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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 **October 02-03, 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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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

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 & 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
11:20 – 11:40	Case 4	TBC
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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DAY 2: Saturday, October 3, 2026

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
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	

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