



5th Global Pediatric Congress 2026

Redefining Pediatrics: From Early Foundations to Lifelong Health

05-06 NOV 2026
AL HABTOOR PALACE, DUBAI
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM



Day 1

Thursday | 05 November 2026



09:00 - 17:30 Hrs

UAE Time

Session 1: Reimagining the Developing Brain: ADHD, Neurodevelopment & Mental Health

Chairpersons: **Dr. Daniela Graf, UAE** | **Dr. Aida Suhaimi, UAE** | **Dr. Manaf Shaker Kadori, UAE**

08:50 - 09:00

Opening Remarks
Dr. Wafaa Faysal, UAE

09:00 - 09:20

The New Era of Pediatric Epilepsy
Dr. Ahmad Hammoud, UAE

09:20 - 09:40

ADHD Reimagined: Understanding Attention, Impulsivity, and the Modern Brain
Dr. Fadi Maalouf, UAE

09:40 - 10:00

Building Resilient Minds: Protecting Children's Mental Health in Times of Uncertainty
Dr. Leena Amiri, UAE

10:00 - 10:20

Autism Reimagined: Understanding the Neurodiverse Child
Dr. Kyle Daigle, UAE

10:20 - 10:35

 **Q & A**

10:35 - 11:20

OPENING CEREMONY

11:20 - 11:35

 **COFFEE BREAK**

Session 2: Shaping the Growing Child: From Bones to Bite

Chairpersons: **Dr. Ali Khodr, UAE** | **Dr. Sattar Alshryda, UAE** | **Dr. Assad Qureshi, UAE**

11:35 - 11:55

The Spine of the Future: Reimagining Scoliosis Care in the Growing Child
Dr. Firas Husban, UAE

11:55 - 12:15

Abnormal Gait in Children: When to Reassure, When to Intervene
Dr. Marc Sinclair, UAE

12:15 - 12:35

Are We Missing the Mouth? Oral Function as a Key Determinant of Pediatric Health
Dr. Edgard Irany, UAE

12:35 - 12:45

 **Q & A**

12:45 - 13:45

 **PRAYER and LUNCH BREAK**



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Session 3: Pediatric Endocrinology Unfilter

Chairpersons: **Dr. Basel Zoudeh, UAE** | **Dr. Sadaf Siddiqui, UAE** | **Dr. Ziad King, UAE**

13:45 - 14:10

Childhood Obesity: New Therapeutic Strategies in the Modern Era
Dr. Layla Al Marzooqi, UAE

14:10 - 14:30

Growing right, Growing Tall: The Science and Strategy behind the Growth Hormone in Children
Dr. Nandu Thalange, UAE

14:30 - 14:50

TBC
Dr. Mohamed Wasfy El Abiary, UAE

14:50 - 15:10

TBC
Dr. Walid Kaplan, UAE

15:10 - 15:30

TBC
Dr. Jamal Aljubeih, UAE

15:30 - 15:45

 **Q & A**

15:45 - 16:00

 **COFFEE BREAK**

Session 4: The Modern Child at Risk: Nutrition, Metabolism and the Roots of Disease

Chairpersons: **Dr. Dalia Belsha, UAE** | **Dr. Nevine El Kabbany, UAE** | **Dr. Natasha Ajalla, UAE**

16:00 - 16:20

The Constipated Child: What are missing?
Dr. Wajeeh Dekhail, KSA

16:20 - 16:40

The Hidden Hunger: Micronutrient Deficiencies in the Modern Child
Dr. Masooma Al Jasmi, UAE

16:40 - 17:00

The Ultra-Processed Generation: How Industrial Food is Changing Childhood
Dr. Wafaa Ayesh, UAE

17:00 - 17:20

Beyond Diagnosis: Reimagining Pediatric Care Through Root-Cause Medicine
Dr. Wajdi Al Bonji, UAE

17:20 - 17:35

 **Q & A**

17:35 - 17:45

Closing Remarks





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Session 5: Critical Beginnings: Multidisciplinary Care in Neonatal and Pediatric Emergencies

Chairpersons: **Dr. Monika Kaushal, UAE** | **Dr. Mohamed Sulaiman, UAE** | **Dr. Diary AbdulRhman Mohammed, UAE**

09:00 - 09:20

RDS in the new Era
Dr. Junaid Khan, UAE

09:20 - 09:40

Pediatric ECG Made Practical: Recognizing What Matters and What Must Not Be Missed
Dr. Yakub Ergol, UAE

09:40 - 10:00

Probiotics in Necrotizing Enterocolitis (NEC) Prevention
Dr. Hussein Naji, UAE

10:00 - 10:20

TBA
Dr. Yaser El Hout, Qatar

10:20 - 10:35



Q & A

10:35 - 10:50



COFFEE BREAK

Session 6: Reimagining Immunity and Allergy in the Modern Child

Chairpersons: **Dr. Nitin Verma, UAE** | **Dr. Zeyad M Hababbeh, UAE** | **Dr. Omendra Narayan, UAE**

10:50 - 11:10

TBA
Dr. Basil Nasrallah, UAE

11:10 - 11:30

Asthma in the New Era
Dr. Andrew Ives, UAE

11:30 - 11:50

Eczema Puzzle: From Skin Barrier to Immune Modulation
Mr John Payne, UAE

11:50 - 12:10

JIA 2026: From Steroids to Targeted Therapy
Dr. Elsadeq Sharif, UAE

12:10 - 12:25



Q & A

12:25 - 13:25



LUNCH BREAK



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Session 7: The Pediatric Body in Integration: Structure and Function

Chairpersons: **Dr. Loai Eid, UAE** | **Dr. Hayat Adib, UAE** | **Dr. Dr. Hamed Abbasi, UAE**

13:25 - 13:45

Pediatric Nephrotic Syndrome: What's New?
Dr. Samhar Al-Akash, UAE

13:45 - 14:05

Allergic Rhinitis in Children: Smarter Control
Dr. Mohamad El Bitar, UAE

14:05 - 14:25

The Myopia Epidemic: Reimagining Eye Health for the Next Generation
Dr. Salma Yassine, UAE

14:25 - 14:45

From Birth Defects to Trauma: Transforming Lives Through Pediatric Reconstruction
Dr. Derek Mendonca, UAE

14:45 - 15:00

 **Q & A**

15:00 - 15:15

 **COFFEE BREAK**

Session 8: Reimagining Immunity: From Microbiome to Vaccines in the Modern Child

Chairpersons: **Dr. Rola Nakhal, UAE** | **Dr. Arianna Huerta Martinez, UAE** | **Dr. Rafia Oweru, UAE**

15:15 - 15:35

TBA
Dr. Samer Cheaib

15:35 - 15:55

RSV in Pediatrics: From Seasonal Burden to Preventable Disease
Dr. Zainab Malik, UAE

15:55 - 16:15

Meningococcal Vaccination in Children: New DHA Updates and What Every Pediatrician Must Know
Dr. Raafat Hamzeh, UAE

16:15 - 16:35

Dysbiosis in Pediatrics: The Most Overused Term or the Missing Diagnosis?
Mr. Thomas Cookson, UAE

16:35 - 16:50

 **Q & A**

16:50 - 17:00

Closing Remarks

