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CONGRESS DAY ONE

FRIDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2025

13:30 | Registration and Networking
14:25 | Welcome Remarks from Congress Chairman

Session 1: Tackling Allergies, Respiratory and Nutrition Disorders in Children

Moderator: Dr. Abeer Khayat, Dr. Aisling Oslizlok

14:30 – 14:50 | Allergy Myths – Let's Do Better in Dubai
Dr. David Cremonesini
14:50 – 15:05 | Exercise-Induced Asthma / Allergic Rhinitis: Clinical Dilemmas
Dr. Rizwana Popatia
15:05 – 15:25 | Starvation: Beyond the Textbook
Dr. Abeer Khayat
15:25 – 15:45 | Eosinophilic Oesophagitis: Dietary Implications & Considerations
Ms. Aisling Oslizlok
15:45 – 15:55 | Audience Q&A

Session 2: Innovations in Pediatric Practice

Moderator: Dr. Ubaid Shah, Dr. Nikil Sudarshan

15:55 – 16:25 | Current Perspectives in Liver Transplant for Metabolic Disease
Dr. George V. Mazariegos
16:25 – 16:55 | The Role of Pediatric Ophthalmology in Children with Rare Diseases
Dr. Kanwal Ken Nischal
16:55 – 17:10 | Practical approach to Pediatric Headache
Dr. Ubaid Shah
17:10 – 17:25 | **Networking Coffee Break**
17:25 – 17:40 | Advances in Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder
Dr. Bariah Dardari
17:40 – 17:55 | Predict, Prevent, Protect: AI's Emerging Role in Child Safeguarding
Dr. Maryam Ehsani
17:55 – 18:10 | Proactive Genome Screening in Pediatrics – Why, What & How
Dr. Nikil Sudarshan
18:10 – 18:25 | Screen Exposure and Its Effect on Developing Brains
Dr. Hibba Bedri
18:25 – 18:40 | ADHD: Nature or Nurture Trait?
Dr. Huda Sadek
18:40 – 18:55 | Early diagnosis of a Floppy Infant Matters: Treatment Advances in Pediatric Neurology
Dr. Saleel Chandratre
18:55 – 19:05 | Audience Q&A

Session 3: Pediatric Gastroenterology & Nutrition Challenges

Moderator: Dr. Dalia Belsha, Dr. Saleel Chandratre

19:05 – 19:20 | Eosinophilic Esophagitis – The Era of Biologic Therapy
Dr. Dalia Belsha
19:20 – 19:35 | When Tube Feeding is Needed
Dr. Buthaina AlMurbati
19:35 – 19:50 | Approach to Rectal Bleeding in Children: When to Worry and How to Investigate
Dr. Ajmal Kader
19:50 – 20:00 | Panel Discussion & Audience Q&A
20:00 | **End of Day One, Networking Dinner**

CONGRESS DAY TWO

SATURDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2025

08:00 | Registration & Networking

Session 4: Advances in Pediatric Medicine

Moderator: Dr. Nandu Thalange, Dr. Rouba Manachi

09:00 – 09:20	2024 New Kawasaki Disease Guidelines Dr. Mohamed Sulaiman
09:20 – 09:40	Myth Busting in Pediatric Pulmonology Practice Dr. Andrew Ives
09:40 – 10:00	Pediatric Sepsis – 5 Facts, 5 Actions Dr. Rouba Manachi
10:00 – 10:20	Puberty on Fast-Forward: The Rising Burden of Early and Rapid Puberty Dr. Aqeel Farooque
10:20 – 10:40	When Does Hyperlipidemia Need Treatment in Children? Dr. Nandu Thalange
10:40 – 10:50	Panel Discussion & Audience Q&A
10:50 – 11:10	Networking Coffee Break

Session 5: Behavioral, Developmental & Nutritional Insights in Pediatrics

Moderator: Dr. Aqeel Farooque

11:15 – 11:35	Social Media and a Child's Brain Dr. Arif Khan
11:35 – 11:55	Understanding ARFID in Children – More Than Picky Eating Ms. Yasmine Haddad
11:55 – 12:15	Eosinophilic Oesophagitis: Dietary Implications & Considerations Dr. Sherif Mohamed Mosaad Kamel
12:15 - 12:25	Q&A & Discussion

Session 6: Expert Panel Discussion – Pediatric Care in the Region: Challenges, Innovations & Realities

Moderator: Dr. Rajesh Phatak

Panelists: Prof. Amulya Saxena, Dr. Aqeel Farooque, Dr. Arif Khan, Dr. Asrar Rashid, Dr. Rouba Manachi, Dr. Yasmine Haddad

12:25 - 13:00	Expert Panel Discussion
13:00 - 14:00	Networking Lunch Break

CONGRESS DAY TWO

SATURDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2025

Session 7: Neonatal & Critical Care Advances

Moderator: Dr. Nayan Shetty

14:00 – 14:20	Surgical Management of the Pediatric Short Gut Prof. Basem Khalil
14:20 – 14:40	Interplay between Eczema and Food Allergy Dr. Nitin Verma
14:40 – 15:00	The Changing Spectrum of Management in Pediatric Chest Wall Deformities Prof. Amulya Saxena
15:00 – 15:20	What's New in PICU? Dr. Asrar Rashid
15:20 – 15:30	Panel Discussion & Audience Q&A

Session 8: Oral Abstract Discussion

15:30 – 16:00	Oral Abstract Presentations
16:00	<i>Closing remarks and End of Conference</i>



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