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## Welcome Message

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we are pleased to invite you to attend the 6th Allergy and Clinical Immunology Conference, to be held on January 23 - 24, 2027 at Beach Rotana Hotel, Abu Dhabi, UAE.

This premier event is organized in collaboration with leading regional and international societies, including the:

- European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (EAACI)
- Global Allergy and Asthma Excellence Network (GA$^2$LEN)
- Asia Pacific Association of Allergy, Asthma and Clinical Immunology (APAAACI)
- European Society for Immunodeficiencies (ESID)
- Gulf Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (GA$^2$CI)

Together, these esteemed organizations bring a wealth of global expertise and a shared commitment to advancing the fields of allergy and clinical immunology.

### Conference Highlights

The scientific program is designed to deliver cutting-edge updates, foster cross-disciplinary dialogue, and support clinical excellence. Key topics will include:

- Advances in the diagnosis and management of respiratory allergies
- Clinical approaches to urticaria and angioedema
- A focus on inborn errors of immunity and primary immunodeficiency disorders
- Updates tailored for practicing primary care physicians and pediatricians in allergy and immunology
- Dermatology for allergists and immunologists: hot topics and practical insights
- The latest trends, innovations, and therapeutic strategies in allergy and immunology

Whether you are a clinician, researcher, academic, or trainee, this event offers a rich educational experience and a chance to shape the future of allergy and clinical immunology in our region and beyond.

We sincerely look forward to welcoming you to Abu Dhabi, a city known for its hospitality, cultural richness, and world-class infrastructure, for what promises to be an inspiring and impactful conference.

Warm regards,

**Prof. Mohamed Abuzakouk, MD, PhD**
Conference Chairman
On behalf of the Organizing Committee



## WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND?

1. The largest scientific gathering of Allergists and Immunologists in the UAE and in the Gulf Region.
2. Get first-hand access to the most recent findings in immunology and allergy.
3. Networking with national, regional and international experts in the field of Allergy and Clinical Immunology.

## TARGET AUDIENCE

- Allergists
- Immunologists
- ENT
- Pulmonologists
- Dermatologists
- Internists
- Medical Subspecialists
- Pediatricians
- General Practitioners
- Residents

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**GA²CI Member: AED 300**

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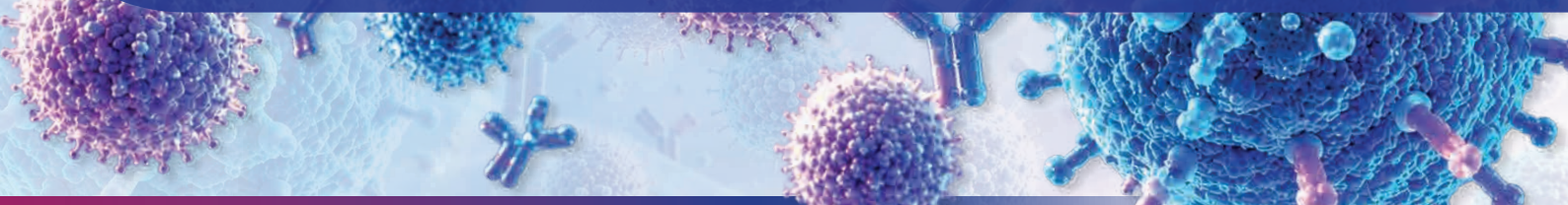

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| 07:30 - 08:15 | Registration |
| 08:15 - 08:30 | Welcome and Opening Remarks<br>**Dr. Shuayb Elkhalifa and Dr. Hamad Al Hameli** |
| 08:30 - 09:00 | **Opening Plenary Lecture:**<br>Precision Allergy Care at the Bedside, What Has Actually Changed in Clinical Practice<br>**Prof. Mohamed H. Shamji** |
| **Session I: Type 2 Inflammation: The New Era of Precision Allergy and Immunology** | |
| 09:00 - 09:20 | Choosing Wisely: Personalising Biologic Therapy in Type 2 Inflammation<br>**Prof. Giorgio Walter Canonica** |
| 09:20 - 09:40 | When Asthma Is Not Just Asthma: Treating the Whole Patient<br>**Prof. Amir Hamzah Abdul Latiff** |
| 09:40 - 10:00 | Managing Recurrent Nasal Polyps in the Biologic Era — Is There a Role for Allergen Immunotherapy?<br>**Prof. Ruby Pawankar** |
| 10:00 - 10:15 | Questions and Discussion |
| 10:15 - 10:40 | **Coffee Break** |
| **Session II: Immune Disorders Beyond Allergy** | |
| 10:40 - 11:10 | Mast Cell Activation, Diagnosis, Mimics and Management<br>**Prof. Torsten Zuberbier** |
| 11:10 - 11:30 | Hyper IgE Syndrome: Bridging Immunodeficiency, Immune Dysregulation and Allergic Disease<br>**Dr. Ridha Barbouche** |
| 11:30 - 11:50 | Low Immunoglobulins: Primary, Secondary, or a Red Herring?<br>**Dr. Siraj Misbah** |
| 11:50 - 12:00 | Questions and Discussion |
| 12:00 - 13:00 | **Lunch and Prayers** |
| **Industry Symposium Session**<br>*Disclosure to Learners: This is a non-CME accredited session* | |
| 13:00 - 13:20 | Sponsored Talk 1 |
| 13:20 - 13:40 | Sponsored Talk 2 |
| 13:40 - 14:00 | Sponsored Talk 3 |
| 14:00 - 14:20 | Sponsored Talk 4 |
| 14:20 - 14:50 | Opening Ceremony<br>**Prof. Mohamed Abuzakouk** |

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| **Session III: Clinical Decision Making Beyond Guidelines** | |
| 14:50 - 15:10 | Disease Modification or Disease Control, Biologics and JAK Inhibitors in Atopic Dermatitis<br>**Dr. Ashraf Reda** |
| 15:10 - 15:30 | Difficult Urticaria: Navigating the Therapeutic Landscape<br>**Dr. Iman Nasr** |
| 15:30 - 15:50 | The Penicillin Allergy Delabelling in Everyday Practice<br>**Prof. Maria Jose Torres** |
| 15:50 - 16:05 | Questions and Discussion |
| 16:05 - 16:20 | **Coffee Break** |
| **Session IV: GA²CI Junior - Challenge the Experts! Five Cases, Five Critical Decisions** | |
| 16:20 - 16:40 | Navigating Your Allergy Career: The EAACI-UEMS Framework and the Path to European Certification<br>**Prof. Jolanta Walusiak-Skorup** |
| 16:40 - 16:55 | Case 1: When Asthma Treatment Fail; Think Beyond Asthma<br>**Dr. Ahlam Al Sadei** |
| 16:55 - 17:10 | Case 2: Multiple Food Allergies, True Allergy or Diagnostic Challenge?<br>**Dr. Manal Jasim Alzadjali** |
| 17:10 - 17:25 | Case 3: Recurrent Infections in Children, When Should We Suspect Immunodeficiency?<br>**Dr. Farida Al Mazroui** |
| 17:25 - 17:40 | Case 4: The Rash That Does Not Add Up, When to Think Beyond Allergy?<br>**Dr. Fatema Al Yaqout** |
| 17:40 - 17:55 | Case 5: Expanding the Phenotypic Spectrum of STIM1 Deficiency: Infantile-Onset Inflammatory Bowel Disease and Psoriasis<br>**Dr. Sura Hnefat** |
| 17:55 - 18:10 | Questions and Discussion |
| ***Day One Closing*** | |

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## Day 2: January 24, 2027, Sunday

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| 07:30 - 08:00 | Registration and Welcome Coffee |
| **SESSION V: Research and Innovation, Selected Oral Abstracts** | |
| 08:00 - 08:10 | Oral Abstract Presentation 1 |
| 08:10 - 08:20 | Oral Abstract Presentation 2 |
| 08:20 - 08:30 | Oral Abstract Presentation 3 |
| 08:30 - 08:40 | Oral Abstract Presentation 4 |
| 08:50 - 09:00 | Oral Abstract Presentation 5 |

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| 09:00 - 09:30 | **Plenary Lecture:**<br>Newborn Screening for IEI, Methods, Pros and Cons<br>**Prof. Andrew Gennery** | | |
| | **TRACK A: Immunology** | **TRACK B: Dermatology** | **TRACK C: Rhinology** |
| | **SESSION VI-A: ARAPID - Rare Diseases and Unmet Needs in Allergy and Immunology**<br>Moderators:<br>Prof. Maryam Al-Nesf Al-Mansour<br>Dr. Raed Alzyoud | **SESSION VI-B: Dermatology and Immunology: Bridging the Gap**<br>Moderator:<br>Dr. Huda Rajab Ali | **SESSION VI-C: Decoding CRS: From Symptoms and Imaging to Endotypes**<br>Moderator:<br>Dr. Mahdi Shkoukani |
| 09:30 - 09:50 | Immune Cytopenia: When Should We Consider Immunodeficiency?<br>**Prof. Rand Arnaout** | Chronic Itch<br>**Dr. Hussein Abdeldayem** | CRS in Practice: From Symptoms to Diagnosis<br>**Dr. Ra'ed Alashqar** |
| 09:50 - 10:10 | Recurrent Infections in Adults: Who Needs an Immunology Work Up?<br>**Dr. Maryam Al-Nesf** | Beyond Skin Clearance: Choosing a Biologic for the Whole Type 2 Patient<br>**Dr. Mohamed Madbouly Ahmed** | Read the Scan: A Practical Guide to CT Sinus Imaging<br>**Dr. Asif Dogar** |
| 10:10 - 10:30 | Chronic Granulomatous Disease (CGD)<br>**Dr. Reem Elfeky** | Drug Allergy or Dermatologic Mimicker? When the Skin Tells a Different Story<br>**Dr. Reem Ali Al Neyadi** | CRS in 2026: Moving from Phenotypes to Endotypes and Treatable Traits<br>**Dr. Isam Alobid Alobid** |
| 10:30 - 10:45 | Questions and Discussion | Questions and Discussion | Questions and Discussion |
| 10:45 - 11:00 | Coffee Break | Coffee Break | Coffee Break |
| | **SESSION VII-A: Hot Topics in Paediatric Allergy and Immunology: What Every Clinician Should Know**<br>Moderators:<br>Dr. Inmaculada Cerecedo<br>Dr. Hiba Shendi | **SESSION VII-B: Targeted Therapy and Diagnosis in Inflammatory Skin Disease**<br>Moderator:<br>Dr. Fatima AlBreiki | **SESSION VII-C: Precision Rhinology: Smell, Allergy and Biologics**<br>Moderators:<br>Dr. Mahdi Shkoukani<br>Dr. Ahmad AlAmadi |
| 11:00 - 11:20 | New Frontiers in Food Allergy: Immune Pathways, Targeted Therapies and Predictive Biomarkers<br>**Dr. Stuart Carr** | When Should the Allergist Refer to Dermatology?<br>**Dr. Alia Galadari** | Olfactory Dysfunction in CRS: Objective Testing, Prognosis and Olfactory Rehabilitation<br>**Dr. Zainab Al Salloom** |

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| 11:20 - 11:40 | Paediatric Biologics, When, Which and For How Long<br>**Dr. Hamad Al Hameli** | Duet: Where Dermatology Meets Allergy<br>**Dr. Sara Aljanahi**<br>**Dr. Shuayb Elkhalifa** | Allergic Rhinitis Beyond Antihistamines: Precision Diagnostics, Immunotherapy and the Emerging Role of Biologics<br>**Dr. Adriana Izquierdo Domínguez** |
| 11:40 - 12:00 | Autoinflammatory Disorders<br>**Dr. Raed Alzyoud** | The Biologic Paradox: When Treating Atopic Dermatitis Creates New Skin Problems<br>**Dr. Yusra Salem Alali** | Biologics in CRSwNP: Who to Treat, When to Start and What to Choose?<br>**Dr. Ghassan Alokby** |
| 12:00 - 12:15 | Questions and Discussion | Questions and Discussion | The Great ENT Challenge: Interactive Cases in the Difficult Airway<br>**All Panelist**<br>**Dr. Yogesh More**<br>**Dr. Saied Alhabash** |
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| 14:35 - 15:05 | **Coffee Break** |
| **SESSION VIII: Clinical Pearls and Pitfalls in Allergy and Clinical Immunology** | |
| 15:05 - 15:20 | Functional Immunity: Why Normal Numbers Do Not Always Mean Normal Immunity<br>**Dr. Siraj Misbah** |
| 15:20 - 15:35 | When Allergy Tests Mislead: Separating Sensitisation from Clinical Allergy<br>**Dr. David Cremoncereni** |

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| 15:50 - 16:05 | Questions and Discussion |
| | **SESSION IX: Rapid Fire Clinical Pearls: What I Wish I Knew Earlier** |
| 16:05 - 16:15 | Five Biologic Prescribing Pearls<br>**Dr. Marilyn Karam** |
| 16:15 - 16:25 | Five Immunology Pitfalls You Should Never Miss<br>**Dr. Hiba Shendi** |
| 16:25 - 16:35 | Five Allergy Investigations You Should Not Miss<br>**Dr. Shuayb Elkhalifa** |
| 16:35 - 16:45 | Five Mistakes in Managing Difficult Allergic Diseases<br>**Dr. Fulvio Salvo** |
| 16:45 - 16:55 | Five Things Every Young Allergist Should Know<br>**Dr. Adnan Al Ali** |
| 16:55 - 17:10 | Questions and Discussion |
| 17:10 - 17:25 | Conference Summary and Farewell<br>**Prof. Mohamed Abuzakouk** |



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