



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 | Dr. Monika Kaushal, UAE

08:50 - 09:00

Opening Remarks
Dr. Wafaa Faysal, UAE

09:00 - 09:15

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

09:15 - 09:30

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

09:30 - 09:45

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

09:45 - 10:00

Autism Reimagined: Understanding the Neurodiverse Child
TBC

10:00 - 10:20

Symposium

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 - 11:50

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

11:50 - 12:05

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

12:05 - 12:20

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

12:20 - 12:40

Symposium

12:40 - 12:50

 **Q & A**

12:50 - 13:45

 **LUNCH BREAK**



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Session 3: Pediatric Endocrinology Unfilter

Chairpersons: **Dr. Mohammad Amir Tuleimat, UAE** | **Dr. Sadaf Siddiqui, UAE** | **Dr. Ziad King, UAE**

13:45 - 14:00

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

14:00 - 14:15

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

14:15 - 14:30

TBC
Dr. Mohamed Wasfy El Abiary, UAE

14:30 - 14:45

TBC
Dr. Basel Zoudeh, UAE

14:45 - 15:00

TBC
Dr. Aqeel Ahmed Farooque, UAE

15:00 - 15:20

Symposium

15:20 - 15:40

 Q & A

15:40 - 16:00

 COFFEE BREAK

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

Chairpersons: **Dr. Balaji Krishnamurthy, UAE** | **Dr. Nevine El Kabbany, UAE** |
Dr. Natasha Ajalla, UAE | **Dr. M. Azzam Kayasseh, UAE**

16:00 - 16:20

Symposium

16:20 - 16:35

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

16:35 - 16:50

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

16:50 - 17:05

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

17:05 - 17:20

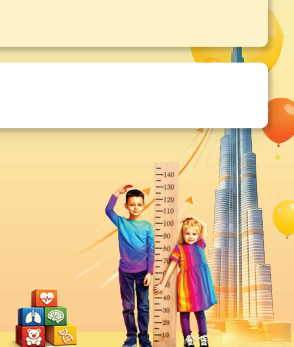
Beyond Diagnosis: Reimagining Pediatric Care Through Root-Cause Medicine
Dr. Wajdi Al Bonji, UAE

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. Kalyan Chakravarthy, UAE | Dr. Mohamed Sulaiman, UAE |
Dr. Diary AbdulRhman Mohammed, UAE | Dr. Nadeem Haider, UAE

09:00 - 09:15

RDS in the new Era
Dr. Junaid Khan, UAE

09:15 - 09:30

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

09:30 - 09:45

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

09:45 - 10:00

The Brain-Gut-Bladder Axis: New Insights in 2026
Dr. Yaser El Hout, Qatar

10:00 - 10:20

Symposium

10:20 - 10:35



Q & A

10:35 - 10:50



COFFEE BREAK

Session 6: Reimagining Immunity and Allergy in the Modern Child

Chairpersons: Dr. Rafia Oweru, UAE | Dr. Zeyad M Hababbeh, UAE | Dr. Sherif Mosaad, UAE | Dr. Sripradha Sudarsanam, UAE

10:50 - 11:05

TBA
Dr. Basil Nasrallah, UAE

11:05 - 11:20

Asthma in the New Era
Dr. Andrew Ives, UAE

11:20 - 11:35

The Gut & Immunity in Children
Mr John Payne, UAE

11:35 - 11:50

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

11:50 - 12:10

Symposium

12:10 - 12:25



Q & A

12:25 - 13:25



PRAYER and LUNCH BREAK



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

Chairpersons: **Dr. Mamdouh Sowailim, UAE** | **Dr. Hayat Adib, UAE** | **Dr. Nagwa Iskander, UAE** | **Dr. Dima Ghaith, UAE**

13:25 - 13:40

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

13:40 - 13:55

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

13:55 - 14:10

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

14:10 - 14:25

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

14:25 - 14:45

Symposium

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. Shahira Ibrahim, UAE** | **Dr. Rania Atieh, UAE**

15:15 - 15:35

Symposium

15:35 - 15:50

TBA
Dr. Samer Cheaib

15:50 - 16:05

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

16:05 - 16:20

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

16:20 - 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

