



SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

DAY 1: Friday, October 2, 2026

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
07:30 – 08:25	Registration	
08:25 – 08:30	Welcoming Remarks	Dr. Saeed Al Marzooqi, UAE Dr. Michael B. Wallace, USA Dr. Mohammed Nabil Quraishi, UAE
08:30 – 10:00	SESSION 1: IBD Case Discussions Session Chair: Dr. Mohammed Nabil Quraishi, UAE	
HOT IBD Cases (A 90-minute Cases Workshop) Cases are based on real patients, published in advance, and the audience votes to decide which ones are discussed live by a panel of physicians, colorectal surgeons and IBD nurses. Themes range across diagnostic uncertainty, treat-to-target, drug selection, therapeutic drug monitoring, perianal and stricturing disease, post-operative recurrence, acute severe colitis, pregnancy and refractory disease		
Panelists:	Dr. Sara El Ouali, UAE Dr. Khalid Elsayed, UAE Dr. Yaser ElGazzar, UAE Dr. Enas Fouad, UAE Dr. Lisa Sharkey, UAE	Dr. Robert Douglas Church, UAE Dr. Ahmed Almradi, UAE Dr. Ibrahim Alhosani, UAE Dr. Talha Malik, USA
10:00 – 10:30	Official Inauguration	
10:30 – 10:40	COFFEE BREAK Exhibition Visit & Networking Poster Viewing	
10:40 – 11:10	Breaking the Paradigm in Perianal Fistulizing Crohn's Disease (JJ Pharma Symposium)	TBA
11:10 – 12:20	SESSION 2: Pancreato-Biliary Session Chair: Dr. Hatim Taha, UAE	
11:10 – 11:30	Biliary access Challenges: Tips, Tricks and Tools for the Difficult ERCP	Prof. Abed AlLehibi, KSA
11:30 – 11:50	Pancreato-biliary Neoplasms: Early Detection and Evolving Therapeutic Approaches	Dr. Michael B. Wallace, USA (V)
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 Dr. Ahmed Almradi, UAE
14:30 – 15:00	The Power of Choice in IBD (Abbie Pharma Symposium)	Speaker: Dr. Lisa Sharkey, UAE Moderator: Dr Khalid Elsayed
15:00 – 15:30	Optimizing Second-Line Therapy in PBC (Ipsen Pharma Symposium)	Speaker: TBA
15:30 – 17:30	SESSION 3: Endoscopy Video Session	
Mayo Clinic Presenters: Dr. Michael B. Wallace, USA (V)		UAE Presenters: Dr. Hatim Taha, UAE Dr. Mohammed Karajeh, UAE Dr. Khaled Al Nuaimi, UAE Dr. Saif Alnuaimi, UAE Dr. Hussam Ahmed, UAE
17:30 – 17:40	Summary & Key Takeaways	Dr. Saeed Al Marzooqi, UAE Dr. Mohammed Nabil Quraishi, UAE
17:40	End of Day 1	



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DAY 2: Saturday, October 3, 2026

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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 & Dr. Yogesh Manohar Shastri, UAE	
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. Ehab Abu Farhaneh, KSA
09:10 – 09:30	Structural Lesions of the Esophagus: When Is Surgery Indicated?	Dr. Puja G. Khaitan, UAE
09:30 – 09:50	Panel Discussion	
09:50 – 10:00	Coffee Break Exhibition Visit & Networking Poster Viewing	
10:00 – 10:20	Clinical Positioning of Infliximab SC: From Evidence to Local Real-World Practice (Hikma Pharma Symposium)	Dr. Mohammed Nabil Quraishi, UAE
10:20 – 11:50	SESSION 5: Liver Case Discussions Session Chair: Dr. Ahmed Al Rifai, UAE	
Liver Case Discussions		
10:20 – 10:40	Challenges in Management of Primary Biliary Cholangitis	Dr. Shiva Kumar, UAE
10:40 – 11:00	Portal Hypertension	Dr. Fahd Baqai, UAE
11:00 – 11:20	Case 3	TBC
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11:40 – 11:50	Panel Discussion	
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
11:50 – 12:20	Liily Pharma Symposium	Dr. Sara El Ouali, UAE
12:20 – 13:30	SESSION 6: Immune and Infectious Challenges in Gastroenterology Session Chairs: Dr. Mohammed Karajeh, UAE & Dr. Abdulaziz Alnuaimi, UAE	
12:20 – 12:40	GI Complications of Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors	Dr. Almutadha Raad Abdulkadhim Mula, UAE Dr. Talha Malik, USA
12:40 – 13:00	GI Infections: From ID Perspective	Dr. Zahir Babiker, UAE
13:00 – 13:20	Celiac Disease: Diagnosis, Pitfalls and Emerging Concepts	Dr. Ibrahim Alhosani, UAE
13:20 – 13:30	Panel Discussion	
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch Break Exhibition Visit & Networking	
14:30 – 14:50	IBS: A Historical Issue with a Contemporary Management (Abbott Pharma Symposium)	Dr. Osama Youssef, UAE
14:50 – 15:00	Awarding of Top Prize	TBC



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15:00 – 16:10	SESSION 7: Motility and Functional Disorders of the Gut Case Discussions Session Chairs: Dr. Eyad Al Akrad, UAE & Dr. Ahmed Sultan, UAE	
15:00-15:20	Rome V: What's New and Why It Matters	Dr. Brian Lacy, USA
15:20-15:40	A Challenging Case of Dysphagia: Unraveling the Diagnosis Using Modern Diagnostic Tools	Dr. Mostafa Shehata, UAE
15:40-16:00	Case Discussion: Beyond Mechanical Obstruction —A Small Bowel Motility Case	Dr. Eyad Al Akrad, UAE
Panelists:	Dr. Mohammed Alzahrani, KSA Dr. Brian Lacy, USA Dr. Sacha Saidani, UAE	Dr. Osama Youssef, UAE Dr. Eyad Al Akrad Dr. Ehab Abu Farhaneh, KSA Dr. Mostafa Shehata, UAE
16:00 – 16:10	Panel Discussion	
16:10 – 16:20	Summary & Key Takeaways	Dr. Saeed Al Marzooqi, UAE Dr. Mohammed Nabil Quraishi, UAE
16:20	End of Congress	