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25-26 SEPTEMBER 2026

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WELCOME MESSAGE

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the 4th Paediatric Subspecialities Conference, taking place on 25 and 26 September 2026 at Palazzo Versace Dubai.

The conference brings together healthcare professionals and paediatric specialists to exchange knowledge, explore the latest developments in paediatric care and share expertise that can contribute to improving health outcomes for children and their families.

Through a programme of sessions and discussions presented by experts, we hope to encourage meaningful learning, collaboration and professional exchange.

Thank you for joining us. We wish you an informative, engaging and rewarding conference.

Warm regards,

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AGENDA

Day 1
Friday, 25 September 2026

08:30-09:00 **REGISTRATION**

09:00-10:00	SESSION 1
	MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMWORK IN PAEDIATRICS
	Multi-disciplinary Team Management in PICU Dr. Suneel Pooboni Consultant Paediatric Intensivist - Mediclinic City Hospital
	The Role of Artificial Intelligence in Multidisciplinary Paediatric Practice Dr. Muawia Aloliwi Consultant Paediatrician - Al Zahra Hospital Dubai
	Auto-inflammatory Disorders in Children: A Practical Approach for Paediatricians Dr. Elsadeg Sharif Consultant Paediatric Rheumatologist - Al Jalila Children's Hospital

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- **Dr. Zeyad Habahbeh**
Consultant Paediatric Allergy, Immunology & Rheumatology - Mediclinic Parkview Hospital
- **Dr. Sherif Mohamed Mosaad**
Consultant Paediatrician & Neonatologist - Zulekha Hospital Dubai
- **Dr. Rafia Ower**
Specialist Paediatrician - Prime Medical Center, Jumeirah

Discussion and Q&A

10:00-11:00	SESSION 2
	PAEDIATRIC PULMONOLOGY & INFECTIOUS DISEASES (MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO RESPIRATORY CARE)
	Community Acquired Pneumonia: Bridging Outpatient and Inpatient Care Dr. Rania Abusamra Consultant Paediatric Pulmonologist - Mediclinic City Hospital & Mediclinic Parkview Hospital
	Universal RSV Prophylaxis: Establishing 18 Months of Sustainable Protection Dr. Zarife Daoud Perez Consultant Paediatrician - Mediclinic City Hospital & Mediclinic Parkview Hospital
	Uncontrolled Asthma in Children: A Practical Approach for Paediatricians Dr. Andrew Ives Consultant Paediatric Pulmonologist - Mediclinic Parkview Hospital, Mediclinic City Hospital & Mediclinic Airport Road Hospital

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- **Dr. Walid Abu Hammour**
Consultant Paediatric Infection Diseases - Al Jalila Children's Hospital
- **Dr. Azam Riahi**
Specialist Paediatrician - Mediclinic Dubai Hills & Mediclinic Ibn Battuta
- **Dr. Adel Waheeb**
Consultant Paediatrician - Burjeel by the Beach Clinic

Discussion and Q&A

11:00-12:30

SESSION 3

PAEDIATRIC GASTROENTEROLOGY

Small Intestinal Bacterial Overgrowth (SIBO) Navigating the Diagnostic Dilemma

Dr. Shaden AlMahamed

Consultant Paediatric Gastroenterologist - Mediclinic Parkview Hospital

Fatty Liver Disease in Children: A Practical Approach for Paediatricians

Dr. Nafea Alyasi

Consultant Paediatric Gastroenterologist - Mediclinic Parkview Hospital,
Mediclinic City Hospital & Mediclinic Al Jowhara Hospital

Picky Eaters: Early Recognition and Multidisciplinary Management

Mona Joumaa

Lead Clinical Dietician - Mediclinic Parkview Hospital

Fueling Growth: Tackling Nutritional Deficiencies in Children

Dr. Raafat Hamzeh

Medical Director & Consultant Paediatrician - Mediclinic Springs

The Evolving Evidence for Probiotics Use in DGBI

Dr. Mohamad Miqdady

Paediatric Gastroenterologist - Sheikh Khalifa Medical City

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Specialist Paediatrician - Mediclinic Dubai Hills
- **Dr. Majed Abulhassan**
Consultant Paediatrician - Mediclinic Airport Road Hospital
- **Dr. Manaf Shaker**
Consultant Paediatrician - Dr. Sulaiman Al Habib Hospital

Discussion and Q&A

12:30-13:00

POSTER SESSION

TEAM 1

- **Dr. Adrian Stanley**
Chief Academic Officer - Mediclinic Middle East
- **Dr. Muna Masafeh**
Consultant Paediatrician - Mediclinic Parkview Hospital

TEAM 2

- **Dr. Lucy Waugh**
Consultant Paediatrician - Mediclinic Parkview Hospital &
Mediclinic Arabian Ranches
- **Dr. Rouba Manachi**
Specialist Paediatrician - Prime Healthcare Group

TEAM 3

- **Dr. Tina Williams**
Consultant Paediatrician - Mediclinic Parkview Hospital &
Mediclinic Me'aisem
- **Dr. Nevine El Kabbany**
Specialist Paediatrician - Al Zahra Hospital

TEAM 4

- **Dr. Lubna Sultan**
Consultant Paediatrician - Mediclinic Welcare Hospital & Mediclinic Mirdif
- **Dr. Nouredin Othman**
Consultant Paediatrician - Aldhaid Hospital

	TEAM 5 • Dr. Mohammed Sallam Pharmacy Manager - Mediclinic Parkview Hospital • Dr. Rola Alzir Consultant Neonatologist - Al Qassimi Women's and Children's Hospital
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13:00-14:00	FRIDAY PRAYERS & LUNCH
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14:00-15:00	SESSION 4 PAEDIATRICS SURGICAL SUBSPECIALITIES Normal or Not? Physiological Orthopaedic Variants in Children - When to Refer? Dr. Paul Jellicoe Consultant Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon - Mediclinic Parkview Hospital & Mediclinic Springs The Many Faces of Meckel's Diverticulum: A Case-Based Approach Dr. Ghassan Nakib Consultant Paediatric Surgeon - Mediclinic City Hospital Red Eye to Red Flag: Practical Pediatric Ophthalmology Cases Dr. Darakhshanda Khurram Consultant Ophthalmologist - Mediclinic Parkview Hospital & Mediclinic Dubai Mall
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Discussion and Q&A	
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15:00-16:00	SESSION 5 NEONATOLOGY & GENETICS (EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND COLLABORATIVE NEONATAL CARE) Genetic Red Flags in the Neonatal Period Dr. Anwar Baban Consultant Clinical Genetics & Genomics - Mediclinic City Hospital Optimising Newborn Follow-Up: What to Check, When to Check & Why It Matters Dr. Roopali Soni Consultant Neonatologist - Mediclinic Parkview Hospital Newborn Screening: From Lab to Family Counselling Dr. Prashanth Srihari Bhat Consultant Neonatologist - Mediclinic Parkview Hospital
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Discussion and Q&A

16:00

CLOSING REMARKS

Day 2

Saturday, 26 September 2026

08:30-09:00

REGISTRATION

09:00-10:00

SESSION 6

VACCINATION STRATEGIES & PUBLIC HEALTH COLLABORATION

The New Era of RSV Prevention: Towered Universal Infant Protection

Prof. Amar Al Shibli

HOD, Consultant Paediatrician - Mediclinic Parkview Hospital

Influenza in Children: Why Vaccination Matters Every Season

Dr. Zarife Daoud Perez

Consultant Paediatrician - Mediclinic City Hospital &

Mediclinic Parkview Hospital

Stopping Meningitis Before It Starts: The Role of Vaccines

Dr. Raafat Hamzeh

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 - **Dr. Azam Riahi**
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Discussion and Q&A

10:00-11:00

SESSION 7

IMMUNOLOGY & AUTO-INFLAMMATORY DISORDERS

Cow's Milk Allergy: Separating Myth from Reality

Dr. Ahmed Abdelaal

Consultant Paediatrician - Mediclinic Airport Road Hospital

Childhood Obesity: A Multidisciplinary Care Approach

Dr. Nafea Alyasi

Consultant Paediatric Gastroenterologist - Mediclinic Parkview Hospital,

Mediclinic City Hospital & Mediclinic Al Jowhara Hospital

Genetics in Clinic: What Every Paediatrician Needs to Know?

Dr. Anwar Baban

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Discussion and Q&A

11:00-11:30	OPENING CEREMONY & INAUGURATION (STUDENTS APPRECIATION & CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION)
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11:30-13:00	SESSION 8 PAEDIATRIC MULTIDISCIPLINARY GRAND ROUND Keynote Lecture: AI for Rare Diseases: From Diagnostic Odyssey to Precision Care Prof. Fatma Al Jasmi Dean of CMHS - College of Medicine & Health Science - United Arab Emirates University When Common Symptom Hide Rare Diagnose: Paediatric Diagnostic Challenge Prof. Amar Alshibli Consultant Paediatrician - Mediclinic Parkview Hospital Skin Manifestation in Autoimmune Disease Dr. Emma Gardette Consultant Dermatologist - Circle Care Clinic The Pragmatist's Guide to AI in Paediatric Radiology From Pixels to Practice Dr. Sneha Bopche Specialist Radiologist - Mediclinic Parkview Hospital
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Consultant Paediatrician - Mediclinic Parkview Hospital & Mediclinic Arabian Ranches
- **Dr. Tina Williams**
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- **Dr Zainab Malik**
Consultant Paediatric Infectious Disease - Genesis Medical center

Interactive Panel Discussion

13:00-14:00	LUNCH BREAK
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14:00-15:00	SESSION 9 TRAIN THE TRAINEES Approach to Drug Allergy in Children: Diagnosis and Management Dr. Emilio José Consultant Allergy & Immunology - Mediclinic Parkview Hospital, Mediclinic Al Sufouh & Mediclinic Arabian Ranches Anaphylaxis in Children: What Every Pediatrician Must Do in the First Encounter Dr. David Cremonesini Consultant Paediatrician - Mediclinic Parkview Hospital Early Recognition of ADHD: What Every Paediatrician Should Know Dr. Shola Faniran Consultant Paediatrician - Mediclinic City Hospital
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- **Dr. Basil Nasrallah**
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- **Dr. Mohamed Tuleimat**
Specialist Paediatrician - Emirates Hospital Clinic

Discussion and Q&A

15:00–16:00

**SESSION 10
HANDS-ON TRAINING**

Pulmonary Function Testing in Children

Dr. Rania Abusamra

Consultant Paediatric Pulmonologist - Mediclinic City Hospital &
Mediclinic Parkview Hospital

45 min presentation + 15 min discussion

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- **Dr. Razan Taef**
Specialist Paediatrician - HealthHub Clinics

16:00

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