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**EIGHTH EMIRATES
MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS
FORUM**

CONRAD DUBAI | SATURDAY, 16 MAY 2026

SCIENTIFIC AGENDA



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SCIENTIFIC AGENDA

08:30 AM - 09:00 AM

REGISTRATION

WORKSHOP

09:00 AM ▶ 09:45 AM

NON-MS: MRI / CSF & SERUM BIOMARKERS



MODERATOR
PROF. SUHAIL ALRUKN
Consultant Neurologist, Rashid Hospital
Professor, Dubai Medical College
President of Emirates Neurology Society
Dubai, UAE



SPEAKER
DR. MOHAMMED DOGAR
Chief of Neuroradiology
Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi
Abu Dhabi, UAE



SPEAKER
DR. SUZAN NOORI
Consultant Neurologist
Multiple Sclerosis Specialist
Associate Professor
Medical College
University Hospital Sharjah
Sharjah, UAE

▶ OBJECTIVES:

- By the end of this workshop, participants will be able to:
1. Differentiate non-multiple sclerosis demyelinating diseases.
 2. Interpret key serum biomarkers (AQP4-IgG, MOG-IgG, others).
 3. Recognize characteristic MRI patterns of non-MS disorders.
 4. Integrate clinical, biomarker, and imaging findings for diagnosis.

09:50 AM - 10:00 AM

WELCOME MESSAGE & INTRODUCTION



DR. MUSTAFA SHAKRA
Consultant Neurologist
Sheikh Khalifa Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE

SESSION 1



MODERATOR
DR. ALI HASSAN
Consultant Neurologist
Chief of Neurology Division
Tawam & STMC Hospitals
Al Ain, UAE



MODERATOR
PROF. MIKLOS SZOLICS
Adjunct Full Professor
Department of Medicine, CHMS, UAEU
Consultant Neurologist, Division of
Neurology, Department of Medicine
Tawam Hospital, Al Ain, UAE



MODERATOR
DR. POURNAMY SARATHCHANDRAN
Consultant Neurologist
Al Qassimi Hospital
Sharjah, UAE

10:00 AM - 10:20 AM

BETWEEN MS AND MIMICS: DECODING OVERLAP SYNDROMES



DR. VICTORIA MIFSUD
Consultant Neurologist
Neurological Institute
Cleveland Clinic
Abu Dhabi, UAE

10:20 AM - 10:40 AM

NEXT-GENERATION THERAPIES: BTK INHIBITORS, MONOCLONAL & CAR-T THERAPIES



DR. AZZA ISMAIL
Consultant Neurologist
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE

10:40 AM - 11:00 AM

ADVANCES IN STEM CELL THERAPY



DR. INAS EL-NAJJAR
Consultant Hematology & Cellular Therapy
Director of Postgraduate & Undergraduate Training
Abu Dhabi Stem Cells Center
Abu Dhabi, UAE

11:00 AM - 11:20 AM

NEW DIAGNOSTIC FRAMEWORK FOR NMOSD



DR. ANU JACOB
Director of MS and
Autoimmune Neurology
Cleveland Clinic
Abu Dhabi, UAE

11:20 AM - 11:35 AM

PANEL DISCUSSION

11:35 AM - 12:00 PM

SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM



PROF. JIHAD INSHASI
Consultant Neurologist
Rashid Hospital
Professor of Neurology
Dubai Medical College
Dubai, UAE



DR. AHMED SHATILA
Consultant Neurologist
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE

12:00 PM - 12:15 PM

ADVANCING RRMS CARE WITH CONFIDENCE



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Professor of Neurology
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Dubai, UAE



DR. MUSTAFA SHAKRA
Neurology Consultant
Sheikh Khalifa Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE

12:15 PM - 12:35 PM

COFFEE BREAK

12:35 PM - 12:55 PM

AI & MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS



MR. ALY EZZAT
Medical Manager
Sanofi GCC
Dubai, UAE



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12:55 PM - 01:10 PM

SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM



DR. MUSTAFA SHAKRA
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Sheikh Khalifa Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE



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SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM



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01:25 PM - 01:40 PM

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DEBATE

GENERIC AND BRANDED DISEASE-MODIFYING THERAPIES: EVIDENCE AND CLINICAL IMPLICATIONS



MODERATOR

PROF. ABUBAKER ALMADANI

Consultant & Head of Neurology Department
Rashid Hospital
Clinical Professor of Neurology, MBRU
Vice President of EMINS
Dubai, UAE



DR. MUSTAFA SHAKRA
Consultant Neurologist
Sheikh Khalifa Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE

YES

01:40 PM - 01:50PM

NO

01:50 PM - 02:00PM

DR. MONA THAKRE
Consultant Neurologist
Mediclinic Parkview Hospital
Dubai, UAE



02:00 PM - 02:05 PM

PANEL DISCUSSION

02:05 PM - 03:00 PM

LUNCH BREAK

SESSION 2



MODERATOR

DR. MUAZ ELSAYED

Adjunct Professor of Neurology
Consultant Neurologist
Head of Neurology Department
Al Qassimi Hospital
Emirates Health Services (EHS)
Sharjah, UAE



MODERATOR

DR. HEBA SELIM

Senior Consultant Neurologist
Fujairah Hospital
Assistant Professor
RAK Medical & Health Sciences University
Professor of Neurology, Zag University
Fujairah, UAE



MODERATOR

DR. DEVDUTT NAYAK

Consultant Neurologist
Head of Neurology Department
Al Kuwaiti Hospital
Sharjah, UAE

03:00 PM - 03:20 PM

WHITE MATTER DISORDERS BEYOND MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS



DR. SHAIKH SAYEED
Consultant Radiologist
Neuroradiology Unit
Rashid Hospital, Dubai, UAE

03:20 PM - 03:40PM

EARLY DETECTION OF MS PROGRESSION



DR. REEM ALSUWAIDI
Consultant Neurologist & MS Specialist
Head of MS Unit, Rashid Hospital, Dubai Health
Assistant Professor of Neurology, MBRU
Board Member, EMINS
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03:40 PM - 04:00 PM

UROLOGY IN MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS



DR. GINA ZAMBRANO
Consultant Urologist
Sheikh Khalifa Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE

04:00 PM - 04:20 PM

ADVANCED NEUROREHABILITATION STRATEGIES IN MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS



DR. SABAHAT WASTI
Consultant Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
Neurological Institute, Cleveland Clinic
Abu Dhabi, UAE

04:20 PM - 04:35 PM

PANEL DISCUSSION

04:35 PM - 04:55 PM

COFFEE BREAK



SCIENTIFIC AGENDA

SESSION 3



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DR. LAMYA TURKAWI
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Head Division of Neurology
Sheikh Khalifa Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE



MODERATOR
DR. AHMED NIZAM
Consultant Neurologist
Sheikh Khalifa Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE



MODERATOR
DR. ABDULWAHAB ROMAN
Consultant Neurologist
Clinical Neurophysiologist
Head of Adult Epileptology
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE

04:55 PM - 05:05 PM

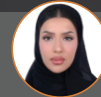
CHALLENGE CASE 1



DR. AHMED HASSAN
Neurology Specialist
Tawam Hospital
Al Ain, UAE

05:05 PM - 05:15 PM

CHALLENGE CASE 2



DR. MARYAM ALOBEIDLI
Neurology Resident
Rashid Hospital
Dubai, UAE

05:15 PM - 05:25 PM

CHALLENGE CASE 3



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05:25 PM - 05:35 PM

CHALLENGE CASE 4



DR. KHOLOUD ALJABERI
Neurology Resident
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE

05:35 PM - 06:05 PM

MS CROSS-EXPERT: CLINICAL PERSPECTIVES IN THE UAE



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06:05 PM - 06:20 PM

PANEL DISCUSSION

06:20 PM - 06:30 PM

CLOSING REMARKS



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