



15th International **Neonatology Conference** On “Hottest Topics in Neonatal Medicine”



4 September 2026 | Workshop
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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 4 September 2026** and the **Conference on 5-6 September 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

This Conference is Accredited by the **European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education** and granted **12 European CME** credits (ECMEC®s).

DAY 1 - September 5, 2026 is accredited for 6.0 CME Hours

DAY 2 - September 6, 2026 is accredited for 6.0 CME Hours

This Conference is Accredited by the **Department of Health** and granted **13.45 DOH CME** credits.

DAY 1 - September 5, 2026 is accredited for 7.0 CME Hours

DAY 2 - September 6, 2026 is accredited for 6.45 CME Hours

The Pre-Conference is Accredited by the **Department of Health** and granted **2.0 DOH CME** credits each workshops.



SPEAKERS



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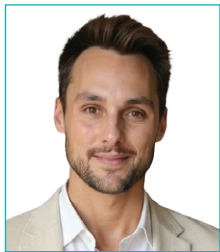
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WORKSHOP

September 4, 2026 - Friday
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TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKERS
13:00-13:50	Registration	
13:50-14:00	Welcome & Introduction	Dr. Junaid Khan, UAE Dr. Aiman Rahmani, UAE
14:00-16:00	(Great Room 1) I. Mechanical Ventilation Workshop (Modes of Ventilation) II. Pulmonary Graphics, Common Bedside Respiratory Problems III. Hands On Workshop	Dr. Peter Davis, Australia Dr. Aiman Rahmani, UAE
14:00-16:00	(Great Room 2) Non-Invasive Ventilation	Dr. Junaid Khan, UAE
16:00	End of Day	



AGENDA - Day 1

September 5, 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
SESSION 1: Evidence-Based Practices Chair: Dr. Faisal AlZidgali		
09:00-09:30	National Neonatal Transport Guideline Standardization	Dr. Rebecca Martinez-Hannon, USA
09:30-10:00	Non-Invasive HFV	Dr. Aiman Rahmani, UAE
10:00-10:30	Sildenafil. Past present & Future: Molecule of the Decade	Dr. Rajiv PK, UAE
10:30-10:45	Q & A Panel Discussion	
10:45-11:00	Coffee Break Exhibition Networking	
SESSION 2: Respiriology Chair: Dr. Sherif Mosaad		
11:00 - 11:30	Pressure, Precision, and the Newborn: Making Critical Decisions	Dr. Junaid M Khan, UAE
11:30 - 12:00	Oxygen in the Delivery Room; More is better?	Dr. Peter Davis, Australia
12:00 - 12:30	Intermittent Hypoxia in Preterm Infants: Morbidity and Prevention?	Dr. Hakam Yaseen, UAE
12:30 - 12:45	Q & A Panel Discussion	
12:45 - 13:05	Industry Symposium - Innovations in infant formula: exploring new evidence on Human Milk Oligosaccharides (HMO)	Dr. Dina Saleh, UAE
13:05-13:15	Q & A	
13:15 - 14:15	Lunch and Prayer Break	
SESSION 3: Abstracts Oral Presentations Chair: Dr. Eric Eichenwald, Dr. Peter Davis		
14:15-14:25	Efficacy of using oral zinc supplementation beside the phototherapy for infants with Hyperbilirubinemia: a meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials.	Dr. Arwa Amer, UAE
14:25-14:35	Factors Affecting Awareness of Pregnancy Screening for Group B Streptococcus Infection Among Women of Reproductive Age in the United Arab Emirates	Dr. Noor Abu Tobeh, UAE
14:35- 14:45	Effectiveness of Nirsevimab in Reducing RSV Hospitalization and Infection in Infants: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis	Dr. Malak Mohannad Sondoqah, UAE
14:45-15:00	Coffee Break Exhibition Networking	
SESSION 4: Respiriology Chair: Dr. Maqbool Qadir		
15:00-15:30	Extended Caffeine Therapy: Here and now?	Dr. Eric Eichenwald, USA
15:30-16:00	Medication Use in Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia: What's the Evidence?	Dr. Nicolas Bamat, USA
16:00-16:30	The Neonatal Gut Microbiome in health and disease	Dr. Moghis Ur Rehman, UAE
16:30-17:00	Furosemide in BPD: Lessons in Developmental Pharmacology	Dr. Nicolas Bamat, USA
17:00-17:15	Q & A Panel Discussion	
17:15	END OF DAY	



AGENDA - Day 2

September 6, 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
Session 5: Miscellaneous Chairperson: Dr. Anwar Khan		
09:00-09:30	National Neonatal Emergency Preparedness	Dr. Rebecca Martinez-Hannon, USA
09:30-10:00	Non-invasive ventilation: Choosing wisely	Dr. Peter Davis, Australia
10:00-10:30	Do's and Don'ts; Best Practice in Neonatology	Dr. Khaled Atawi, UAE
10:30-10:45	Q & A Panel Discussion	
10:45-11:00	Coffee Break Exhibition Networking	
SESSION 6: Miscellaneous Chairperson: Dr. Hussien Eleimy		
11:00-11:30	Tube, Wrap, or Wait? Choosing the Optimal Surgical Feeding Strategy in Neonatal Feeding Failure	Dr. Iftikhar Jan Suleman, UAE
11:30-12:00	Advances in Minimally Invasive Surgical Management of Congenital Duodenal Obstruction from Colonizer to Killer	Dr. Moustafa Hamchou, UAE
12:00-12:30	Neuroprotection in Preterm Infants: From Bench to Bedside	Dr. Amna Zaabi, UAE
12:30-13:00	Impact of obstetric decision making on neonatal care	Dr. Hafis Ibrahim, UAE
13:00-13:15	Q & A Panel Discussion	
13:15-14:15	Lunch and Prayer break	
SESSION 7: Neuroprotection Chairperson: Dr. Mohammed Abuhelwa		
14:15-14:45	Hemodynamic POCUS: Seeing Beyond Blood Pressure	Dr. Sirine Saleh, UAE
14:45-15:15	Sepsis Epidemiology in the Tiniest Infants	Dr. Dustin Flannery, USA
15:15-15:45	Update on 2026 AAP Recommendations for Therapeutic Hypothermia	Dr. Eric Eichenwald, USA
15:45-16:15	From Colonizer to Killer: Rethinking Neonatal E. Coli in an Era of Resistance	Dr. Dustin Flannery, USA
16:15-16:30	Q & A Panel Discussion	
SEESSION 8 Moderators: Dr. Aiman Rahmani, Dr. Junaid Khan		
16:30-17:00	Meet The Experts (Open Discussion and Q&A)	All Speakers
17:00	END OF CONFERENCE	

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	Non-invasive Ventilation Workshop	☐ 500 AED
Conference Sep 5-6	Doctors	☐ 1,200 AED
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