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**Advancing Surgical Care,
Innovation and
the Future of Surgery.**



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Conrad Hotel, Dubai.

Surgery At The Frontier

Time	Topic	Speaker
8:00 AM - 8:50 AM	Registration	
8:50 AM - 9:00 AM	Opening Remarks	Dr Raashid Shahbazi Chair of the Scientific Committee, Consultant, Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon, Regional Medical Director, NMC Northern Emirates Region, UAE
SESSION 1 Acute Care and Trauma Surgery		Session Moderators Dr Ali Nawaz Consultant Emergency Medicine and Chair of Emergency Medicine NMC Royal Hospital, Khalifa City, Abu Dhabi, UAE Dr Gilbert Ayoub Chair of Surgical Specialties and Consultant General Surgeon, NMC Royal Hospital Khalifa City, Abu Dhabi, UAE
9:00 AM - 9:20 AM	Chaos to Control: The Art of Trauma Surgery	Dr Khaled Saleh Aljohani Consultant, Trauma & Acute Care Surgery Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City (SSMC), Abu Dhabi, UAE
9:20 AM - 9:40 AM	The Three Decisions that Matter in Vascular Trauma	Dr Soroush Sohrabi Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon NMC Royal Hospital DIP, Dubai, UAE
9:40 AM - 9:50 AM	Panel Discussion	

Opening Ceremony

10:00 AM - 10:10 AM	Introduction	Dr Zaka Ullah Khan Chief Clinical Officer, NMC Healthcare, UAE
10:10 AM - 10:20 AM	Welcome Address	David Hadley Chief Executive Officer, NMC Healthcare, UAE
10:20 AM - 10:40 AM	Address by the Guest of Honour	H.E. Dr. Amin Hussain Al Amiri Assistant Undersecretary of Health Regulations Sector, Ministry of Health and Prevention (MoHAP), UAE
10:40 AM - 11:00 AM	Coffee Break	

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SESSION 2

Cutting Edge Technology in Surgery

Session Moderators

Dr Zakir K Mohamed

Consultant General & Colorectal Surgeon,
Regional Medical Director,
NMC Healthcare, Dubai, UAE

Dr Solomon John

Consultant Upper GI and HPB Surgeon,
NMC Royal Hospital, Sharjah, UAE

Prof. Mohammed Baguneid

Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon,
Chair of Vascular Surgery,
Sheikh Shakhboub Medical City, Abu Dhabi, UAE

11:00 AM - 11:20 AM	Endoscopic Mastectomy: Technical Insights and Experience from the Largest Programme in the Middle East	Dr Rafal Iskanderian Consultant Surgical Oncologist, Asst. Director of General Surgery Residency Program Cleveland Clinic, Abu Dhabi, UAE
11:20 AM - 11:40 AM	From Planning to Closure: AI Across the Surgical Workflow	Dr Soroush Sohrabi Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon NMC Royal Hospital DIP, Dubai, UAE
11:40 AM - 12:00 PM	AI and Living Donor Transplantation: Smarter Risk Stratification for Safer Decisions	Dr HRS Girn Consultant Liver Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon, Bangalore, India
12:00 PM - 12:20 PM	From Hands to Console: Transforming Upper GI Surgery with Robotics	Prof. Arul Immanuel Professor of Surgery Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK
12:20 PM - 12:40 PM	From Pixels to Precision: How AI in Radiology is Reshaping Surgery	Dr Amrita Kumar Consultant Radiologist University of Oxford (UK), HealthBay Clinics, Dubai, UAE
12:40 PM - 13:00 PM	Panel Discussion (Q&A)	
13:00 PM - 14:00 PM	Lunch Break	

SESSION 3

Keynote Speech

Introduction

Dr Raashid Shahbazi

Chair of the Scientific Committee,
Consultant, Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon,
Regional Medical Director,
NMC Northern Emirates Region, UAE

14:00 PM - 14:45 PM	Shaping the Future of Surgical Diagnostics with Optical Sensing, Imaging and Robotics	Prof. Daniel Elson Professor of Surgical Imaging and Bio-Photonics Hamlyn Centre for Robotic Surgery The Institute of Global Health Innovation Department of Surgery and Cancer Imperial College London, UK
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Advancing Surgical Care, Innovation and the Future of Surgery

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SESSION 4 Transforming Surgical Care: Advances Across the Spectrum		
Session Moderators Dr Abdulla AlNakshabandi Consultant ENT Surgeon, Regional Medical Director, NMC Healthcare, Abu Dhabi, UAE Dr Soroush Sohrabi Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon NMC Royal Hospital DIP, Dubai, UAE Hazem Al Momani Consultant Laparoscopic and Bariatric Surgeon NMC Royal Hospital, Khalifa City, Abu Dhabi, UAE		
14:45 PM - 15:05 PM	Organ Transplantation in the UAE: From Foundations to Future Frontiers	Dr Muhammad Badar Zaman Chief Division of Abdominal Transplantation and HPB Surgery Sheikh Khalifa Medical City, Abu Dhabi, UAE
15:05 PM - 15:25 PM	Wound Care Advances: Separating Evidence from Enthusiasm	Prof. Ian Chetter Consultant Vascular Surgeon President of the Vascular Society of Great Britain and Ireland (VSGBI), UK
15:25 PM - 15:45 PM	Modern Paediatric Surgery: Progress, Precision and the Future	Dr Wissam Jamal Al Tamr Consultant, Paediatric Surgery and Urology NMC Royal Hospital, Sharjah, UAE
15:45 PM - 16:05 PM	Robotics in Colorectal Surgery: Innovation or Indulgence?	Dr Zakir K Mohamed Consultant General & Colorectal Surgeon Regional Medical Director, NMC Healthcare, Dubai, UAE
16:05 PM - 16:25 PM	Saving Limbs, Restoring Lives: The Power of Modern Reconstruction	Dr Muhammad Faheem Khadim Consultant Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon Tawam Hospital, Al Ain, UAE
16:25 PM - 17:00 PM	Panel Discussion	

WORKSHOP - Day 1 (Breakout Room)

Time	Topic	Speaker
WORKSHOP 1 Head and Neck Oncology		Session Moderators Dr Balaji Balasubramaniam Consultant Surgical Oncologist NMC Specialty Hospital, Abu Dhabi, UAE
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Trans-Oral Robotic Surgery (TORS): Future & Innovation in Head & Neck Oncology	Dr Arvind Krishnamurthy Professor and Head, Surgical Oncology Hon Secretary, Indian Society of Oncology Chennai, Cancer Institute (WIA), India
11:30 AM - 11:50 AM	Nuances in Parathyroid Surgery	Dr Yogesh More Consultant Head Neck Surgeon & Director of Thyroid Parathyroid Centre, Burjeel Medical City, Abu Dhabi, UAE
11:50 AM - 12:10 PM	Surgery & Ablation in Thyroid Nodules	Dr Nouraddine Alhasan Consultant & Head of Department ORL H&N Surgery, Sheikh Tahnoun Medical City and Tawam Hospitals, Al Ain, UAE
12:30 PM - 13:00 PM	Panel Discussion (Q&A)	Panelists Dr Abdulrazzaq Almadan Consultant Physician & Endocrinologist Al Borj Medical Centre, Dubai, UAE Dr Samer El Kaissi Consultant Endocrinologist (Chair of Endocrinology Department) Cleveland Clinic, Abu Dhabi, UAE Dr Eugene Rent Specialist Surgical Oncology NMC Specialty Hospital, Al Nahda, Dubai, UAE NMC Royal Hospital, DIP, Dubai, UAE

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WORKSHOP 2 Venous Disease: What We Miss and Why It Matters		Session Moderators Dr Hayssam Gibbaoui Consultant Vascular Surgeon NMC Royal Hospital, Khalifa City, Abu Dhabi, UAE NMC Royal Hospital, DIP, Dubai, UAE Dr Abdul Rehman Hamad Consultant Vascular Surgery NMC Specialty Hospital, Al Nahda, Dubai, UAE NMC Royal Hospital, DIP, Dubai, UAE
15:00 PM - 15:10 PM	Varicose Veins Revisited: Modern Treatment, Real Outcomes	Dr Hayssam Gibbaoui Consultant Vascular Surgeon NMC Royal Hospital, Khalifa City, Abu Dhabi, UAE NMC Royal Hospital, DIP, Dubai, UAE
15:10 PM - 15:20 PM	Deep Vein Thrombosis: Early Action, Better Outcomes	Dr Abdul Rahman Hamad Consultant Vascular Surgery NMC Specialty Hospital, Al Nahda, Dubai, UAE NMC Royal Hospital, DIP, Dubai, UAE
15:20 PM - 15:30 PM	May-Thurner Syndrome: The Hidden Driver of Venous Disease	Dr Shahzad Sarosh Bulsara Specialist Vascular Surgeon NMC Specialty Hospital, Al Nahda, Dubai, UAE NMC Royal Hospital DIP, Dubai, UAE
15:30 PM - 15:45 PM	Panel Discussion	
WORKSHOP 3 Wound Care: Science, Strategy, and Outcomes		Session Moderators Dr Vikas Kumar Verma Consultant Plastic Surgeon NMC Royal Hospital, DIP, Dubai, UAE
15:50 PM - 16:00 PM	Wound Dressings: What Truly Represents Best Practice?	Ms Cassie Purvey Wound and Stoma Care Specialist NMC Royal Hospital, DIP, Dubai, UAE
16:00 PM - 16:10 PM	Wound Management: When Surgery Makes the Difference	Dr Vikas Kumar Verma Consultant Plastic Surgeon NMC Royal Hospital, DIP, Dubai, UAE
16:10 PM - 16:20 PM	At the Frontline of Healing: The Value of Specialist Nursing in Diabetic Foot Management	Ms Iline Taha Registered Charge Nurse / Wound Care Specialist Sheikh Tahnoon Bin Mohammed Medical City, Al Ain, UAE
16:20 PM - 16:40 PM	Panel Discussion	

Skills for Surgical Excellence, Beyond the Scalpel

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8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Registration	
SESSION 1 Advances in Abdominal Surgery		Session Moderators Dr Vikas Gupta Consultant Gastrointestinal Surgery NMC Specialty Hospital, Abu Dhabi, UAE Dr Nikunj Gupta Consultant Gastrointestinal Surgery NMC Royal Hospital, DIP, Dubai, UAE Dr Khoweiled Abdelhalim Hassan Consultant General Surgeon, NMC Royal Hospital, Sharjah, UAE
9:00 AM - 9:20 AM	Closing the Gap: Modern Hernia Surgery	Dr Zialyazan Sabbagh Specialist Trauma and General Surgeon NMC Royal Hospital, Khalifa City, Abu Dhabi, UAE
9:20 AM - 9:40 AM	Functional Liver Imaging: Current Status and Future Direction	Dr HRS Girn Consultant Liver Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon, Bangalore, India
9:40 AM - 10:00 AM	Seeing the Invisible: Intraoperative Laparoscopic Ultrasound in Precision Liver Resection	Dr Hassan Elberm Consultant General and Laparoscopic Surgeon and Hepatobiliary NMC Royal Hospital, Khalifa City, Abu Dhabi, UAE
10:00 AM - 10:20 AM	Managing Borderline Resectable Pancreatic Cancers: The Surgical and MDT Dilemma	Solomon K. P. John Gastrointestinal, Hepato - Pancreato - Biliary and Laparoscopic Surgery NMC Royal Hospital, Sharjah, UAE
10:20 AM - 10:40 AM	Panel Discussion (Q&A)	
10:40 AM - 11:00 AM	Coffee Break	

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SESSION 2 The Surgeon's Mind: Clarity, Bias & Protection		Session Moderators Dr Raashid Shahbazi Chair of the Scientific Committee, Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon, Regional Medical Director, NMC Northern Emirates Region, UAE Prof. Daniel Elson Professor of Surgical Imaging and Bio-Photonics Hamlyn Centre for Robotic Surgery The Institute of Global Health Innovation Department of Surgery and Cancer Imperial College London, UK
11:00 AM - 11:20 AM	Mindfulness in Surgery	Major Patrick Burgess MBE, Lead for UK Defence Mindfulness, UK
11:20 AM - 11:40 AM	The Invisible Enemy: Cognitive Biases in Surgical Decision Making	Dr. Balaji Senniappan Consultant General, Upper GI and Bariatric Surgeon and Medical Director NMC Royal Hospital, DIP, Dubai, UAE
11:40 AM - 12:00 PM	Reducing the Risk of Litigation in Surgical Practice	Dr Hazem Al Momani Consultant Laparoscopic and Bariatric Surgeon NMC Royal Hospital, Khalifa City, Abu Dhabi, UAE
12:00 PM - 12:20 PM	Panel Discussion (Q&A)	
12:20 PM - 13:20 PM	Coffee Break	
SESSION 3 Keynote Speech		Session Moderator Dr Soroush Sohrabi Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon NMC Royal Hospital DIP, Dubai, UAE
13:20 PM - 14:00 PM	Surgical Leadership in a Changing World: Vision and Responsibility	Prof. Ian Chetter Consultant Vascular Surgeon President of the Vascular Society of Great Britain and Ireland (VSGBI), UK

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SESSION 4 Skills for Surgical Excellence, Beyond the Scalpel		Session Moderator Dr Balaji Senniappan Consultant General, Upper GI and Bariatric Surgeon and Medical Director NMC Royal Hospital, DIP, Dubai, UAE
14:00 PM - 14:20 PM	Leading the Self Before Leading the Scalpel	Major Patrick Burgess MBE, Lead for UK Defence Mindfulness, UK
14:20 PM - 14:40 PM	What the UK and the UAE Can Learn from Each Other in Surgical Practice	Prof. Mohammed Baguneid Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon Chair of Vascular Surgery Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City, Abu Dhabi, UAE
14:40 PM - 15:00 PM	Beyond Technical Skills: The Human Factors that Shape Surgical Outcomes	Dr Raashid Shahbazi Chair of the Scientific Committee, Consultant, Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon, Regional Medical Director, NMC Northern Emirates Region, UAE
15:00 PM - 15:15 PM	Panel Discussion (Q&A)	
15:15 PM - 15:30 PM	Coffee Break	
Abstract Presentations		Session Moderators Prof. Mohammed Baguneid Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon, Chair of Vascular Surgery Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City, Abu Dhabi, UAE Dr Soroush Sohrabi Consultant General and Vascular Surgeon NMC Royal Hospital, DIP, Dubai, UAE
15:30 PM - 15:40 PM	Abstract Presentation	
15:40 PM - 15:50 PM	Abstract Presentation	
15:50 PM - 16:00 PM	Abstract Presentation	
16:00 PM	Prize Distribution and Closing Remarks	Dr Zaka Ullah Khan Chief Clinical Officer, NMC Healthcare, UAE

WORKSHOP - Day 2 (Breakout Room)

Time	Topic	Speaker
WORKSHOP 1 Surgical Proctology		Session Moderators Dr Zakir K Mohamed Consultant General & Colorectal Surgeon, Regional Medical Director, NMC Healthcare, Dubai, UAE Dr Manish Madnani Specialist Gastrointestinal Surgeon NMC Specialty Hospital, Al Nahda, Dubai, UAE
10:00 AM - 10:10 AM	Contemporary Haemorrhoids Management: From Clinic to Theatre	Dr Daniel Serralta Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, Saudi German Hospital, Dubai, UAE
10:10 AM - 10:20 AM	Anal Fissure: Conservative Care First, But is Surgery Still King?	Dr Manish Madnani Specialist Gastrointestinal Surgeon NMC Specialty Hospital, Al Nahda, Dubai, UAE
10:20 AM - 10:30 AM	Complex Perianal Fistula: Strategy, Techniques, Outcomes	Dr Valentina Giaccaglia Deputy Medical Director – Surgery Mediclinic, Dubai, UAE
10:30 AM - 10:50 AM	Panel Discussion (Q&A)	
WORKSHOP 2 Breast Surgery		Session Moderator Dr Suhail Mohamed Kazim Senior Consultant Surgeon and Medical Director NMC Specialty Hospital, Al Nahda, Dubai
11:00 AM - 11:10 AM	De-escalation of Axillary surgery in Breast Cancer	Dr Rabbia Khan Consultant Oncoplastic and Reconstructive Breast Surgeon NMC Specialty Hospital, Al Nahda, Dubai, UAE
11:10 AM - 11:20 AM	Oncoplastic Surgery: Restoring Form without Compromising Care	Dr Mona B. E. Sulieman Consultant Oncoplastic and Reconstructive Breast Surgeon Royal Cornwall Hospital, UK
11:20 AM - 11:35 AM	Panel Discussion (Q&A)	



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