

4th SSMC CONGRESS IN GASTROENTEROLOGY AND HEPATOLOGY

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WELCOME MESSAGE



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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, it is our great pleasure to welcome you to the **4th SSMC Congress in Gastroenterology and Hepatology**, taking place on **October 2–3, 2026**, at **Sofitel Abu Dhabi Corniche, UAE**.

This congress brings together healthcare professionals with a shared commitment to advancing the diagnosis, treatment, and long-term care of people with digestive and liver diseases. Over the next two days, we have the opportunity to learn from new research, discuss challenges in clinical practice, and consider how emerging approaches can improve patient outcomes.

Our scientific program has been developed to address both established areas of practice and developments shaping the future of gastroenterology and hepatology. Through expert-led sessions, panel discussions, and abstract presentations, we hope to encourage open dialogue and the practical exchange of knowledge.

Highlighted topics include recent advances in liver disease; updates and controversies in inflammatory bowel disease, including its medical management; advances in foregut disorders; future trends in GI; pancreatobiliary disorders; and live endoscopy sessions highlighting advanced colonoscopy skills. Together, these sessions offer a broad view of the questions and innovations influencing patient care today.

We are pleased to welcome gastroenterologists, hepatologists, radiologists, pathologists, surgeons, internists, oncologists, general practitioners, nurses, dietitians, pharmacists, trainees, and other allied healthcare professionals. The range of expertise represented here creates a valuable opportunity to examine complex conditions from different clinical perspectives and strengthen collaboration across specialties.

Thank you for being part of this Congress. We hope you enjoy the program, take full advantage of the opportunities for discussion and learning, and leave Abu Dhabi with ideas and connections that continue to make a difference in your work.

Warm regards,

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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.
- 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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GENERAL INFORMATION

Venue

An iconic luxury 5-star hotel on the Abu Dhabi located in the prime district of Abu Dhabi centre. A glittering seafront landmark, Sofitel Abu Dhabi Corniche seamlessly fuses French style with lavish Arabian hospitality. In a prime location with captivating views of the Gulf, there's no better place from which to experience the city.

Name Badges

Participants are required to wear their name badges throughout the meeting in order to be admitted to the lecture halls and other scheduled activities. Kindly ensure to scan in and scan out in the session halls attended.

Refreshment and Lunch

Refreshment and lunch will be offered in accordance with the breaks indicated on the Agenda.

Internet

Free internet will be available in the exhibition area during the conference.

Mobile Phones and Photography

Participants are kindly requested to keep their mobile phones silent mode in the conference hall and refrain from taking photographs with flash during sessions.

CME ACCREDITATION

This Conference has been Accredited by the Department of Health and designated for a maximum of **14.0 of DOH CME**

Day 1, 02/10/26 is Accredited for **7.0 CME Hours**

Day 2, 03/10/26 is Accredited for **7.0 CME Hours**

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- For DOH CME, Delegates are required to claim their certificate through the DOH TAMM application.
- The certificate can be claimed within **60 days from the conference start date**, after this period certificates will no longer be available for claim
- Please ensure to scan in your name badge before every session in the session halls attended.
- CME points are accumulated based on attended hours.
- A notification containing the link and instructions on how to download the certificates will be sent to your registered email address.
- Please note that you are required to complete the online evaluation of the conference before you can access the link to download your CME certificates. It is your responsibility to download and retain a copy of the certificate for your records.
- Each medical specialist should claim only those credits that he/she actually spent in the educational activity.



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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 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 (\$SMC 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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DAY 2: Saturday, October 3, 2026

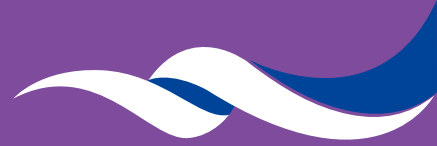
TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
07:30 – 08:25	Registration	
08:25 – 08:30	Conference General Announcement	
08:30 – 09:50	SESSION 4: Esophageal Disease Session Chairs: Dr. Eyad Al Akrad, UAE & Dr. Yogesh Manohar Shastri, UAE	
08:30 – 08:50	GERD beyond PPI: When to refer, When to Intervene?	Dr. Mohammad Alzahrani, 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	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. 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 – 14:40	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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DAY 2: Saturday, October 3, 2026

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
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	



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Dr. Sara El Ouali is a consultant gastroenterologist at Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi (CCAD) and is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine in Cleveland, Ohio. She pursued her medical training at McGill University in Montreal, Canada and completed an advanced IBD fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio. She is currently the co-director of the IBD program at CCAD, as well as the lead of the Global Cleveland Clinic IBD Program in Abu Dhabi.

She is involved in multiple regional and global clinical, educational and research initiatives in IBD. She is the co-founder and co-director of the Global Cleveland Clinic IBD Visiting Professorship series. She is also a member of the ECCO Global Taskforce, representing the Middle East and North Africa. She has presented and published multiple peer-reviewed articles in IBD, with a focus on stricturing disease as well as the global impact of IBD.



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He also has membership in learned societies like the British Society of Gastroenterology and the American Gastroenterological Association. Dr. Khalid Osman worked as a Consultant Gastroenterologist and led the upper GI cancer multidisciplinary team at Torbay Hospital, United Kingdom, before moving to UAE, where he worked as a Consultant Gastroenterologist and Head of the Department in reputed government and private institutions. With over 25 years of experience in Gastroenterology, Dr. Khalid's areas of expertise include the treatment of pancreaticobiliary diseases, biliary endoscopy, advanced interventional endoscopy, and GI oncology. He has published several publications and presented several research papers internationally to his credit.



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Dr Yaser El-Gazzar is a UK-trained Senior Consultant with more than 30 years of experience in gastroenterology, hepatology, and advanced endoscopy, encompassing both tertiary-level clinical practice and academic research. He completed his MD research at the Liver Unit, Birmingham University Hospitals, UK, and has held consultant appointments at several leading institutions, including Queen Elizabeth University Hospital Birmingham, Queen's University Hospital London, King's College Hospital London, and Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

Throughout his clinical career, Dr El-Gazzar has held a number of senior leadership roles, most notably serving as Chief of Endoscopy Service and Deputy Director of the Bowel Cancer Screening Programme at BHRUT, Northeast London. He is currently the Director of the Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Service at King's College Hospital London, where he leads complex IBD care, service development, and tertiary referral pathways.

In parallel with his clinical responsibilities, Dr El-Gazzar maintains a strong academic profile. He holds honorary and adjunct academic appointments at Queen Mary University of London, Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine and Health Sciences, and Gulf Medical University, where he serves as a Clinical Ass Professor of Gastroenterology.



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With 25 years of experience, her expertise spans general gastroenterology, hepatology and endoscopy, with a special focus on endobariatrics, obesity and inflammatory bowel disease. A member of the Emirates Gastroenterology and Hepatology Society in the UAE and the Egyptian Association for the Study of Gastrointestinal and Liver Diseases (E.A.S.G.L.D.) in Egypt, she holds licenses from the Department of Health (DOH) in Abu Dhabi, the Kuwait Medical Syndicate in Kuwait and the Egyptian Medical Syndicate in Egypt.

With an extensive professional journey, Dr. Ahmed has previously worked as a specialist in gastroenterology at Mafraq Hospital in the UAE, as well as a registrar in gastroenterology and hepatology at Al-Adan Hospital in Kuwait. She brings rich experience, having worked in various capacities, including as a specialist in hepatogastroenterology at Mubarak Police Authority Hospital in Egypt and as an emergency staff physician in the Emergency Department. Dr. Ahmed earned her master's degree in tropical medicine from Kasr El-Aini Faculty of Medicine, Cairo University, Egypt, and holds a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (M.B.B.S.) from the same institution.



Dr. Robert Douglas Church, MBChB
Consultant in General and Colorectal Surgery
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City (SSMC),
Abu Dhabi, UAE

An expert in the field of General and Colorectal Surgery, Dr. Church has 30 years of experience in treating colorectal cancer, inflammatory bowel disease and perianal problems. He has special expertise in performing minimally invasive surgery, endoscopy, and colonoscopy. He is actively involved in various research projects and has published numerous medical studies focusing on several field-related topics including cancer therapies and treatments, inflammatory diseases and minimally invasive surgeries. He has an active role in teaching at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. He is the director of courses at the Royal College of Surgeons, England.



Dr. Ahmed Almradi, FRCPC, FCP (SA), IBD
Consultant Gastroenterologist and IDBiologist
Sheikh Tahnoon Bin Mohammed Medical City,
Al Ain, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dr. Ahmed Almradi, FRCPC, FCP (SA), IBD is a Consultant Gastroenterologist and IDBiologist at Sheikh Tahnoon Bin Mohammed Medical City in Al Ain, UAE. He has over a decade of clinical experience spanning North America, Africa, and the Middle East, specializing in therapeutic endoscopy and advanced inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) management. A former Adjunct Professor at Western University, Canada, Dr. Almradi balances complex patient care with clinical education and peer-reviewed research. He is widely published in major journals and remains an active contributor to global gastroenterology congresses.



SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHY



Dr. Talha Malik, MD
Consultant Gastroenterologist
Mayo Clinic, Arizona, USA

Talha Aziz Malik, M.D., is a Consultant Gastroenterologist on staff at Mayo Clinic Arizona and Team lead for Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Education. He is American Board Certified in Gastroenterology with specialty interest and fellowship training in Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, the two main inflammatory bowel diseases.

Dr. Malik is originally from Pakistan and grew up in the Kingdom of Bahrain. He went to medical school at Aga Khan University in Karachi, Pakistan and then completed internal medicine residency training at SUNY at Stony Brook in East Meadow, New York. Subsequently, he completed IBD fellowship, MSPH in clinical research and formal GI fellowship training at University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). After fellowship, he stayed back on faculty at UAB for 4 years.

In 2018, Dr. Malik joined Mayo Clinic Arizona as the IBD Team Lead and in 2021, he traveled to Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates on expat assignment as the IBD lead at Sheikh Shakhboub Medical City there. Dr. Malik returned to Mayo Clinic Arizona in February 2024 to resume IBD practice here and took on the role of IBD team lead for Education.



Dr. Ibrahim Al Hosani, MD
Consultant,
Gastroenterology & Hepatology
Burjeel Day Surgery Center,
Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dr. Ibrahim Al Hosani is a Consultant Gastroenterologist with over 22 years of extensive experience in Gastroenterology and Hepatology. He earned his Medical Degree in Medicine and Surgery from the University of Damascus, Syria, in 2003. Dr. Ibrahim also received his German Board (Facharzt) in Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology in 2014, as well as a Diploma in Evolving Hepatitis C Management from the University of Pennsylvania, USA. He previously held positions at one of the well-known hospitals in the UAE and further developed his expertise through post-graduate studies in Germany, where he received specialized training in spiral enteroscopy.

Dr. Ibrahim specializes in Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD), Celiac Disease, Liver Disease, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, Gastroparesis, Motility Disorders, Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency, Small Intestinal Bacterial Overgrowth (SIBO), Lactose Intolerance, Bile Acid Malabsorption, Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD), and H. pylori treatment. He has also actively participated in various medical conferences to stay abreast of the latest advancements in the field of Gastroenterology. Dr. Ibrahim has not only enhanced his knowledge but also fostered professional relationships that contribute to his ongoing commitment to excellence in his field.



Dr. Lisa Sharkey, MA, MB
BChir MRCP(UK) MRCP(Gastro) CCT(UK) FRCP
Consultant Gastroenterologist
Kings College Hospital Dubai, UAE

Dr. Lisa Sharkey is a gastroenterologist specialising in luminal gastroenterology, particularly inflammatory bowel disease, coeliac disease, clinical nutrition and intestinal failure. She served as a consultant at Cambridge University Hospitals in the UK for eight years before relocating to King's College Hospital in Dubai in October 2023. She has authored more than 20 peer-reviewed articles and several book chapters, and regularly reviews for journals including Frontline Gastroenterology, Intestinal Failure and Clinical Transplantation. In 2024, she was appointed Lead Associate Editor of Frontline Gastroenterology. She has spoken at international conferences and appeared on podcasts. Since 2025, she has served as Director of Education at King's, overseeing undergraduate and postgraduate training.



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Dr. Mohammed Nabil Quraishi, MD

Congress Co-Director
Consultant Gastroenterologist and
Director of the Inflammatory Bowel
Disease Centre, Sheikh Shakhboub
Medical City, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dr. Quraishi holds F.R.C.P. (London), F.R.C.P.E. (Edinburgh), and F.E.B.G.H., and is an Adjunct Associate Professor at Khalifa University, Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer at the University of Birmingham, and Associate Gastroenterology Fellowship Programme Director at SSMC. He leads one of the foremost IBD centres in the region, providing comprehensive care for patients with Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, and complex conditions including PSC-IBD. His clinical expertise spans advanced biologic and small-molecule therapies, drug monitoring, faecal microbiota transplantation, and range of diagnostic and IBD specific endoscopy techniques.

He and his team are committed to ensuring that all patients can access the care they need, and work closely with individuals navigating insurance barriers or other limitations to find supported pathways to treatment.

The IBD Centre at SSMC is also a major academic and clinical research hub. Dr Quraishi leads investigator-initiated translational studies in the UAE and runs the country's largest portfolio of phase 3 IBD clinical trials, offering eligible patients access to next-generation therapies before they become widely available.

His research, which spans IBD epidemiology in the UAE and MENA region, multi-omics, and precision medicine, has been supported by competitive grants from the European Crohn's and Colitis Organisation (ECCO), the UK Medical Research Council (MRC), and the UAE Department of Health, among others. He maintains active research collaborations with institutions across the UK, Europe, and the wider Middle East.

Dr Quraishi has over 100 peer-reviewed publications in journals including Gut, Lancet Gastroenterology and Hepatology, and the Journal of Crohn's and Colitis, and co-edited a core gastroenterology textbook. He leads the Emirates Gastroenterology and Hepatology Society (EGHS) IBD subcommittee, led the 2nd UAE IBD Consensus Guidelines, and co-authored the 2025 BSG IBD guidelines published in Gut.

He is the lead author of both editions of the national BSG/HIS faecal microbiota transplantation guidelines and served as the National BSG IBD Quality Improvement Lead, establishing key performance indicators to improve IBD services across the UK. He also serves as Clinical and Scientific Advisor to the University of Birmingham Microbiome Treatment Centre.



Prof. Abed AlLehibi

Consultant Gastroenterologist &
Advanced Therapeutic Endoscopist
King Fahad Medical City (KFMC),
Riyadh Saudi Arabia

Prof. Abed Al-Lehibi is a gastroenterologist, advanced therapeutic endoscopist and Professor of Medicine at Dar Al Uloom University. He completed his training in gastroenterology, hepatology and advanced endoscopy at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, in 2010. He currently serves as Chairman of the Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology and Director of Endoscopy at King Fahad Medical City (KFMC) in Riyadh. As President of the Arab Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, he promotes collaboration and education among specialists across the region.

At KFMC, he helped establish advanced therapeutic endoscopy services and launched an Advanced Endoscopy Fellowship Program in 2016, which received full accreditation from the Saudi Commission for Health Specialties. He also founded the Saudi Live Endoscopy Symposium in 2014. An active researcher and speaker, he has authored numerous publications and regularly contributes to national and international scientific meetings.



SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHY



Dr. Michael B. Wallace, MD MPH
Congress Co-Director
Fred C. Andersen Professor of Medicine
Division of Gastroenterology
and Hepatology, Mayo Clinic
Florida, USA

Dr. Wallace completed medical school at Duke University and subsequently internal medicine and gastroenterology fellowship at Harvard Medical School's Brigham and Women's Hospital. He completed advanced endoscopic training at the Medical University of South Carolina under the mentor ship of Dr. Peter Cotton and Dr. Robert Hawes. He has worked at the Mayo Clinic since 2003 advancing to the rank of Professor of Medicine in 2007. His main clinical and research interest focus on how we can detect gastrointestinal cancers at their earliest most curable form.

This includes seminal research on early detection of pancreatic cancer using advanced imaging and biomarker technologies. It also includes early detection of esophageal and colorectal cancer using similar advanced imaging capabilities. These were translated clinically into the use of technologies such as optically enhanced endoscopy, artificial intelligence enhanced colonoscopy and CT and MRI imaging. These are also leading to therapeutic advances such as the endoscopic resection of Barrett's esophagus associated cancer and large colorectal polyps.



Dr. Mohammed Abdel-Rahim Karajeh, MD
Chair of Gastroenterology
Consultant, Gastroenterology & Hepatology
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City,
Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dr. Mohammed Abdel-Rahim Karajeh, MBChB, FRCP, CCST Gastroenterology and GIM is the Chair of of gastroenterology and hepatology at Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City (SSMC) in Abu Dhabi. Completed undergraduate training at Dundee University in Scotland, followed by postgraduate training in general internal medicine, gastroenterology and hepatology in England and worked for over a decade as a consultant gastroenterologist and hepatologist at Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS foundation trust in the UK. He also served as a senior lecturer at Sheffield University.

He has over two decades of experience in the fields of Gastroenterology and Hepatology and has special expertise in performing complex endoscopic procedures, including ERCP, cholangioscopy, stenting and endoscopic bariatric procedures including intragastric balloons and endoscopic sleeve gastropasty.



Dr. Hatim Taha, MBBS, MRCP, FRCP
Consultant Gastroenterologist
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dr. Hatim Taha is a distinguished consultant gastroenterologist with over 11 years of experience, having served in various hospitals across the UK. Dr. Taha's professional journey is marked by a fellowship in ERCP and EUS at the University Hospitals of North Midlands (UHNM), where he gained advanced skills in endoscopic procedures. He is JAG certified in both diagnostic and therapeutic upper and lower gastrointestinal endoscopy, and has a special interest in hepatobiliary medicine and advanced endoscopy.



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Dr. Khaled Al Nuaimi, MD
Consultant Gastroenterologist & Hepatologist
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dr. Khaled Al Nuaimi is a Consultant Gastroenterologist who graduated from the Faculty of Medicine at the United Arab Emirates University in 2010. He completed his internal medicine and gastroenterology training in France, followed by advanced endoscopy training in Montréal, Canada. He currently practices at Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City (SSMC), where he serves as Director of Advanced Endoscopy, leading advanced therapeutic endoscopic services and contributing to clinical excellence and innovation in gastroenterology.



Dr. Saif Alnuaimi, MD
Consultant Gastroenterologist
Sheikh Tahnoon Bin Mohammed Medical City
(STMC), Al Ain, UAE

Dr. Saif Khamis Al Nuaimi, MD, MSc is a Consultant Gastroenterologist, Hepatologist and Advanced Endoscopist at Sheikh Tahnoon Bin Mohammed Medical City (STMC) in Al Ain. He specializes in advanced endoscopic procedures, including endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) and ERCP, for the diagnosis and treatment of gastrointestinal, pancreatic and biliary conditions.

Dr. Al Nuaimi earned his medical degree from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. He completed his internal medicine residency at Tawam Hospital, a gastroenterology fellowship at the University of Toronto, and advanced therapeutic endoscopy training at Western University in Canada. He also holds a master's degree in Healthcare Systems Leadership and Innovation from the University of Toronto.



Dr. Mohammed Attieh Alzahrani, MD
Professor, College of Medicine
King Khalid University, KSA

Dr. Mohammed Attieh Alzahrani completed a fellowship in adult gastroenterology at McMaster University in 2017, followed by a clinical motility fellowship in 2018. He obtained Saudi Board certification in internal medicine in November 2012 and Arab Board certification in internal medicine in March 2013.



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Dr. Ehab Abufarhaneh, MD

Consultant, Adult Transplant
Gastroenterology & Hepatology
King Faisal Specialist Hospital and
Research Centre, Saudi Arabia

Dr. Ehab Abufarhaneh obtained his Saudi Board-certified in Internal Medicine. He completed the Saudi Fellowship in Adult Gastroenterology in 2019, followed by a Clinical Fellowship in Motility and Neuro-Gastroenterology in 2020 and a Clinical Fellowship in Advanced Hepatology in 2021 at the University of Toronto. He currently serves as the Deputy Executive Director of the Organ Transplant Centre, Section Head of Small Bowel Rehabilitation, Section Head of the Transplant Endoscopy Unit, and Director of the Esophageal Program at King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre (KFSHRC). Dr. Abufarhaneh has served as an international speaker at numerous conferences in the fields of gastrointestinal motility, transplantation, and bowel rehabilitation.



Dr. Hussam Ahmed, MD

Consultant Gastroenterologist,
Hepatologist & Advanced Endoscopist
Sheikh Tahnoon Bin Mohammed Medical City
(STMC), Al Ain, UAE

Dr. Hussam Ahmed is an experienced Consultant Gastroenterologist, Hepatologist, and Advanced HPB Endoscopist with extensive expertise in the diagnosis and management of gastrointestinal and liver disorders, as well as advanced hepatobiliary endoscopy.

He obtained his MBBS from the University of Khartoum in 2008 and subsequently completed his UK specialty training in Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology, achieving a Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT) with subspecialty expertise in Hepatology. During his specialist training, Dr. Ahmed completed two dedicated fellowships in Transplant Hepatology and Advanced HPB Endoscopy, further developing his expertise in complex liver and pancreatobiliary conditions and advanced endoscopic procedures.

Dr. Ahmed worked as a Consultant Gastroenterologist at Barnsley District General Hospital in the UK, where he served as the Viral Hepatitis Lead and Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS) Lead. He subsequently moved to the United Arab Emirates, where he worked as a Consultant Gastroenterologist and HPB Endoscopy Lead at Healthpoint Hospital in Abu Dhabi before joining Sheikh Tahnoon Bin Mohamed Medical City. His areas of expertise include the assessment and management of general gastrointestinal and digestive disorders, liver and pancreatic diseases, and advanced hepatobiliary endoscopy, including Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) and Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS).



Dr. Puja Khaitan, MD, FACS

Consultant, Thoracic Surgery
Sheikh Shakhboub Medical City (SSMC),
Abu Dhabi UAE

Dr. Khaitan is an American board-certified general and thoracic surgeon. She specialises in non-cardiac chest surgeries, focusing on lung cancer, mesothelioma, oesophageal cancer, chest wall tumours, and mediastinal masses, as well as treating patients with benign pathologies. Dr. Khaitan earned her medical degree from the University of Texas Southwestern, Dallas, US.

She then pursued a General Surgery Residency at Emory University Hospital, US, with a simultaneous two-year NIH-T32 research fellowship at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Centre in the Department of Cancer Biology. Subsequently, she completed her cardiothoracic training at Harvard Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston, US. She previously served as an Assistant Professor at Houston Methodist Hospital, Weill Cornell Medical College, and as an Associate Professor and later a full Professor at Georgetown University, MedStar Washington Hospital Centre. As a highly trained and experienced minimally invasive thoracic surgeon, Dr. Khaitan performs thoracoscopic, laparoscopic, and robotic surgeries, as well as open complex surgical procedures.

Additionally, Dr. Khaitan is passionate about educating and training surgical residents and fellows. She has published widely in peer-reviewed journals, given lectures nationally and internationally, and is a reviewer for selected thoracic journals such as the Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, The Annals of Thoracic Surgery, Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery, and Journal of Thoracic Disease. Numerous honours and awards have been bestowed upon Dr. Khaitan, and she serves on several committees in national and international professional societies.



SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHY



Dr. Ahmed Al Rifai, MRCP, BSG, EASL
Consultant, Hepatology & Gastroenterology
Chair, Department of Medicine
Sheikh Shakhboub Medical City,
Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dr Al-Rifai is an experienced consultant Hepatologist and Gastroenterologist at SSMC-Mayo, UAE's largest hospital. Since his arrival in 2014, he has established a unique Hepatology service in Abu Dhabi and currently Chairs the Department of Medicine at SSMC/Mayo. In addition, he is the Chair of the Hospital Practice Committee and the Director of the Liver Disease Program.

Dr Al-Rifai obtained his medical degree in 1998 followed by training in the UK where he became a member of the Royal College of Physicians in 2003. He continued his training in Gastroenterology in some of the top university hospitals in Greater Manchester. During this time, Dr Al-Rifai obtained a diploma in Gastroenterology at Salford University which included writing on healthcare management and theory of medical education. He later became a faculty for that course.

While under training, Dr Al-Rifai worked on multiple research projects and published in several areas of gastroenterology including IBD, endoscopy, and nutrition. He regularly presented at national and international conferences and was an active member of several GI organizations such as young ECCO, EASL, BSG among others. He worked with European colleagues on multinational multicenter studies and publications on IBD.

Following his general Gastroenterology training, Dr Al-Rifai was accepted into a Transplant Hepatology Fellowship at the renowned Freeman Hospital in Newcastle. That led to a third certificate of training in Hepatology from the Royal College of Physicians. During his Hepatology training he had the opportunity to collaborate and publish with some of the leaders in the field on PBC, viral hepatitis and NAFLD. He was granted a position of Honorary Lecturer at Newcastle University Medical School.

In 2009 Dr Al-Rifai became a consultant in Hepatology and Gastroenterology in Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Newcastle and established a Hepatology Division, bringing in new services to the community including hepatitis C treatment for the high risk population.

In 2011 Dr Al-Rifai returned to Manchester to become a consultant and lead of Hepatology at one of the top University Hospitals in the UK, Salford Royal. There, he established a unique non-transplant liver service, a novel Hepatology service in the community for early detection of liver disease, chaired the Greater Manchester Hepatology Network and the HCC MDT. Furthermore, he was involved in training a team of GI trainees and specialist nurses, proudly presenting and publishing some of that work. He was assigned as a Senior Honorary Lecturer at Salford University and led the Hepatology training program.

During his time in Mafraq Hospital and later SSMC-Mayo, Dr Al-Rifai has continued to be active in the field of research, publications, medical education and service development.

He led the liver service and established the first GI Fellowship Program in the UAE. He worked with colleagues nationally and from the region on multiple projects and published on NAFLD, viral hepatitis and IBD. He continues his clinical practice in a very busy GI service whilst holding the rank of adjunct clinical professor at Khalifa University, Abu Dhabi. Most recently, Dr Al Rifai obtained his Masters Degree in Healthcare Ethics and Medical law from the University of Manchester in 2020.



Dr. Shiva Kumar, MD
Staff Physician,
Gastroenterology Department
Digestive Disease Institute
Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dr Shiva Kumar completed fellowship training in Gastroenterology & Hepatology at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota and a clinical & research fellowship in Hepatology & Liver Transplant medicine at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, Texas. He also holds a Master of Science degree in Healthcare Management from the University of Texas at Dallas Jindal School of Business.



SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHY



Dr. Mohammad Fahd Baqai, MBBS, MRCP

FRCP (London) FEBGH CCT (UK)
Consultant, Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Liver
Transplant Advanced Endoscopist - ERCP/EUS
Sheikh Khalifa Medical City (SEHA), UAE

Dr. Fahd Baqai is a Consultant in Hepatology, Liver Transplant, and Gastroenterology at Sheikh Khalifa Medical City, a tertiary hospital and liver transplant center in Abu Dhabi. He has more than 13 years of experience as a medical professional within the NHS. Dr. Baqai completed his Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT) with dual accreditation in Gastroenterology and General Internal Medicine, followed by a post-CCT fellowship in Hepatopancreatobiliary Medicine and Liver Transplantation at the Royal Free Hospital/University College London Hospital. He subsequently worked for three years as a Consultant in Hepatology and Pancreatobiliary Medicine at University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust, a tertiary liver and HPB center.

His clinical expertise includes the diagnosis and management of gastrointestinal and hepatobiliary conditions, with proficiency in diagnostic and therapeutic gastrointestinal and pancreatobiliary endoscopy, including ERCP and EUS. He currently serves as the Clinical Lead for Hepatology. Dr. Baqai is committed to delivering high-quality, evidence-based care to both inpatients and outpatients, with a strong emphasis on patient safety and clinical excellence. He is dedicated to continuously developing and applying his knowledge to improve patient outcomes. He is recognized by his colleagues as a reliable, enthusiastic, and hardworking physician, with a particular interest in the stimulating and rewarding fields of Hepatology and Gastroenterology.



Dr. Heba Abualkas, MBBS

Gastroenterology Specialist
Sheikh Shakhboub Medical City,
Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dr. Abualkas has over 12 years of experience in the field, having completed an internal medicine residency programme and a 3-year fellowship training programme in gastroenterology. She received her Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) from Ain Shams University, Egypt. In addition to her medical roles, Dr. Abualkas facilitated clinical services within several internal medicine sub-specialties and covered inpatient, outpatient, emergency care, ICU and CCU.



Dr. Mohammed Banama, MD, MBBS

Consultant Gastroenterologist,
Hepatologist, and Liver Transplant Specialist
Rashid Hospital, Dubai Health UAE

Dr. Mohammed Banama is a Consultant Gastroenterologist, Hepatologist, and Liver Transplant Specialist at Rashid Hospital, Dubai Health. He is recognized for his expertise in managing complex liver and digestive disorders, with a strong focus on advanced hepatology and transplant-related care. He serves as the Program Director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program at Dubai Health, playing a key role in medical education and training future specialists.

In addition, he holds the position of General Secretary of the Emirates Gastroenterology and Hepatology Society, contributing actively to the advancement of gastroenterology practice in the UAE. Dr. Banama is widely respected for his clinical leadership, academic involvement, and commitment to improving standards of care in hepatology and gastroenterology across the region.



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Dr. Saeed Al Marzooqi, MD

Chair, Congress Director
Consultant, Gastroenterology and
Hepatology, Programme Director,
Gastroenterology Fellowship
Sheikh Shakhboub Medical City,
Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dr. Almarzooqi graduated from the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland and completed fellowships in hepatology research, clinical gastroenterology, clinical hepatology and transplant hepatology from the University of Toronto. He has multiple publications in the field of hepatology and has delivered presentations at regional and international meetings. Dr. Almarzooqi's main fields of interest include liver disease and pre and post-liver transplant care. He is currently the director of the hepatology service and the programme director of the gastroenterology fellowship at SSMC.



**Dr. Almutadha Raad
Abdulkadhim Mula, MBChB, MD**

Oncology Consultant,
Division of Oncology
American Hospital, Dubai UAE

Dr. Almutadha is a UK-certified (CCT) Medical Oncology Consultant with extensive experience in the United Kingdom and the United Arab Emirates and is fluent in both English and Arabic. Prior to joining American Hospital Dubai, he worked as a consultant medical oncologist at University Hospital Southampton NHS Trust and Salisbury District Hospital in the United Kingdom, and thereafter at Sheikh Shakhboub Medical City, Abu Dhabi, in the United Arab Emirates.

He has broad expertise in systemic anti-cancer treatments, including immunotherapy, targeted therapies, and chemotherapy, with clinical focus on a wide range of solid tumors such as gastrointestinal, breast, and genitourinary cancers, as well as rare malignancies including sarcomas and gliomas.

Dr. Almutadha earned his M.B.Ch.B. from the University of Babylon's College of Medicine and completed his specialty training in medical oncology through the Royal College of Physicians and the Association of Cancer Physicians of the United Kingdom. He further advanced his qualifications with a Postgraduate Diploma in Oncology from the prestigious Institute of Cancer Research, Royal Cancer Hospital, and a Clinical M.D. in General Internal Medicine from the University of Buckingham, United Kingdom.

He has demonstrated a strong commitment to innovation in cancer care, with active involvement in clinical trials and research, serving as a principal investigator and co-investigator in studies involving multiple solid tumors, including pancreatic, liver, bowel, lung, and head and neck cancers, across both the United Kingdom



Dr. Zahir Babiker, MBB, MSc

DLSHTM, MRCP, FRCPath, FRCP, DTM&H
Consultant in Infectious Diseases and
Chair of the Tropical & Infectious Diseases Division
Sheikh Shakhboub Medical City (SSMC),
Abu Dhabi UAE

Dr. Babiker is a highly accomplished consultant physician in infectious diseases and tropical medicine, with dual certifications in infectious diseases, medical microbiology and virology. Over the past 29 years, he has demonstrated exceptional expertise in clinical practice, education, research, and leadership. A fellow of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of London and Edinburgh and the Royal College of Pathologists, UK, Dr. Babiker also holds a master's degree in public health and a diploma in tropical medicine from the prestigious London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK.

At SSMC, Dr. Babiker serves as the chair of the Antimicrobial Stewardship Programme and director of the Infectious Diseases Fellowship Programme. As a passionate medical educator and a seasoned researcher, his contributions include numerous peer-reviewed publications in high-impact journals. His research interests span antimicrobial stewardship, digital health, tropical medicine, migrants' health, emerging and re-emerging infections, HIV, viral hepatitis, and infections in immunocompromised individuals.



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Dr. Eyad Al Alakrad, MD

Consultant - Gastroenterology
and Hepatology, Director of
the GI Motility Disorders
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dr. Eyad Alakrad is currently serving as a Consultant Gastroenterologist and the director of the GI motility disorders and endoscopy at Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City. With over 20 years of experience, Dr. Alakrad has extensive expertise in the fields of Gastroenterology and Hepatology with a significant training background in renowned hospitals and universities in the UK and the USA. Prior to joining SSMC, he worked as a clinical assistant professor at the University of Florida, Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition. He was a key member of a robust gastroenterology motility disorder group.

During his work over there, he introduced a cutting-edge gastroparesis program which was unique to the state of Florida and neighboring states. He instituted a program for endoscopic placement of temporary gastric electric stimulators in the treatment of refractory gastroparesis. Dr. Alakrad has successfully established a comprehensive state-of-the-art GI Motility Lab at SSMC which has made an impact to the management of the GI Motility Services in UAE and competing with other international centers of excellence in that field. In addition to the knowledge he brought to the region,

Dr. Alakrad prides himself on introducing the latest technology like Enoflip, which its applications have revolutionized the management of certain motility disorders. His research work has been focusing on foregut motility disorders and Eosinophilic Esophagitis, for which has been a key speaker on multiple platforms.



Dr. Osama Yousef, MD

Staff Physician, Gastroenterology Department
Digestive Disease Institute
Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dr. Osama Yousef, MD, is a Staff Physician within the Gastroenterology Department of Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi's Digestive Disease Institute. He is also Program Director of the Gastroenterology Fellowship. Prior to joining Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, Dr. Yousef was an Assistant Professor of Medicine and the Associate Program Director for the Gastroenterology Fellowship Program at the University of Missouri, Kansas City. He was also the Site Program Director at the Truman Medical Center.



Dr. Mostafa Shehata, MD, MBBCh

Consultant Gastroenterologist
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City (SSMC).
Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dr. Mostafa Shehata is a consultant gastroenterologist in SSMC Abu Dhabi with over 15 years of clinical and academic experience, with particular expertise in gastrointestinal motility disorders, tube feeding and small bowel. He is a faculty member of the Gastroenterology Fellowship Program at Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City (SSMC), Abu Dhabi, as well as faculty member at a Gulf medical school, where he is actively involved in postgraduate training and medical education.

Dr. Shehata has authored and co-authored multiple publications in peer-reviewed international journals in the fields of gastrointestinal motility, nutrition, and endoscopic practice, and is a. His academic qualifications include MBBCh, Master's degree, and MD in Gastroenterology from Tanta Faculty of Medicine, Egypt, in addition to MRCP (UK) and a Specialist Certificate in Gastroenterology from the Royal College of Physicians (UK).



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Dr. Luis Campos, MD

Associate Professor of Surgery, Director of Kidney Transplantation,
Methodist Hospital University of Tennessee in Memphis USA;
Staff Physician, Abdominal Transplant
Department, Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi's
Digestive Disease Institute, UAE

Luis Campos de la Borbolla, MD is a Staff Physician within the Abdominal Transplant Department of Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi's Digestive Disease Institute. He was an Associate Professor of Surgery and Director of Kidney Transplantation at the Methodist Hospital University of Tennessee in Memphis USA.

Luis Campos, MD received his Medical Degree at the La Salle University in Mexico City and completed a General Surgery and Transplant Fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, USA. Throughout his tenure, Dr. Campos has specialized in Liver, Pancreas and Kidney transplantation as well as hepatobiliary surgery (non-transplant liver, bile duct and pancreas surgery).

Dr. Campos research interest include the study of immune tolerance to prevent transplant rejection. Pancreatic islet transplantation in an auto-immune model. Liver induced tolerance. Currently Dr. Campos resides in Abu Dhabi with his wife. When he is not working he enjoys music, art, fishing, sailing, swimming, reading, gardening, cooking and travelling.



Dr. Abdulaziz Alnuaimi, MD, MBBS

Consultant Gastroenterology,
Division Chief, Sheikh Tahnoon Bin
Mohammed Medical City, Al Ain, UAE

Dr. Abdulaziz Al Nuaimi is a Consultant Gastroenterologist and currently serves as Chief of Gastroenterology at Sheikh Tahnoon Bin Mohammed Medical City (STMC) and Tawam Hospital. He completed his undergraduate and postgraduate medical training in the UAE, followed by fellowship training in Gastroenterology and Hepatology at Mafraq and Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City (SSMC).

He is board-certified in Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology and holds European certification in Gastroenterology and Hepatology. Dr. Al Nuaimi is an active speaker at local and regional conferences and a member of several international gastroenterology societies.



POSTER PRESENTATION

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