jabalpur, MP, India (2001)

Special Interest:

- Pediatric bone marrow transplant from matched sibling donor, matched/partial mismatch family donor, matched unrelated donor, haploidentical transplant and cord blood transplantation.

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Dr. Christopher Towe

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Dr. Chris Towe received his medical degree at the University of Texas Southwestern School of Medicine before completing his pediatric residency and pediatric pulmonary fellowship at St Louis Children's Hospital and Washington University School of Medicine where he performed clinical outcomes based research in pediatric lung transplant and basic science research in targeted adenovirus gene therapy. He joined the pulmonary faculty at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center in 2014 and is currently the Director of the Rare Lung Diseases Program which is a national and international referral center for patients with rare childhood interstitial lung diseases and lung diseases associated with vascular malformations, bone marrow transplant, immunodeficiencies, autoimmune and autoinflammatory disorders. His primary research focus is to facilitate the pragmatic and comprehensive multidisciplinary study and characterization of rare pediatric pulmonary diseases to improve patient outcomes. Currently, Cincinnati Children's Hospital is leading a NIH funded multicenter study to conduct a large prospective cohort study of lung injury after hematopoietic stem cell transplant in children to better understand risk factors, mechanisms, and ways to improve early detection of pulmonary complications after BMT.



Dr. Anant Vatsayan

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Anant Vatsayan, MBBS, is a Blood and Marrow Transplant attending at Children's National Hospital, Washington D.C. He is an assistant professor of Pediatrics at the George Washington School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Prior to joining Children's National, Dr. Vatsayan did a 2-year fellowship in Cellular Therapy/Blood and Marrow Transplantation (BMT) at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York. He is a board-certified pediatric hematologist/oncologist. He did his Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Fellowship at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio. His research interests include BMT/cellular therapies for pediatric high-risk hematologic malignancies. He is the Clinical Lead for the Chimeric Antigen Receptor T (CAR-T) therapy program at Children's National Hospital. His other interests include novel transplantation techniques like TCR alpha/beta T cell depleted BMT, graft versus host disease and BMT for high risk inherited bone marrow failure syndromes like Fanconi anemia.



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Dr. Lawrence Faulkner

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Dr. Lawrence Faulkner graduated from the Medical School of the University of Florence and moved to the US where he completed his pediatric hematology-oncology fellowship at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and New York Hospital - Cornell University combined program in 1992. He returned to Italy, his home country, and developed the bone marrow transplant service and support laboratory at the Children's Hospital of Florence (Meyer Hospital). Since 2008, as the Medical Director of the Cure2Children Foundation, Dr. Faulkner has extensively applied a cloud-based platform for online and on-site co-management of children undergoing bone marrow transplantation (BMT) in several start-up units across the Indian subcontinent and the Middle East. He was involved in over 1.000 transplants, training and supervising local teams of physicians and nurses with no or little previous BMT experience.

Dr. Faulkner has published extensively in international peer-reviewed journals National Library of Medicine (<https://tinyurl.com/yv8unk2f>), Google Scholar (<https://tinyurl.com/3b9auy7s>). In February 2021 he received the Distinguished Service Award by the Center for International Blood & Marrow Transplant Research. He currently chairs the Outreach Subcommittee of the Pediatric Diseases Working Party of the European Blood and Marrow Transplantation group (<https://tinyurl.com/7zxejfpd>).



Prof. Mary Slatter

Honorary Professor of Paediatric HSCT,
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Professor Slatter is the Clinical Programme Director of the Great North Children's Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation (HSCT) Unit in Newcastle upon Tyne, which is a regional centre for Haematology/Oncology patients but one of 2 supra-regional units in the UK for children with inborn errors of immunity (IEI) in which she specialises. Her research focuses on improving techniques for HSCT in IEI. She has pioneered the use of Treosulfan in conditioning these patients and the use of CD3 TCR alpha/beta/CD19 depletion for haploidentical transplants. She is also interested in the long-term follow up of patients post transplantation.

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Dr. Fulvio Porta

Head of Pediatric Oncohaematology Unit,
Children's Hospital of Spedali Civili di Brescia,
Italy



Senior Consultant and Director of the Clinical Unit at the Children's Hospital of Spedali Civili di Brescia, Italy, which 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 transplants have been performed both from HLA-compatible and partially matched donors, treating 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 were 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, at BMC, Abu Dhabi, UAE.



Dr. Zainul Aabideen

Conference Chair
Chairman Organizing & Co-Chair Scientific
Committee, Consultant and Head of Pediatric
Haematology, Oncology & 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
- Manchester Children Hospital, Manchester UK
- University College Hospitals of London UCLH London
- Alder Hey Children Hospital Liverpool UK
- Imperial College London 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 Warwickshire and Royal Oldham Hospital before moving to UAE. In the UAE, He had worked at Department of Pediatric hematology and Oncology 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 international conference across countries.

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Dr. Mohammad Fahed Abdullah

Consultant Pediatric Hematologist Oncologist,
Burjeel Medical City, Abu Dhabi, UAE



Dr. Fahed is a graduate of medical school from university of Aleppo in Syria, he had diploma in doctor of medicine (MD) degree, in addition, he is American board certified in pediatric hematology/oncology.

Dr. Fahed, is a member of American society of hematology, emirates hematology association. From 1991 – 1994, dr. Fahed was resident in pediatric in state university of New York From 1994 – 1997, dr. Fahed was a fellow in pediatric hematology/oncology department for four months in 1997. Dr. Fahed worked as associate consultant, pediatric hematologist/oncologist in king Faisal specialist hospital and research center, then since Jan. 1998, he worked as associate consultant pediatric hematology/oncology in king Fahd hospital. Riyadh, Saudi Arabia for 1 year followed by 6 years worked as consultant pediatric hematology/oncology at sheikh Khalifa medical city, Abu Dhabi, UAE.

Dr. Fahed, currently has 7 publications in different journals including annals of Saudi medicine and journal of pediatric hematology/oncology.



Dr. Yasser Ahmed Wali

Head, Pediatric Hematology,
Oncology Unit, Department of Child Health,
College of Medicine & Health Sciences,
Sultan Qaboos University,
Muscat, Oman



For the much of HIS time as a consultant, Dr. Yasser Ahmed Wali care for children with Pediatric Hematology and Oncology problems. His duties include, attending out patient clinics (Twice per week around 30 patients per clinic) and managing inpatients (average 24 patients in the ward). This includes all types of Pediatric hematology cases and both bone marrow transplantation patients (pre and post BMT). He conduct weekly day care service to manage patients requiring transfusions and chemotherapy. In addition, Dr. Yasser Ahmed Wali perform many procedures such as intrathecal chemotherapy, bone marrow aspiration and biopsy, CVC access in day care setting. He also provide regional and national consultant advisory service for all the Peripheral Hospitals in Oman. And have been reviewing and managing difficult cases outside Oman as well (in Gulf region and Egypt). As a Head of the Department, He have contributed to develop existing subspecialty units (e.g. Neonatology, Neurology, Nephrology, Metabolic and Hema/Oncology) and add several new ones such as Pulmonology, Immunology, Rheumatology, Endocrinology, Cardiology and PICU. Recently we developed a "Developmental Assessment and Behavioral Therapy Unit" in the Department. He contributed to standardize Pediatric Hematology/Oncology practice in Oman through writing manuals and nation-wide guidelines for treating these patients. And he was a member of the expert panel who wrote the Gulf Guidelines for Hemophilia, Sickle cell disease and Thalassemia.

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Prof. Rupert Handgretinger

Conference Co-Chair
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Dr. Rupert Handgretinger received his MD from the University of Tübingen, Germany. Dr. Handgretinger was from 2005-2021 the chairman of the Department of General Pediatrics and Hematology / Oncology, Children's University Hospital of Tübingen, Germany. From 2000-2005, he was a professor of the Department of Pediatrics, The University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis, TN, USA; as well as a full faculty member and director of the Division of Stem Cell Transplantation, Department of Hematology / Oncology, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN, USA. Since 2021, he is a consultant for pediatric hematology/oncology at the Abu Dhabi Stem Cell Center and the Yas Clinic Khalifa City. His fields of interest are haploidentical stem cell transplantation, stem cell biology, and cellular and humoral immunotherapy.

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Dr. Hani Humad, Currently a consultant Pediatrician - Pediatric Department - Division of Pediatric Hematology & Oncology Al-Jalila Children's hospital - Dubai, UAE. He is also a Specialist Senior Registrar-Pediatric Department - Division of Pediatric Hematology & Oncology Dubai Hospital - Dubai. As Pediatric Hematology Oncology Physician his goal is to serve the patients using his skills and abilities can be fully utilized. Dr. Humad, attended several courses, like IMCI (Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses), Standard Case Management Training Course, Neonatal Resuscitation Course, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey & Ankara Research and Training Hospital, Basic Life Support Provider Course (BLS), Pediatric Advance Life Support (PALS), Crucial Conversation Course, Orientation to Simulation Facilitation Course, Baby Friendly Hospital initiative course. Breaking bad news Workshop and a ISTH advanced training Course in Thrombosis and haemostasis.

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Dr. Michael Grimley

Professor of Clinical Pediatrics,
Medical Director, BMT & Immune Deficiency
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical
Center, Ohio, USA



Michael Grimley, MD, currently serves as Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Cincinnati, Department of Pediatrics. He is the Medical Director of Division of Bone Marrow Transplant and Immune Deficiency at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. Dr. Grimley is an experienced clinician specializing in the care of children undergoing hematopoietic stem cell transplant with a clinical research interest in the treatment of opportunistic infections during the period of immunocompromised state. He is the head of hemoglobinopathy transplant team at CCHMC and served as the institutional PI for sickle cell gene therapy clinical trial. His clinical interests include BMT for primary immunodeficiencies, hemoglobinopathies and leukemia. He also is PI for multiple Phase 2 protocols using Virus specific T cells (VSTs) against Adenovirus, CMV, EBV and BK virus as treatment and prevention of these viruses in recipients of allogeneic HSCT at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.



Prof. Fatih Erbey

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Pediatric Oncology,
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Dr. Erbey graduated from Çukurova University Faculty of Medicine in 1999. He completed his pediatrics residency training in 2005 and pediatric oncology subspecialty training in 2009 at Çukurova University Faculty of Medicine. In 2007, during his subspecialty training, he was an observer physician at the Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplant Unit of Pittsburgh Children's Hospital, USA. In 2009-2010, he fulfilled her state service obligation at Van Maternity and Children's Hospital. In 2011, he worked as a faculty member at Ege University Faculty of Medicine, Pediatric Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplantation Unit. Between 2011-2014, he worked at Medicalpark Bahçelievler Hospital and between 2014-2018, he worked at Acibadem University Faculty of Medicine, Atakent Hospital in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology and Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplantation units. In 2013, he received the title of associate professor and, in 2022, he received the title of professor. Since 2019, he has been working as a faculty member at Koç University School of Medicine.

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Dr. Montserrat Rovira Tarrats

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Dr. Montserrat is the Head of the Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation (HSCT) Section and head of the Joint Programme of HSCT Hospital Clínic-SJD Barcelona Children's Hospital. She has an experience of 30 years in this field, her main areas of interest are transplantation in autoimmune diseases, and the complications present in Haematopoietic Transplantation both infectious and non-infectious.

EDUCATION:

PhD in Medicine and Surgery. University of Barcelona, 1983.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE:

She is an active member of the Working Parties on Autoimmune Disorders and Infectious Diseases of the EBMT, the European Society for Hematopoietic Transplantation. She has also been chairman of the infectious and non-infectious complications group of the Spanish Transplant Group (GETH) and from March 2024, will be the President of GETH. Throughout her professional life, she has performed more than 3,000 transplantations. I have presented several studies at national and international Congresses.

RESEARCH:

She has participated in several research projects since 1995 until now related to the Transplantation of Hemopoietic Progenitors

PUBLICATIONS:

She has published more than 225 scientific articles with an impact factor of 855, written several chapters in books about HSCT, and is Co-Editor of the "Manual de Trasplante Hematopoyético y Terapia Celular" (the 6th edition was published in September 2023). Dr. Montserrat is an Associate Professor at the School of Medicine of the University of Barcelona.



Dr. Rolla Abu-Arja

Medical Director,
Blood and Bone Marrow Transplant Program,
Nationwide Children's Hospital, USA



Dr. Abu-Arja's clinical interests are in blood and marrow transplant for malignant and non-malignant disorders with a focus on transplant for immune and metabolic disorders. She obtained her Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery and finished her multi-specialty internship at the University of Jordan in Amman, Jordan. She completed her pediatric residency at the Jersey City Medical Center/Mount Sinai School of Medicine program in New Jersey where she later became the Pediatric Chief Resident. Dr. Abu-Arja completed her 3 year pediatric hematology and oncology fellowship at the University of Iowa Children's Hospital and a year as a fellow associate in Immunology and Blood and Marrow Transplant (BMT). Before joining Nationwide Children's she was the Clinical Director for the Pediatric Blood and Bone Marrow Transplant unit and an assistant professor at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio.

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Dr. Zohreh Nademi

Specialist in Pediatric Immunology and Stem Cell Transplant
Deputy Director of Children's Transplant Clinical Programme Great North Children's Hospital
Honorary Clinical Senior Lecturer in the Translational and Clinical Research Institute,
Newcastle University, UK



Dr. Nademi graduated from Mashhad Medical School in Iran in 1992. She became a Paediatrician in 1996 and a fellow in Paediatric Infectious Disease in 1997. She has achieved her PhD degree in Immunology in 2009 from Northumbria University in Newcastle. Dr. Nademi specialty is Paediatric Immunology and Infectious Diseases and she have a fellowship in Royal College of Paediatric and Child Health. She have been working in paediatric haematopoietic stem cell transplantation at the Great North Children's Hospital since 2006. The Children's Bone Marrow Transplant Unit is one of the two supra-regionally designated national units in the UK for the assessment and treatment of children with severe primary immunodeficiency. Dr. Nademi is the Deputy Director of Paediatric HSCT Clinical Programme in Newcastle and Honorary Clinical Senior Lecturer in Newcastle University. Her research interest is to improve techniques and outcomes of stem cell transplant in children with Inborn Error of Immunity.



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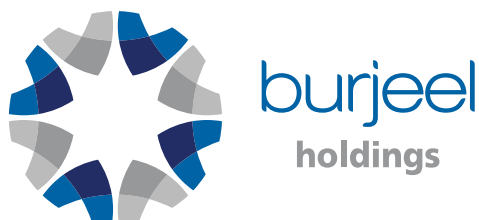
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Dr. Gizem Ersoy has been working as a pediatrician since 2009 and as a pediatric hematology oncologist since 2015. In 2020, she has been working in the field of autologous, allogeneic, and haploidentical stem cell transplantation in pediatric patients and in pediatric hematology oncology. Her areas of interest are childhood leukemias, targeted therapies, and cellular therapies. Dr. Gizem Ersoy has studied BK virus infections during stem cell transplantation, stem cell transplantation experiences in inborn errors of metabolism patients, and the effects of non-donor-specific antibodies on transplantation results.

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