



15<sup>th</sup> International

# Neonatology Conference

On “Hottest Topics in Neonatal Medicine”



27 March 2026 | Workshop  
28-29 March 2026 | Conference



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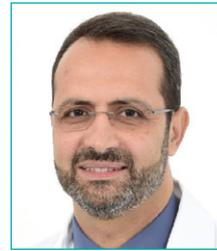
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## WELCOME MESSAGE



Dr. Aiman Rahmani



Dr. Junaid M. Khan

Dear Colleagues,

It is our great honor to welcome you to the **15th International Neonatology Conference on "Hottest Topics in Neonatal Medicine"**, taking place in **Abu Dhabi, UAE**, with the **Workshop on 27 March 2026** and the **Conference on 28-29 March 2026**.

As neonatal care continues to evolve at a remarkable pace, INC2026 is designed to serve as a dynamic platform where innovation, collaboration, and clinical excellence converge. This year's edition places a strong emphasis on transforming insights into actionable improvements—empowering healthcare providers to elevate standards of care for our most vulnerable patients.

Our program brings together visionary experts, pioneering researchers, and frontline clinicians who are shaping the future of neonatal medicine. Participants will gain exposure to breakthrough technologies, emerging diagnostic tools, and advanced therapeutic approaches that are redefining outcomes in neonatal care across diverse clinical settings.

The conference will explore pressing challenges and bold ideas in areas such as artificial intelligence in neonatology, precision nutrition, early detection of critical illness, innovative ventilation strategies, neonatal neuroprotection, ethical considerations in high-risk cases, and the integration of digital health to enhance continuity of care. Interactive case discussions and multidisciplinary exchanges will encourage participants to reflect, question, and reimagine current practices.

Beyond scientific advancement, INC2026 aims to strengthen connections within the neonatal community. We have curated an environment that encourages meaningful dialogue, cross-institutional collaboration, and the development of long-term partnerships that can drive impactful change globally. Whether you are a seasoned expert or an early-career professional, this gathering provides a space to share experiences, challenge established norms, and champion evidence-based improvement.

In keeping with our commitment to excellence, INC2026 continues to draw the endorsement of esteemed international medical organizations and the participation of leading institutes from the United States, Europe, Australia, the Middle East, and the United Arab Emirates. Their support reinforces the conference's role as a hub for global knowledge exchange.

We invite you to join us as we shape the next chapter of neonatal care together. Your participation is vital to advancing clinical practice, fostering innovation, and strengthening the collective mission to improve neonatal outcomes worldwide.

We look forward to welcoming you to Abu Dhabi for an inspiring and transformative experience.

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## CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

### Upon completion of this educational activity, participants will be able to:

- Overview the recent developments in the neonatal-perinatal medicine
- Discuss the most pressing neonatal conditions and the latest updates in common neonatal disorders
- Discuss therapeutic controversies and implications for clinical practice
- Review pathophysiology and problem-based in neonatal medicine
- Discuss new developments in treating conditions that are associated with morbidity and mortality in the neonate.
- Identify the importance of preventive approach in minimizing medical complications and optimizing developmental outcome
- Evaluate the role of new modes of ventilation
- Review updates in the strategies for controlling and preventing infections in the neonatal
- Discuss nutrition dilemmas
- Review updates in Jaundice
- Provide improved competency, performance and quality of care for newborns

## TARGET AUDIENCE

- Neonatologists
- Pediatricians
- Medical Residents and Fellows
- Obstetrics & Gynecologists
- ER Physicians
- Family Physicians
- General Practitioners
- Pharmacists
- Respiratory Therapists
- Nurses, Midwives
- All healthcare professionals who are interested in Neonatal Medicine

## KEY FEATURES

- Presentation by renowned speakers from over the world
- Poster presentations and world class exhibits
- Interactive Sessions
- Platform for global networking
- Connecting scientific community

## CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

An application has been made to the UEMS EACCME® for CME accreditation of this event.

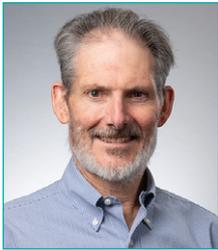
## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Deadline of Submission: February 23, 2026 (22:00 UAE/GST)

Notification of accepted abstracts: March 2, 2026



## SPEAKERS



### Dr. Peter Davis

Professor of Neonatal Medicine  
The Royal Women's Hospital,  
Melbourne, Australia  
Honorary Professorial Fellow  
Department of Obstetrics,  
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### Dr. Rajiv Parapurath Kovumal

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### Dr. Rebecca Martinez

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### Dr. Eric Eichenwald

Division Chief, Neonatology  
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia,  
USA



### Prof. Hakam Yaseen

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Consultant Neonatologist,  
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### Dr. Khaled El Atawi

Consultant Neonatologist,  
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### Dr. Dustin Flannery

Attending neonatologist  
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia  
(CHOP) and CHOP Newborn Care at  
Pennsylvania Hospital  
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics,  
University of Pennsylvania Perelman  
School of Medicine, USA



### Dr. Iftikhar Jan Suleman

Chair of Pediatric Surgery  
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City,  
Abu Dhabi, UAE  
Clinical Professor of Surgery,  
Khalifa University



### Dr. Moghis Ur Rehman

Consultant NICU  
Sheikh Khalifa Hospital,  
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## SPEAKERS



**Dr. Hafis Ponnambath**

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**Dr. Suresh Chandran**

Clinical Associate Professor and  
Senior Consultant Neonatologist  
KK Women's and Children's Hospital,  
Singapore





## WORKSHOP

**March 27, 2026 - Friday**

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TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKERS
13:00-13:50	Registration	
13:50-14:00	Welcome and Introduction	Dr. Junaid Khan, UAE Dr. Aiman Rahmani UAE
<b>Room A</b>		<b>Room B</b>
14:00 - 16:00	TBD Dr. Helmut Hummler, Germany	14:00 - 16:00 Workshop on Hypoglycemia Dr. Suresh Chandran, Singapore
16:30	End of Workshop	

## AGENDA - Day 1

**March 28, 2026 - Saturday**

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TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKERS
08:00-08:40	Registration	
08:40-09:00	Opening Remarks and Introduction	Dr. Aiman Rahmani, UAE Dr. Junaid Khan, UAE
<b>SESSION 1: Evidence-Based Practices</b> Chairperson: Dr.		
09:00-09:30	Sildenafil. Past present & Future: Molecule of the Decade	Dr. Rajiv PK, UAE
09:30-10:00	Non-Invasive HFV	Dr. Aiman Rahmani, UAE
10:00-10:30	National Neonatal Transport Guideline Standardization	Dr. Rebecca Martinez, USA
10:30-10:45	Q & A   Panel Discussion	All Speakers Session 1
10:45-11:00	Coffee Break   Exhibition Networking   Poster Viewing	
<b>SESSION 2: Respiriology</b> Chairperson: Dr.		
11:00-11:30	Critical Decisions in Neonatal Resuscitation: Facing the Uncertainties	Dr. Junaid M Khan, UAE
11:30-12:00	Oxygen in the Delivery Room; More is better?	Prof. Peter Davis, Australia
12:00-12:30	Medication Use in Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia: What's the Evidence?	Dr. Nicolas Bamat, USA
12:30-12:45	Q & A   Panel Discussion	All Speakers Session 2
12:45-14:00	Lunch and Prayer break / Poster Presentation	
<b>SESSION 3: Abstracts Oral Presentations</b> Chairperson: Dr.		
14:00-14:10	Oral Presenter 1	
14:10-14:20	Oral Presenter 2	
14:20-14:30	Oral Presenter 3	
14:30-15:00	Coffee Break   Exhibition Networking   Poster Viewing	
<b>SESSION 4: Evidence-Based Medicine</b> Chairperson: Dr.		
15:00-15:30	Extended Caffeine Therapy: Here and now?	Dr. Eric Eichenwald, USA
15:30-16:00	Intermittent Hypoxia in Preterm Infants: Morbidity and Prevention?	Prof. Hakam Yaseen, UAE
16:00-16:30	Furosemide in BPD: Lessons in Developmental Pharmacology	Dr. Nicolas Bamat, USA
16:30-16:45	Q & A   Panel Discussion	All Speakers Session 4
16:45	END OF DAY 1	



## AGENDA - Day 2

**March 29, 2026 - Sunday**  
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TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKERS
08:00-08:40	Registration	
08:40-09:00	Opening Remarks and Introduction	Dr. Aiman Rahmani, UAE Dr. Junaid Khan, UAE
<b>Session 5: Miscellaneous</b> Chairperson: <b>Dr. Maqbool Qadir</b>		
09:00-09:30	Do's and Don'ts; Best Practice in Neonatology	Dr. Khaled El Atawi, UAE
09:30-10:00	Non-invasive ventilation: Choosing wisely	Dr. Peter Davis, Australia
10:00-10:30	Sepsis Epidemiology in the Tiniest Infants	Dr. Dustin Flannery, USA
10:30-10:45	Q & A   Panel Discussion	All Speakers Session 5
10:45-11:00	Coffee Break   Exhibition Networking   Poster Viewing	
<b>SESSION 6: Miscellaneous</b> Chairperson: <b>Dr.</b>		
11:00-11:30	Tube, Wrap, or Wait? Choosing the Optimal Surgical Feeding Strategy in Neonatal Feeding Failure	Dr. Iftikhar Suleman, UAE
11:30-12:00	The Neonatal Gut Microbiome in health and disease	Dr. Moghis Ur Rehman, UAE
12:00-12:30	From Colonizer to Killer: Rethinking Neonatal E. Coli in an Era of Resistance	Dr. Dustin Flannery, USA
12:30-13:00	Impact of obstetric decision making on neonatal care	Dr. Hafis Ibrahim, UAE
13:00-13:15	Q & A   Panel Discussion	All Speakers Session 6
13:15-14:15	Lunch and Prayer break   Poster Viewing	
<b>SESSION 7: Neuroprotection</b> Chairperson: <b>Dr.</b>		
14:15-14:45	Update on 2026 AAP Recommendations for Therapeutic Hypothermia	Dr. Eric Eichenwald, USA
14:45-15:15	National Neonatal Emergency Preparedness	Dr. Rebecca Martinez, USA
15:15-15:45	Neuroprotection in Preterm Infants: From Bench to Bedside	Dr. Amna Al Zaabi, UAE
15:45-16:15	Hemodynamic POCUS: Seeing Beyond Blood Pressure	Dr. Sirine Saleh, UAE
16:15-16:30	Q & A   Panel Discussion	All Speakers Session 7
<b>SESSION 8</b> Moderators: <b>Dr. Aiman Rahmani, Dr. Junaid Khan</b>		
16:30-17:00	Meet The Experts (Open Discussion and Q&A)	All Speakers
17:00	END OF CONFERENCE	

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DELEGATES

**21**

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## Delegates Feedback

**96%** Keep up to date to the latest trend on Pediatric

**94%** of the delegates rated the speakers as excellent

**92%** Meet industry colleagues

**95%** Establish new contacts and collaborations

## Why Delegates Attend INC 2025 ?

**91%** Attended the event for scientific content

**94%** Described the conference as excellent

**94%** Career Development

**91%** Rated the conference very well organized

## 643 DELEGATES PARTICIPATION FROM 18 COUNTRY



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Please select the conference that is relevant to your speciality.

#### REGISTRATION CATEGORY

27 March	Workshop	<input type="checkbox"/> 500 AED
28-29 March	Doctors	<input type="checkbox"/> 1,200 AED
	Residents / Allied Health Professionals / Nurses	<input type="checkbox"/> 800 AED

- Seats are limited only for in-person / physical registration.
- Additional 5% VAT will be applicable on all fees

A confirmation email will be sent upon receipt of your registration form. Please note that full payment must be received prior to the event. Payment can be made via Online / Credit card / Cheque/Bank drafts in AED. All payment should be in favour of Mena Conference



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If you are unable to attend, a substitute delegate will be very welcome in your place. If this is not suitable, a 20% administration fee will apply. Registrations cancelled less than two weeks before the event are non refundable.

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