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# EMIRATES CEREBROVASCULAR & STROKE FORUM

15 NOVEMBER 2025  
LE MÉRIDIEN DUBAI HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTRE

# SCIENTIFIC AGENDA





8:30 - 9:00

**Registration**

9:00 - 9:05

Welcome by Congress Chairs

9:05 - 9:10

Introduction to Program Objectives

**Prof. Suhail Alrukn**  
Rashid Hospital

**Dr. Ayman Al Sibaie**  
Rashid Hospital

## Session 1: EMS and Hyperacute Stroke Logistics

**Moderators**

**Dr. Pournamy Sarathchandran**  
Al Qassimi Hospital

**Dr. Alessandro Terruzzi**  
Mediclinic City Hospital

**Dr. Jamal Aldeen Alkoteesh**  
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City

9:10 - 9:25

Prehospital Stroke Recognition: What EMS Needs from Hospitals

**Prof. Ahed Al Najjar**  
National Ambulance

9:25 - 9:40

Dubai Ambulance Experience in Stroke Transfers: Metrics & Challenges

**Dr. Maitha Alfalasi**  
Dubai Corporation for Ambulance Services

9:40 - 9:55

Hospital Readiness and EMS-Hospital Synchronization in the UAE

**Dr. Firas Al Najjar**  
Rashid Hospital

9:55 - 10:20

Roundtable Discussion

**Dr. Ayman Al Sibaie**  
Rashid Hospital

**Dr. Maria Khan Junaidi**  
Rashid Hospital

10:20 - 10:30

**Coffee Break**

## Session 2: UAE Stroke Center Experience - Quality Improvement and Setup

**Moderators**

**Dr. Waqar Gaba**  
Sheikh Khalifa Medical City

**Dr. Aiman Quateen**  
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City

**Dr. Shaista A Siddiqi**  
Rashid Hospital

10:30 - 10:42

1. Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi

**كليفلاند كلينك أبوظبي**  
Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi

**Dr. Victoria Ann Mifsud**

10:42 - 10:54

2. Sheikh Tahnoon Bin Mohammed Medical City

**مدينة الشيخ  
طاهون بن محمد الطبية  
SEHA**  
SHEIKH TAHNOON BIN  
MOHAMMED MEDICAL CITY

**Dr. Ahmed Samir**

10:54 - 11:06

3. Sheikh Khalifa Specialty Hospital - Ras Al Khaimah

**Dr. Heui Seung Lee**

11:06 - 11:18

4. Sheikh Khalifa Medical City Ajman

**Dr. Carl Johan Ramberg**

11:18 - 11:30

5. Saudi German Hospital - Dubai

**المستشفى السعودي الألماني دبي**  
Saudi German Hospital Dubai

**Dr. Maged Sahioun**

11:30 - 12:00

Roundtable Discussion

**Prof. Suhail Al Rukn**  
Rashid Hospital

**Prof. Dr. Nader Sourour**  
Al Qassimi Hospital



## Session 3: Intervention, Imaging & Complex Decision-Making

### Moderators



Dr. Rosario Papa  
Mediclinic City Hospital



Dr. Volkan Cakir  
Fakeeh University Hospital



Dr. Roger Barranco Pons  
Al Qassimi Hospital

12:00 - 12:15

Mechanical Thrombectomy in Borderline Cases:  
Go or No-Go?

Prof. Dr. Nader Sourour  
Al Qassimi Hospital



12:15 - 12:30

Case Review: AVM with Hemorrhage - Intervene  
or Observe?

Dr. Mohamed Samy Elhammady  
Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi



12:30 - 12:45

Imaging of Extended Window

Dr. Mohammad Asif Dogar  
Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi



12:45 - 1:00

Recent clinical trials WSC 2025

Dr. Alessandro Terruzzi  
Mediclinic City Hospital



1:00 - 1:15

Metalyse 25mg hands on experience



Dr. Alessandro Terruzzi



1:15 - 2:00

Lunch Break

## Session 4: Roundtable Discussion

### Moderators



Prof. Suhail Al Rukn  
Rashid Hospital



Dr. Ayman Al Sibaie  
Rashid Hospital

2:00 - 2:25

Stroke in UAE Challenges and Opportunities



Dr. Ali Hassan  
Sheikh Tahnoon Bin Mohammed Medical City



Prof. Dr. Nader Sourour  
Al Qassimi Hospital



Dr. Maitha Alfalasi  
Dubai Corporation for Ambulance Services



Dr. Usama AlBastaki  
Dubai Health



## Session 5: Stroke Certification & Registry

### Moderators



Dr. Syed Kamran  
Rashid Hospital



Dr. Devdutt Nayak Kotekar  
Al Kuwaiti Hospital EHS Sharjah



Dr. Yasir Malik  
Rashid Hospital

2:25 - 2:35

Bridging the Gaps: Third-Party Contributions to Stroke Care Quality



Dr. Shaikha Almemari



2:35 - 2:45

Dubai Health Authority Certification Process



Dr. Hanan Ali Obaid



2:45 - 2:55

American Heart Association/American Stroke Association Certification Process



Mr. Khaled Shkair



2:55 - 3:05

SITS Registry Certification Process



Prof. Tiago Moreira

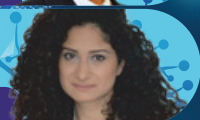


3:05 - 3:15

Angels Program



Dr. Nora El Nawawi



3:15 - 3:35

Closing Remarks and Recommendations

Prof. Suhail Alrukn  
Rashid Hospital



Dr. Ayman Al Sibaie  
Rashid Hospital

