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Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to the **4th SSMC Congress in Gastroenterology and Hepatology**, scheduled to take place from **April 17-18, 2026**, at the **Sofitel Hotel in Abu Dhabi, UAE**. This year's congress promises to be an exceptional gathering, focusing on the latest advancements and groundbreaking developments in Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and related fields.

Over the course of two days, the congress will feature a rich program of engaging sessions, expert panel discussions, and abstract presentations. Topics will span a wide range of critical areas, including, Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), Advances in colonoscopy, Pancreatobiliary disorders, Esophageal diseases, Gut motility and functional disorders and many more. These sessions aim to provide valuable insights into the latest research and best practices, with a strong focus on enhancing patient care and improving outcomes.

The congress also offers an unparalleled platform for physicians, medical specialists, and healthcare professionals to exchange knowledge, share experiences, and network with both emerging and established colleagues. This collaborative environment fosters meaningful discussions and strengthens clinical partnerships across the field. We are proud to bring together a panel of renowned national and international experts who will guide you through this immersive and enriching scientific journey. Additionally, attendees will have the opportunity to earn CME credits, ensuring both professional growth and practical value from this event.

Mark your calendars for this must-attend scientific gathering in 2026. We look forward to welcoming you to Abu Dhabi for an inspiring and impactful experience in the field of Gastroenterology and Hepatology!

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HIGHLIGHTED TOPICS

- Recent advances in liver disease
- Updates and controversies in inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)
- Medical management of IBD
- Recent advances in foregut disorders
- Future trends in GIH
- Pancreatobiliary disorders
- Live endoscopy sessions. Advanced endoscopy skills

TARGET AUDIENCE

This activity is designed to meet the educational needs of practicing physicians and other health care professionals interested in learning the latest information on diseases specific to gastroenterology and hepatology, including:

- Gastroenterologists
- Hepatologists
- Radiologists
- Pathologists
- General surgeons
- Internists
- Oncologists
- General practitioners
- Family medicine
- Medical and surgical professionals
- Residents
- Dieticians
- Trainees and GI Endoscopists
- Pharmacists
- Nurses
- Medical students
- Allied health professionals interested in the topic

REASONS TO ATTEND

- Can't-Miss Content: Plenary sessions, keynote lectures, panel discussions, will be delivered addressing the hottest topics in gastroenterology, hepatology and related diseases.
- Incredible Value and Access: All sessions will be recorded and can be viewed on-demand for up to two months post-meeting.
- Time-Saving Scheduling: A shorter conference means you can focus on your professional development with less restraints on your time.
- Convenient and Dynamic Networking: We know how important it is to engage with colleagues and Speakers.
- During the conference sessions, attendees can interact with colleagues and speakers, ask questions throughout the meeting to create a platform for communication between leading
- Experts and professionals in the field
- Continuing Education: Attendees can earn up to 14 hours of CME credits for Medical Education.



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DAY 1: Friday, April 17, 2026

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
07:30 – 08:30	Registration	
08:30 – 08:35	Welcoming Remarks	Dr. Saeed Al Marzooqi, UAE Dr. Michael Wallace, USA Dr. Mohammed Nabil Quraishi, UAE
08:35 – 10:00	SESSION 1: IBD Case Discussions Session Chairs: Dr. Mohammed Nabil Quraishi, UAE & TBA	
HOT IBD Cases		
Panelists: Dr. Sara El Ouali, UAE Dr. Zaher Koutoubi, UAE Dr. Badre Alam, UAE Dr. Ahmed Jazzar, UAE Dr. Khaled Elsayed, UAE	Dr. Christos Tzivinikos Dr. Yasser Gazzar, UAE Dr. Maryam AlAhmad, UAE Dr. Enas Fouad, UAE Dr. Noura Al Ali, UAE	Dr. Robert Douglas Church, UAE Dr. Talha Malik, USA Dr. Ahmed Almradi, UAE Dr Ibrahim Alhosani, UAE
10:00 – 10:30	Official Inauguration	
10:30 – 10:40	COFFEE BREAK Exhibition Visit & Networking Poster Viewing	
10:40 – 11:10	Satellite Symposium 1	
11:10 – 12:30	SESSION 2: Pancreato-Biliary Session Chairs: Dr. Michael B. Wallace, USA & TBA	
11:10 – 11:30	Biliary Access Challenges: Tips, Tricks and Tools for the Difficult ERCP	Dr. Vivek Kumbhari, USA
11:30 – 11:50	Pancreato-biliary Neoplasms: Early Detection and Evolving Therapeutic Approaches	Dr. Michael B. Wallace, USA
11:50 – 12:10	Management of Acute and Chronic Pancreatitis: What's new in 2026?	Dr. Mohammed Karajeh, UAE
12:10 – 12:20	Panel Discussion	
12:20 – 14:00	PRAYERS LUNCH BREAK Exhibition Visit & Networking	
14:00 – 14:30	GI Jeopardy (SSMC VS. CCAD VS. DUBAI HEALTH)	Dr. Ibrahim Alhosani, UAE Mayo Clinic Speaker
14:30 – 15:00	Satellite Symposium 2	
15:00 – 17:00	SESSION 3: Endoscopy Session	
Dr. Hatim Taha, UAE	Dr. Michael B Wallace, USA	Dr. Mohammed Karajeh, UAE
17:00 – 17:10	Summary & Key Takeaways	Dr. Saeed Al Marzooqi, UAE Dr. Michael B. Wallace, USA Dr. Mohammed Nabil Quraishi, UAE
17:10	End of Day 1	



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DAY 2: Saturday, April 18, 2026

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
07:30 – 08:25	Registration	
08:25 – 08:30	Conference General Announcement	
08:30 – 09:50	SESSION 4: Esophageal Disease Session Chairs: Dr. Eyad Al Akrad, UAE & TBA	
08:30 – 08:50	GERD beyond PPI: When to refer, When to Intervene?	Dr. Mohammad Alzahrani, KSA
08:50 – 09:10	Beyond the Heart: Gastrointestinal Evaluation of Chest Pain	Dr. Brian Lacy, USA
09:10 – 09:30	Innovations in Esophageal Diagnostics: HRM, FLIP & Beyond	Dr. Eyad Al Akrad, UAE
09:30 – 09:50	Panel Discussion	
09:50 – 10:10	COFFEE BREAK Exhibition Visit & Networking Poster Viewing	
10:10 – 10:40	Satellite Symposium 3	
10:40 – 12:00	SESSION 5: Liver Case Discussions Session Chair: Dr. Saeed Al Marzooqi, UAE	
Liver Case Discussions		
	Panelists: Dr. Ahmed Al Rifai, UAE Dr. Shiva Kumar, UAE Dr. Nawal Alnahdi, UAE	Dr. Fahd Baqai, UAE Dr. Heba Abu Alkas, UAE Dr. Mohamed Banama, UAE Dr. Saeed Al Marzooqi, UAE
12:00 – 12:20	COFFEE BREAK Exhibition Visit & Networking Poster Viewing	
12:20 – 13:30	SESSION 6: GI Malignancy and GI Manifestations of Systemic Disease Session Chair:	
12:20 – 12:40	GI Complications of Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors	Dr. Almutadha Mula, UAE Dr. Talha Malik, USA
12:40 – 13:00	GI Infections: From ID Perspective	Dr. Zahir Babiker, UAE
13:00 – 13:20	Endoscopic Management of Malignant Obstructions	Dr. Vivek Kumbhari, USA
13:20 – 13:30	Panel Discussion	
13:30 – 14:30	LUNCH BREAK Exhibition Visit & Networking	
14:30 – 14:40	Awarding of Top Prize	Dr. Michael Wallace, USA
14:40 – 15:00	Satellite Symposium 4	
15:00 – 16:10	SESSION 7: Motility and Functional Disorders of the Gut Case Discussions Session Chairs: Dr. Eyad Al Akrad, UAE & Dr. Brian Lacy, USA	
15:00 – 15:20	Functional Dyspepsia and Gastroparesis: Navigating the Diagnostic and Therapeutic Overlap	Dr. Brian Lacy, USA
15:20 – 15:40	A Challenging Case of Dysphagia: Unraveling the Diagnosis Using Modern Diagnostic Tools	Dr. Ehab Abu Farhaneh, KSA
15:40 – 16:00	Chronic Diarrhea: Applying ACG IBS Guidelines and Breath Tests in Clinical Practice	Dr. Brian Lacy, USA
Panelists:	Dr. Mohammed Alzahrani, KSA Dr. Brian Lacy, USA	Dr. Osama Youssef, UAE Dr. Eyad Al Akrad Dr. Ehab Abu Farhaneh, KSA
16:00 – 16:10	Panel Discussion	
16:10 – 16:20	Summary & Key Takeaways	Dr. Saeed Al Marzooqi, UAE Dr. Michael B. Wallace, USA Dr. Mohammed Nabil Quraishi, UAE
16:20	End of Meeting	

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