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SCIENTIFIC AGENDA

REGISTRATION 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM

FRIDAY 30 OCT 2026

ASTHMA FROM SYMPTOMS CONTROL TO REMISSION
"BEYOND ASTHMA .. EXPLORING NEW TRAJECTORY IN COPD"

AstraZeneca

FRIDAY 30 OCT 2026

Moderator: Prof. Ashraf Alzaabi

Time	Topic	Speaker
3:00 PM - 3:20 PM	Rethinking Rescue: AirSupra Across the Asthma Spectrum	Dr. Fatma Al Huraish
3:20 PM - 3:40 PM	Asthma Treatment Optimization vs Steroid Escalation	Dr. Abdelbaset Elkkari
3:40 PM - 4:10 PM	Which Biologic for which patient	Dr. Rachel Kaminski Dr. Muhammad Tufail
4:10 PM - 4:25 PM	New Trajectory in COPD: Beyond T2-inflammation	Dr. Rachel Kaminski
4:25 PM - 4:40 PM	Do We Need Guidelines in the Era of Agentic AI ?	Prof. Bassam Mahboub
4:40 PM - 5:00 PM	**Panel Discussion**	

WORKSHOP: INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASES (ILD) MASTERCLASS: A MULTIDISCIPLINARY JOURNEY

FRIDAY 30 OCT 2026

Moderators: Prof. Ashraf Alzaabi, Dr. Muhammad Tufail, Dr. Saniya Khan

Welcome & Introduction
5:00 PM - 5:10 PM

The Language of ILD: Translating Imaging Patterns into Clinical Insight
5:10 PM - 5:40 PM SPEAKER: Dr. Ahmed Sherif

Imaging in Connective Tissue Disease Associated Interstitial Lung Disease (CTD-ILD)
5:40 PM - 6:10 PM SPEAKER: Dr. Mahmoud El Kaissi

The New ERS/ATS Classification of Interstitial Pneumonias: What Has Changed and What Are the Implications for Clinical Practice?
6:10 PM - 6:40 PM SPEAKER: Prof. Paolo Spagnolo

6:40 PM - 7:00 PM **Coffee Break**

The ILD MDT in Clinical Practice: An Interactive Case-Based Discussion on Diagnosis and Management
CASES PRESENTER: Dr. Saniya Khan
PANELISTS: Prof. Paolo Spagnolo, Dr. Sharina Aldhaheri, Dr. Mahmoud El Kaissi, Dr. Ahmed Sherif, Dr. Helen Garthwaite
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM **Dinner**

WORKSHOP: PHYSIOLOGY IN CLINICAL PRACTICE BASIC PRINCIPLES, INTERPRETATION, LIVE DEMONSTRATION & CLINICAL CASES

FRIDAY 30 OCT 2026

Welcome & Introduction
5:00 PM - 5:10 PM

Spirometry: Principles, Interpretation & Practical Demonstration
5:10 PM - 5:45 PM SPEAKERS: Dr. Yasser Madani, Mr. Niyas Parappurath

Diffusion Capacity/Gas Transfer: Principles, Interpretation & Practical Demonstration
5:45 PM - 6:20 PM SPEAKERS: Dr. Yasser Madani, Mr. Niyas Parappurath

Static Lung Volumes: Principles, Interpretation & Practical Demonstration
6:20 PM - 6:55 PM SPEAKERS: Dr. Yasser Madani, Mr. Niyas Parappurath

Impulse Oscillometry: Principles, Interpretation & Practical Demonstration
6:55 PM - 7:30 PM SPEAKERS: Dr. Yasser Madani, Mr. Niyas Parappurath

Complex Lung Function Cases: Interpretation & Interactive Discussion
7:30 PM - 8:00 PM SPEAKERS: Dr. Yasser Madani, Mr. Niyas Parappurath

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM **Dinner**

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DAY 1 SATURDAY 31 OCT 2026

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM REGISTRATION

DAY 1 SESSION 1 | INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASES

Moderators: Prof. Mohammad Ghanbar, Dr. Sharina Aldhaheri

Time	Topic	Speaker
9:00 AM - 9:05 AM	**Welcome and Introduction**	
9:05 AM - 9:25 AM	Cancer therapies in ILD patients – the dos and don'ts with chemo/immune/radiotherapy	Dr. Jeffrey Chapman
9:25 AM - 9:45 AM	Challenging ILD Cases in Clinical Practice	Prof. Paolo Spagnolo
9:45 AM - 10:05 AM	The landmark moment in the PPF & IPF care has arrived (Boehringer Ingelheim)	Dr. Saniya Khan
10:05 AM - 10:20 AM	**Q & A Session**	
10:20 AM - 10:30 AM	**Opening Ceremony**	
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	ETS Annual Awards for Innovation & Research in Respiratory Medicine (ETS-AIR)- Awarding Ceremony	
11:00 AM - 11:15 AM	**Coffee Break**	

DAY 1 SESSION 2 | AIRWAY DISEASES I: CONTEMPORARY ADVANCES IN DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT

Moderators: Prof. Ashraf Alzaabi, Dr. Reyadh Salman, Dr. Fatma Al Huraish

Time	Topic	Speaker
11:15 AM - 11:45 AM	**KEYNOTE SPEAKER - E cigarettes in 2026 - harm reduction or emerging respiratory threat**	Prof. Hayden McRobbie
11:45 AM - 12:05 PM	Difficult to Treat Asthma: Separating Severe Asthma from Mimics	Prof. Omar Usmani
12:05 PM - 12:25 PM	Breakthrough in COPD treatments - new hopes for our patients	Dr. Saif Al Mubaihsi
12:25 PM - 12:45 PM	The Power of Three: Redefining Control in uncontrolled Asthma (AstraZeneca)	Dr. Samir Naik
12:45 PM - 1:05 PM	The Elpenhaler Real World Clinical Trials in Pulmonary Obstructive Diseases (ELPEN)	Prof. Argyris Tzouvelekis
1:05 PM - 1:20 PM	**Q & A Session**	
1:20 PM - 2:20 PM	**LUNCH BREAK**	
1:20 PM - 2:20 PM	High Strength, High Precisions with Extrafine Triple Therapy (Chiesi, NCH NEW COUNTRY HEALTHCARE LLC)	

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DAY 1 | SESSION 3
INTERVENTIONAL PULMONOLOGY, PLEURAL DISEASES & PULMONARY HYPERTENSION

Moderators: Dr. Goran Nadir Salih
Dr. Sulaiman Khadadah

2:20 PM - 2:40 PM
Robotic Bronchoscopy for Peripheral Lung Nodules: Hype or Game Changer?
SPEAKER: Dr. Mateen Uzbeck

2:40 PM - 3:00 PM
Pleural Effusion of Unknown Origin: Diagnostic Pitfalls and Strategies
SPEAKER: Dr. Yasser Madani

3:00 PM - 3:20 PM
From Suspicion to Modern Solution: An Update on PAH Management Guidelines
SPEAKER: Dr. Nasser Al Busaidi

3:20 PM - 3:25 PM Q & A Session

3:25 PM - 3:50 PM Coffee Break

DAY 1 | SESSION 4
PEDIATRIC PULMONOLOGY

Moderators: Dr. Younis Al Balushi, Dr. Asma Al Nuaimi, Dr. Rania Abusamra

2:20 PM - 2:40 PM
Pediatric lung transplant
SPEAKER: Dr. Shaima Alkhouri

2:40 PM - 3:00 PM
Pediatric pulmonary transition to adults
SPEAKER: Dr. Nadia AlSayed Waheed

3:00 PM - 3:20 PM
Advances in Pediatric sleep
SPEAKER: Dr. Sofia Konstantinopoulou

3:20 PM - 3:25 PM Q & A Session

3:25 PM - 3:50 PM Coffee Break

DAY 1 | SESSION 5
LUNGS ON FIRE

Moderators: Dr. Muhammad Tufail, Prof. Omar Usmani
Panelists: Dr. Mahmoud El Kaissi, Dr. Samir Naik, Dr. Zaid Zoumot

3:50 PM - 4:10 PM
Case 1: The lung cavity conundrum
SPEAKER: Dr. Mohammed Alqadri

4:10 PM - 4:30 PM
Case 2: When the doctor has a little cough: A journey through diagnostic uncertainty
SPEAKER: Dr. Asad Ullah

4:30 PM - 4:50 PM
Case 3: When Pressure Makes the Lungs Bleed: A Young Girl's Race to Transplant
SPEAKER: Dr. Said Isse

4:50 PM - 5:05 PM Q & A Session

DAY 1 | SESSION 6
RESPIRATORY THERAPY

Moderators: Dr. Manjush Karthika, Mr. Abdulkadir Noorshe

3:50 PM - 4:10 PM
Impulse Oscillometry: Understanding Airway Resistance and Reactance
SPEAKER: Dr. Mohammed Harriss

4:10 PM - 4:30 PM
Mechanical Power: A Target for Safe Ventilation?
SPEAKER: Mr. Aaron Smith

4:30 PM - 4:50 PM
Automated Weaning - Emerging Trends
SPEAKER: Mr. Sanjay Sasikumar

4:50 PM - 5:05 PM Q & A Session

5:05 PM - 5:10 PM CLOSING REMARKS DAY 1

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM GALA DINNER

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DAY 2 SUNDAY 1 NOV 2026

7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	REGISTRATION	
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	JOURNAL CLUB	**Speaker** Prof. Dr. J. Christian Virchow

DAY 2 SESSION 7 | RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS

Moderators: Dr. Mona Allangawi, Dr. Said Isse

Time	Topic	Speaker
9:00 AM - 9:20 AM	Pseudomonas eradication and long-term prophylactic antibiotics strategies in management of bronchiectasis	Dr. Amel Alameeri
9:20 AM - 9:40 AM	Local antibiotics resistance patterns and management of pneumonia	Dr. Jehad Abdalla
9:40 AM - 10:00 AM	The Immunocompromised Lung and Pulmonary Infections	Dr. Husain Alawadhi
10:00 AM - 10:20 AM	Ensifentrine, a novel treatment for COPD patients MSD	Dr. Mateen Uzbeck
10:20 AM - 10:35 AM	**Q & A Session**	
10:35 AM - 10:50 AM	**Coffee Break**	

DAY 2 SESSION 8 | AIRWAY DISEASES II: EMERGING EVIDENCE, NOVEL THERAPIES AND FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

Moderators: Dr. Rachel Kaminski, Dr. Marwan Najib, Dr. Maryam Al Nesf Al Mansouri

Time	Topic	Speaker
10:50 AM - 11:10 AM	Diagnosing COPD - A Multidimensional Diagnostic Approach	Prof. Mohammed Al Ghobain
11:10AM - 11:30 AM	Precision Medicine in Asthma: Current and future biologic treatments for severe asthma	Prof. Dr. J. Christian Virchow
11:30 AM - 11:50 AM	Type 2 Inflammation: From Theory to Clinical Practice sanofi	Dr. Muhammad Arif
11:50 AM - 12:05 PM	**Q & A Session**	
12:05 PM - 12:20 PM	**Coffee break**	

DAY 2 SESSION 9 | LUNG CANCER

Moderators: Dr. Ramzi Khashkhusha, Dr. Naser Behbehani

Time	Topic	Speaker
12:20 PM - 12:40 PM	Artificial intelligence for imaging diagnosis and staging	Dr. Sarim Ather
12:40 PM - 1:10 PM	Multi-modality management in lung cancer – from diagnosis to treatment	Dr. Shaikha Ahmed Aleissaee Dr. Emad Dawoud
1:10 PM - 1:30 PM	Expanding the Future of Cancer Screening in the UAE with MCED EXACT SCIENCES is now ABBOTT	Dr. Ali Wahla
1:30 PM - 1:45 PM	**Q & A Session**	

DAY 2 SESSION 10 | ORAL PRESENTATIONS, ABSTRACTS

Moderators: Prof. Bassam Mahboub, Dr. Manjush Karthika, Prof. Mohammed Al Houqani

Time	Topic	Speaker
1:45 PM - 1:55 PM	A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Static versus Dynamic Predictive Indices for High-Flow Nasal Cannula Failure Compared With Noninvasive Ventilation in Pediatric Acute Hypoxemic Respiratory Failure	Dr. Alina Hakim
1:55 PM - 2:05 PM	First Report of Real-World Utilization of an Activin Signaling Inhibitor in Patients With Severe Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension (PAH) in the Middle East	Dr. Sarah Alsultan
2:05 PM - 2:15 PM	Normative Reference Values and Determinants of Peak Expiratory Flow Rate Among University Students in the UAE	Ms. Jaisree Rajendran
2:15 PM - 2:30 PM	**Q & A Session**	
2:30 PM - 2:40 PM	**CLOSING REMARKS DAY 2**	
2:40 PM - 3:40 PM	**Lunch**	

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