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 **AUGUST 29 - 30, 2026**  **BEACH ROTANA HOTEL, ABU DHABI, UAE**

The Gulf Rheumatology Board Review and Comprehensive Update in Rheumatology is an educational interactive program aims to enhance participants' understanding and clinical proficiency in the field of rheumatology. It provides thorough insights into the fundamental principles, latest treatment guidelines, and effective therapeutic approaches. Through comprehensive updates, participants can expand their knowledge base and refine their skills, improving their competencies to diagnose and manage rheumatological conditions with confidence.



REGISTRATION!

AED 2,000

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The fees include course registration, CME certificate and USB, online access to educational material, coffee break and buffet lunch for 2 days.

Accommodation and travel arrangement are not included.

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

*At the end of this CME activity,
the participant will be able to:*

- Understand the basic mechanisms involved in the pathogenesis of rheumatologic disorders
- Apply the most UpToDate guidelines to make more accurate diagnosis
- Utilize the most appropriate standards of care when treating adults and children with rheumatic diseases
- Recognise current and novel therapeutic options for specific rheumatologic disorders
- Use newly approved treatments appropriately based on the latest medical evidence
- Monitor the efficacy and safety of treatment used
- Apply knowledge gained to certification/recertification rheumatology examinations
- Able to navigate through the board exam with ease and confidence



WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Fellows/trainees and practicing rheumatology specialists (MDs) who are preparing to take the certification exam or maintain their certification
Rheumatologists who need recent updates in rheumatology
Other professional affiliates (family medicine, nephrologists, immunologists, internists) who seek CME activities to improve patient care in rheumatology.





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SCIENTIFIC AGENDA

DAY 1: AUGUST 29, 2026



Gulf Rheumatology Board
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7:45 AM - 8:30 AM

Registration

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Rheumatoid Arthritis - 1
Mohammed Omail, MD

9:30 AM - 10:15 AM

Spondylarthritis -1
Ahlam Almarzooqi, MD

10:15 AM - 10:30 AM

Coffee Break

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Vasculitis
Waleed Hafiz, MD

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Crystal Related Arthropathies - 1
Rajaie A. Namas, MD

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Lunch Break

1:00 PM - 1:20 PM

TBA

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1:20 PM - 1:40 PM

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1:40 PM - 2:10 PM

Coffee Break & Networking

2:10 PM - 2:55 PM

Rheumatoid Arthritis-2
Mohammed Omail, MD

2:55 PM - 3:40 PM

Spondylarthritis -2
Ahlam Almarzooqi, MD

3:40 PM - 4:20 PM

Crystal Related Arthropathies - 2
Rajaie A. Namas, MD

4:20 PM - 4:30 PM

Coffee Break

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Autoinflammatory Syndromes
Ahlam Almarzooqi, MD

5:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Overview on Sjogrens
Mohammed Omail, MD

6:00 PM

End of Day 1

SCIENTIFIC AGENDA

DAY 2: AUGUST 30, 2026



Gulf Rheumatology Board
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8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Challenging Cases in SLE
Rajaie A. Namas, MD

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

Myositis
Zaki Abou Zahr, MD

9:45 AM - 10:30 AM

Lupus
Waleed Hafiz, MD

10:30 AM - 10:45 AM

Coffee Break

10:45 AM - 11:30 AM

Systemic Sclerosis + ILD
Waleed Hafiz, MD

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Pregnancy & APS
Rajaie A. Namas, MD

12:00 PM - 12:30 PM

Osteoporosis
Zaki Abou Zahr, MD

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

Lunch Break

1:30 PM - 1:50 PM

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2:10 PM - 2:40 PM

Coffee Break & Networking

2:40 PM - 3:10 PM

Infections and Rheumatic Disease
Zaki Abou Zahr, MD

3:10 PM - 3:40 PM

IgG4-Related Disease (IgG4-RD)
Mohammed Omais, MD

3:40 PM - 4:10 PM

Infectious Disease and RMD
Rajaie A. Namas, MD

4:10 PM - 4:40 PM

Non Rheumatic Systemic D/O
Zaki Abou Zahr, MD

4:40 PM - 5:10 PM

Lower Extremity Sports Medicine and
Pain Syndromes
Rajaie A. Namas, MD

5:10 PM - 5:40 PM

Upper Extremity Sports Medicine and
Neuropathy
Zaki Abou Zahr, MD

5:40 PM - 6:00 PM

Closing Remarks and Adjournment