



The 1st Annual NMC Medical Conference

Theme: Innovation & Excellence in Paediatrics

12th & 13th April 2025 @ Fairmont Hotel, Abu Dhabi UAE

Scientific Program Day One 12th April 2025

Lectures, Workshops & Gala Dinner

SAQAR B&C BALLROOM

Time	Topic	
08:00 – 08:50	Registration	
08:50 – 09:00	Introduction	Dr. Sohrab N. Tomaraei, Chair, Scientific Committee, Consultant Paediatrics, NMC Specialty Hospital, Al Nahda, Dubai, UAE
Lectures	Session 1: Palliative Care & Organ Donation	Session Moderator: TBC
09:00 – 09:20	Guiding Families Through Difficult End-of-Life Choices: Practical Tips for Paediatricians	Dr. Amrita Sarpal, Senior Attending Physician, Assistant Prof. WCM-Q, Fellowship Director, Sidra Medicine, Qatar
09:20 – 09:40	Organ Donation and Faith: Lessons from the UK	Dr. Joe Brierley, Director, Brierley Healthcare, UK
09:40 – 10:00	The Landscape of Organ Donation in the UAE: A Guide for Paediatricians	Dr. Ali Abdul Kareem Al Obaidli, Consultant Nephrologist and Transplant Physician, Chairman of the UAE National Transplant Committee, SKMC, Abu Dhabi, UAE
10:00 – 10:10	Panel Discussion	
10:10 – 10:40	Opening Ceremony & Coffee Break	
10:10 – 10:20	Introduction	Dr. Zaka Ullah Khan, Chief Clinical Officer, NMC Healthcare, Abu Dhabi, UAE
10:20 – 10:30	Welcome Address	David Hadley, Chief Executive Officer, NMC Healthcare, Abu Dhabi, UAE
10:30 – 10:40	Chief Guest's Opening Address	H.E. Dr. Noura Khamis Al Ghaithi, Undersecretary of Department of Health – Abu Dhabi, UAE
10:40 – 11:00	Coffee Break & Networking	
Lectures	Session 2: Paediatric Endocrinology & Immunology	Moderator: Dr Sanjay Rathi, NMC
11:00 – 11:20	How Technology is Changing Diabetes Care for Children	Dr. Asma Deeb, Consultant Paediatrician and Chair of the Paediatric Endocrinology Division at Sheikh Shakhboub Medical City (SSMC), Abu Dhabi, UAE
11:20 – 11:40	Comprehensive Care for Endocrine Disorders: Insights for General Paediatricians	Dr. Mohamad Guftar Shaikh, Consultant Paediatric Endocrinologist Royal Hospital for Children, Glasgow, Honorary Clinical Associate Professor, UK
11:40 – 12:00	Obesity in Children: Unravelling Syndromes and the Genetic Landscape of Monogenic Obesity	Dr. Ayman El Hattab, Consultant Clinical Geneticist, Dubai, UAE
12:00 – 12:10	Panel Discussion	
Lectures	Session 3	Moderator: TBC
12:10 – 12:30	Immunomodulatory Therapies: Review of the Current Evidence	Dr. Patricia Abboud, Medical Director, Sidra Hospital, Qatar
12:30 – 12:50	Technological Innovation in Paediatric Endocrinology	Dr. Anurag Bajpai, Paediatric & Adolescent Endocrinologist at Regency Center for Diabetes, Endocrinology & Research (CDER) & Fortis Memorial Research Institute, Gurgaon, India
12:50 – 13:00	Panel Discussion	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break	



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Lectures	Session 4: Advances in Heart & Lung Care	Moderator: Dr Praveen Khilnani
14:00 – 14:20	New Tools in Paediatric Cardiology: What General Paediatricians Should Know	Dr. Shriprasad Deshpande, Director of the Advanced Cardiac Therapies and Heart Transplant Program at Children's National Hospital, USA
14:20 – 14:40	New Updates in Paediatric Pulmonology: Medicines and Technology	Dr. Omendra Narayan, Consultant Paediatric Pulmonologist, American Hospital, Dubai, UAE
14:40 – 14:50	Panel Discussion	
Lectures	Session 5: Critical Care	Moderator: TBC
14:50 – 15:10	The Multi-Disciplinary PICU: What's New?	Dr. Praveen Khilnani, Chairman - Paediatrics, Pulmonology and Critical Care, Medanta, India
15:10 – 15:30	Paediatric Cardiology Surprises in the NICU and PICU	Dr. Debadatta Mukhopadhyay, Paediatric Cardiologist, India
15:30 – 15:50	Advancements in Neonatal Immunology & Immunotherapies (TBC)	Dr Aditya Rakhecha, Consultant Paediatrics & Neonatology, NMC Royal Women's Hospital, Abu Dhabi, UAE
15:50 – 16:10	The Role of Artificial Intelligence in Paediatric Care	Dr. Asrar Rashid, NMC Chair of Pediatrics Services, NMC Royal Hospital, Khalifa City, Abu Dhabi, UAE
16:10 – 16:20	Coffee Break	
16:20 – 16:40	Recent Advances in Paediatric Acute Stroke Management	Dr. Deepika Gandhi, Paediatric Intensivist, NMC Royal Hospital, Sharjah, UAE
16:40 – 16:50	Panel Discussion	
16:50 – 17:20	Keynote speech: The Changing Paediatric Medical Legal Landscape in the UAE	Matthew Wells, Group Legal Counsel, NMC Healthcare
17:20 – 18:00	Abstract presentations	
19:30 – 22:00	Gala Dinner & Networking - Falcon Lawn	

WORKSHOPS – DAY 1

Room – Al Reem

14:00 - 15:00	Managing Insulin in the Diabetic Patient	Dr Sanjay Ratanlal Rathi, Consultant Paediatrician Endocrinology, NMC Royal Hospital, DIP, UAE Dr. Anurag Bajpai, Paediatric & Adolescent Endocrinologist at Regency Center for Diabetes, Endocrinology & Research (CDER) & Fortis Memorial Research Institute, Gurgaon, India
15:00 - 16:00	Genetics in Paediatric Practice: A Practical Guide for Clinicians	Sapna Sandal, Paediatric Metabolic and Genetic Specialist, India
16:10 – 16:20	Coffee Break	
16:20 - 16:50	Endocrine Disorders Panel	Dr Sanjay Ratanlal Rathi, Consultant Paediatrician Endocrinology, NMC Royal Hospital, DIP, UAE Dr. Anurag Bajpai, Paediatric & Adolescent Endocrinologist at Regency Center for Diabetes, Endocrinology & Research (CDER) & Fortis Memorial Research Institute, Gurgaon, India Dr. Mohamad Guftar Shaikh, Consultant Paediatric Endocrinologist Royal Hospital for Children, Glasgow, Honorary Clinical Associate Professor, UK
End of Workshop Sessions		



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14:00 - 15:00	Imaging in Paediatric Surgery	Dr Tomson Daniel Thomas, HOD & Consultant Paediatric Surgery, NMC Royal Hospital, Khalifa City, UAE
15:00 - 16:00	Working Abroad – Which Continent?	Dr. Shailinder Singh, Head of Surgical Specialities & Critical Care, Nottingham University Hospital (NUH) NHS Trust, UK
16:10 – 16: 20	Coffee Break	
16:20 - 16:50	Paediatric Surgery Panel	Dr Tomson Daniel Thomas, HOD & Consultant Paediatric Surgery, NMC Royal Hospital, Khalifa City, UAE Dr. Shailinder Singh, Head of Surgical Specialities & Critical Care, Nottingham University Hospital (NUH) NHS Trust, UK Dr Nadeem Haider, Al Jalila Children's Hospital, Dubai, UAE
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Scientific Program Day Two 13th April 2025

Lectures & Workshops

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Time	Topic	Speaker / Moderator
08:00 – 09:00	Registration	
Lectures	Session 1: Nephrology	Moderator: TBC
09:00 - 09:20	Extracorporeal Blood Purification for Non-Nephrologists - Novel Techniques and Indications beyond Traditional Dialysis Modern Blood Purification Techniques: What Paediatricians Should Know	Dr. Entesar Al Hammadi, Consultant Paediatric Nephrologist, Al Jalila Children's Hospital, Dubai, UAE
09:20 - 09:40	Rapid Genetics in the Management of Children with Renal Emergencies How Genetic Testing Helps in Paediatric Renal Emergencies	Dr. Martin Bitzan, Consultant Paediatric Nephrologist, Al Jalila Children's Hospital, Dubai, UAE
09:40 - 10:00	Advances in the Management of Nephrotic Syndrome in Children Practical Updates in Treating Paediatric Nephrotic Syndrome"	Dr. Kalpana Sengupta, HOD & Consultant Paediatrician, NMC Specialty Hospital, Al Nahda, Dubai, UAE
10:00 - 10:15	Panel Discussion	
10:15 - 10:30	Coffee Break	
Lectures	Session 2: Paediatric Surgery	Moderator: TBC
10:30 - 10:50	Recent Advances in Paediatric Surgery: A General Paediatrician's Perspective- surgery	Dr. Shailinder Singh, Head of Surgical Specialities & Critical Care, Nottingham University Hospital (NUH) NHS Trust, UK
10:50 - 11:10	Robotic Surgery in Paediatrics: A Practical Overview	Dr. Tompson Thomas, HOD & Consultant Paediatric Surgery, NMC Royal Hospital, Khalifa City, Abu Dubai, UAE
11:10 – 11: 30	Managing Obesity in Adolescents: What's New	Dr. Hazem Al Momani, Consultant Laparoscopic and Bariatric Surgeon, NMC Royal Hospital, Khalifa City, Abu Dubai, UAE
11:30 - 11:40	Panel Discussion	



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Lectures	Session 3: Neuro-Spinal Development	Moderator: TBC
11:40 - 12:00	Screen Time in Children: How Much is Too Much?	Dr. Aman Sohal, Consultant Paediatric Neurologist, Clinical Director of Neuropedia, Dubai, UAE.
12:00 - 12:20	Technology and AI in Rehabilitation	Dr. Binu George, Consultant Neurodevelopmental Disabilities, SEHA, UAE
12:20 - 12:40	Advances in the Surgical Management of Idiopathic Scoliosis	Dr. Zaid Aljian, Senior Consultant Orthopaedic Spine Surgeon, NMC Royal Hospital, Khalifa City, Abu Dhabi, UAE
12:40 - 13:00	Migraine Equivalents in Children	Dr. Raziya Adam Kadwa, Consultant Paediatric Neurologist, Royal Hospital, Khalifa City, Abu Dhabi, UAE
13:00 - 13:10	Panel Discussion	
13:10 - 14:00	Lunch Break	
Lectures	Session 4: ENT / Genetics / Metabolic	Moderator: TBC
14:00 - 14:20	How Genomics is Transforming Paediatric Metabolic Medicine	Dr. Samir Munir, Consultant in Paediatric Inherited Metabolic Medicine at Al Jalila Children's Specialty Hospital, Dubai, UAE
14:20 - 14:40	Understanding Coblation Tonsillectomy in Children	Dr. Sanjay Kewalramani, HOD & Specialist ENT Surgeon, NMC Specialty Hospital, Al Nahda, Dubai, UAE
14:40 - 15:00	Airway Surgery in Children: Key Points for Paediatricians	Dr. Moghira Iqbaluddin Siddiqui, Specialist Otolaryngologist, NMC Royal Hospital, Khalifa City, Abu Dhabi, UAE
15:00 - 15:10	Panel Discussion	
Lectures	Session 5: Vaccines & Immunization	Moderator: Dr Praveen Sreekanth Lal
15:10 - 15:30	Recent Advances in Paediatric Vaccines and Immunization.	Dr. Sohrab N. Tomaraei, Chair, Scientific Committee, Consultant Paediatrician, NMC Specialty Hospital, Al Nahda, Dubai, UAE
15:30 - 15:50	Artificial Intelligence in Infectious Disease	Dr. Zainab Malik, Consultant, Paediatrician & Paediatric Infectious Diseases Specialist, Genesis Healthcare Centre, Dubai, UAE
15:50 - 16:10	Managing Respiratory Infections in Children Post-Covid	Dr. Walid Abuhammour, Paediatric Infectious Disease Medicine, Al Jalila Children's Specialty Hospital, Dubai, UAE
16:10 - 16:20	Coffee Break	
16:20 - 16:40	Vaccination Strategies for Adolescents: What's Important	Dr. Gaurav Jadon, Consultant Paediatrician, NMC Specialty Hospital, Al Nahda, Dubai, UAE
16:40 - 17:00	The Role of Vaccines in Improving School Health	Dr. Mufaza Asrar Rashid, Consultant family medicine, DHA, UAE
17:00 - 17:20	Food Allergy in Children - Recent Advances	Dr. Fiji Antony, HOD & Chief Clinical Dietitian, NMC Specialty Hospital, Al Nahda, Dubai, UAE
17:20 - 17:30	Panel Discussion	
17:30	Closing Remarks	



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WORKSHOPS – DAY 2		
Room – Al Reem		
11:00 - 12:00	NICU Workshop (TBC)	Dr József Korcsik, Consultant Neonatologist, NMC Royal DIP, UAE
12:00 – 12:30	NICU Panel Discussion (TBC)	Dr József Korcsik, Consultant Neonatologist, NMC Royal DIP, UAE Dr Aditya Rakhecha, Consultant Paediatrics & Neonatology, NMC Royal Women's Hospital, Abu Dhabi, UAE
13:00 - 14: 00	Lunch Break	
14:00 - 15:00	Cardiology Skills (Group 1)	Dr Farjat Eweida, Specialist Paediatric Cardiology, NMC, UAE Dr. Debadatta Mukhopadhyay, Paediatric Cardiologist, India
15:00 - 16:00	Cardiology Skills (Group 2)	Dr Anas Abu Hazeem, Consultant Paediatric Cardiology, NMC Dr. Shripasad Deshpande, Director of the Advanced Cardiac Therapies and Heart Transplant Program at Children's National Hospital, USA
End of Workshop Sessions		
WORKSHOPS – DAY 2		
BALL ROOM B		
10:30 - 11:30	PICU Panel	Dr. Praveen Khilnani, Chairman - Paediatrics, Pulmonology and Critical Care, Medanta, India Dr. Joe Brierley, Director, Brierley Healthcare, UK Dr. Amrita Sarpal, Senior Attending Physician, Assistant Prof. WCM-Q, Fellowship Director, Sidra Medicine, Qatar Dr. Patricia Abboud, Medical Director, Sidra Hospital, Qatar Dr. Asrar Rashid, NMC Chair of Pediatrics Services, NMC Royal Hospital, Khalifa City, Abu Dhabi, UAE
11:30 - 12:30	Infectious Diseases Panel	Dr. Mustafa Albaroodi, Consultant Paediatric Oncologist & Haematologist NMC Royal Khalifa City, UAE Dr Ghassan Ghatasheh, Consultant Paediatric Infectious Diseases, Tawam Hospital, Al Ain, UAE Dr. Zainab Malik, Consultant, Paediatrician & Paediatric Infectious Diseases Specialist, Genesis Healthcare Centre, Dubai, UAE Dr. Walid Abuhammour, Paediatric Infectious Disease Medicine, Al Jalila Children's Specialty Hospital, Dubai, UAE
13:00 - 14: 00	Lunch Break	
14:00 - 15:00	Haematology Conditions Interactive Discussion	Dr. Mustafa Albaroodi, Consultant Paediatric Oncologist & Haematologist NMC Royal Khalifa City, UAE Dr. Zainul Aabideen, Consultant - Paediatric & Head of Paediatric Haematology, Oncology and BMT, Burjeel Medical City, UAE
15:00 – 16:30	Line Access Skills - Ultrasound-Guided Venous Access	Dr Javed Ismail, Specialist Paediatric ICU, NMC Royal Hospital, Khalifa City, UAE Dr. Praveen Khilnani, Chairman - Paediatrics, Pulmonology and Critical Care, Medanta, India



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