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 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** (J&J - Pharma Symposium)	**Speaker:** Dr. Khalid Elsayed, UAE **Moderator:** Dr. Mohammed Nabil Quraishi, UAE
11:10 – 12:30	**SESSION 2: Pancreato-Biliary** Session Chairs: Dr. Hatim Taha, UAE & Dr. Saeed Al Marzooqi, 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	Liver Transplant Evolution in the UAE	Dr. Luis Campos, UAE
12:10 – 12:30	Panel Discussion	
12:30 – 14:00	Prayers | Lunch Break | Exhibition Visit & Networking	
14:00 – 14:30	**GI Jeopardy (SSMC VS. DUBAI HEALTH VS. CCAD)** Chairs: Dr. Ibrahim Alhosani, UAE & Dr. Ahmed Almradi, UAE	
	GI Fellows: SSMC: Dr. Maitha Alhosani, Dr. Noorah Alhosani; Dubai Health: Dr. Sara Yousif, Dr. Bana AlAnsar; CCAD: Dr. Noura AlMarzooqi, Dr. Shahad Abasaeed Elhag	
14:30 – 15:00	**The Power of Choice in IBD** (AbbVie - Pharma Symposium)	**Speaker:** Dr. Lisa Sharkey, UAE **Moderator:** Dr. Khalid Elsayed
15:00 – 15:30	**Clinical Positioning of Infliximab SC: From Evidence to Local Real-World Practice** (Hikma - Pharma Symposium)	**Dr. Mohammed Nabil Quraishi, UAE**
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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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	**Optimizing Second-Line Therapy in PBC** (IPSEN - Pharma Symposium)	**Dr. Ahmed Al Rifai, UAE**
10:20 – 11:50	**SESSION 5: Liver Case Discussions** Session Chairs: Dr. Ahmed Al Rifai, UAE & Dr. Mohamed Banama, 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	A Challenging Overlap	Dr. Saeed Al Marzooqi, UAE
11:20 – 11:50	Panel Discussion	
Panelists:	Dr. Ahmed Al Rifai, UAE Dr. Shiva Kumar, UAE Dr. Fahd Baqai, UAE Dr. Heba Abu Alkas, UAE	Dr. Mohamed Banama, UAE Dr. Saeed Al Marzooqi, UAE
11:50 – 12:20	**New Era in the Management of IBD** (Lily - Pharma Symposium)	**Speaker:** **Dr. Abdulaziz Alnuaimi, UAE** **Moderator:** **Dr. Mohammed Nabil Quraishi, 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. Almurtadha 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 – 14:40	Lunch Break | Exhibition Visit & Networking	
14:40 – 15:00	**IBS: A Historical Issue with a Contemporary Management** (Abbott - Pharma Symposium)	**Dr. Osama Youssef, UAE**
15:00 – 15:10	**Awarding of Top Prize**	**Dr. Mohammed Karajeh, UAE**

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15:10 – 16:20	**SESSION 7: Motility and Functional Disorders of the Gut Case Discussions** Session Chairs: Dr. Eyad Al Akrad, UAE & Dr. Ameirah Badr Alali, UAE	
15:10 – 15:30	A Challenging Case of Dysphagia: Unraveling the Diagnosis Using Modern Diagnostic Tools	Dr. Mostafa Shehata, UAE
15:30 – 15:50	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. Osama Youssef, UAE Dr. Eyad Al Akrad	Dr. Ehab Abu Farhaneh, KSA Dr. Mostafa Shehata, UAE
15:50 – 16:20	Panel Discussion	
16:20 – 16:30	Summary & Key Takeaways	Dr. Saeed Al Marzooqi, UAE Dr. Mohammed Nabil Quraishi, UAE
16:30	**End of Congress**	