



11 – 12 – 13, October 2025, Four Seasons Hotel, Kuwait.



www.gccped.com

Conference Program



Day – 1
11th October 2025

Conference Program

Day 1 - Saturday 11th October 2025

Time	Topic & Speaker
09:30AM	Conference Registration
10:00AM - 10:05AM	Opening Welcome <i>Dr. Sondus Alsharidah</i> Chair – 1 st GCC Pediatric Associations Conference The President of Kuwait Association of Pediatricians President of GCC Pediatric Association
SESSION: 1 Moderator: Dr. Asma Altawari	
10:05AM - 10:25AM	Recurrent Pneumonia: When to Suspect an Underlying Disorder <i>Dr. Younis Al Balushi</i> Senior Consultant Pediatric Pulmonologist and Sleep Physician
10:25AM - 10:45AM	Caught in the airway: pediatric foreign body aspiration from ER to OR <i>Dr. Fatma Aljassim</i> Consultant Pediatric Pulmonologist
10:45AM - 11:05AM	The Burden of RSV Disease in infants and strategies for prevention <i>Dr. Athari Almajed</i> Consultant Pediatric and Respiratory
11:05AM - 12:30PM	Opening Ceremony
SESSION: 2 Moderator: Dr. Abdul Raoof Al Madhoob	
12:30PM - 01:00PM	Recognition and documentation of physical abuse in pediatric emergency <i>Dr. Manal Al Maskati</i> Consultant Pediatrics
01:00PM - 01:30PM	Common Pitfalls in Pediatric Emergency Presentations <i>Dr. Mohammed Alfaifi</i>
01:30PM - 02:00PM	Traumatic Brain Injury in Children: Updates in Initial Management and Imaging <i>Dr. Camilo Gutierrez</i> Emergency Medicine Physician
02:00PM - 02:15PM	Q & A
02:15PM - 03:15PM	Lunch Break

Conference Program

Day 1 - Saturday 11th October 2025

Time	Topic & Speaker
SESSION: 3 Moderator: Dr. Rola Ahmad Alzir	
03:15PM - 03:45PM	Urinary tract infection when to investigate <i>Dr. Entesar Alhammadi</i> President of the Emirates Pediatrics & Neonatal Society.
03:45PM - 04:15PM	AI Meets Medicine: Practical Cases from the Frontlines <i>Dr. Sufyan Alrahbi</i> Pediatric Emergency Medicine Consultant
04:15PM - 04:45PM	Introducing the First Pediatric complex Care Program in Saudi Arabia: Lessons Learned and Future Directions <i>Dr. Hamad Alkhalaf</i> Associate Professor of Pediatrics at King Abdullah Specialized Children's Hospital (KASCH)
SESSION: 4 Moderator: Dr. Monika Kaushal	
04:45PM - 05:15PM	Pediatric Headaches: Diagnosis, Management, and When to Worry <i>Dr. Wafaa Al Shehhi</i> Consultant, Child Neurologist
05:15PM - 05:45PM	AI Pediatric Radiology limitation <i>Dr. Jonathan George Murnick</i> Neuroradiologist at Washington DC Children's National Hospital
05:45PM - 06:15PM	Interesting gastrointestinal disorder's in children, case based <i>Dr. Abdusamea Shabani</i> Pediatric Radiologist
06:15PM - 06:30PM	Q & A

Conference Program

Day 1 - Saturday 11th October 2025

Time	Topic & Speaker
SESSION: 5 Moderator: Dr. Maha Jassim Boursly	
06:30PM - 07:00PM	Navigating atopic dermatitis in children from emollients to biologics <i>Dr. Arti Nanda</i> Consultant Dermatologist, Head of Unit, Pediatric Dermatology
07:00PM - 07:30PM	Complications of Chronic GVHD <i>Dr. Sondus Alsharidah</i> The President of Kuwait Association of Pediatricians President of GCC Pediatric Association
07:30PM - 08:00PM	Practical Approaches to diagnosing PCOS in adolescents <i>Dr. Laila Alhubaishi</i> Consultant Obstetric and Gynecology/Urogynecologist

Conference Program



Day – 2
12th October 2025

Conference Program

Day 2 - Sunday 12th October 2025

Time	Topic & Speaker
SESSION: 6 Moderator: Prof. Muslim AlSaadi	
09:00AM - 09:30AM	“Genes and Brains @Kings” Future of Pediatrics close to home <i>Dr. Nikil Sudarsan</i> Consultant Paediatrician (King’s College Hospital London, Dubai)
09:30AM - 10:00AM	Movement Disorders in Pediatrics: From Tics to Dystonia <i>Dr. Asmaa A. Altawari</i> Consultant Pediatrician and Epileptologist
10:00AM - 10:30AM	Epilepsy Syndromes in Children: Precision Diagnosis and Tailored Therapy <i>Dr. Hussam Kayyali</i> Chief of Pediatric Neurology Division at Sidra Medicine, Qatar
10:30PM - 10:45PM	Q & A
SESSION: 7 Moderator: Dr. Sumaya Aloraimi	
10:45AM - 11:15AM	Congenital Heart Disease in the Newborn: What Every Pediatrician Should Recognize <i>Dr. Ashraf Harahsheh</i> Pediatric Cardiologist
11:15AM - 11:45AM	Evaluation of Syncope in Children: Cardiac vs. Non-Cardiac Causes <i>Dr. Abdullah Aljarallah</i> Professor & Consultant Pediatric cardiologist KSU, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
11:45AM - 12:15PM	Echocardiographic Assessment of Pulmonary vascular Resistance <i>Dr. Adnan Alhadlaq</i> Consultant Pediatric Cardiologist
12:15PM - 12:35PM	“New Era in influenza prevention” <i>Dr. Rajeev Tomar</i> Clinical Director - Women & Children Health and Consultant – Paediatrics Specialised in Gastroenterology & Hepatology (Liver)
12:35PM - 12:45PM	Q & A
12:45PM - 01:30PM	Lunch Break

Conference Program

Day 2 - Sunday 12th October 2025

Time	Topic & Speaker
SESSION: 8 Moderator: Dr. Eman Almaslamani	
01:30PM - 02:00PM	Fever Without Source in Infants: Updated Guidelines and Diagnostic Strategies <i>Dr. Eiman Alblooshi</i> Consultant Pediatric Infectious Diseases
02:00PM - 02:30PM	Antibiotic Stewardship in Pediatrics: Balancing Efficacy and Resistance <i>Dr. Aisha Alkhaaldi</i> Pediatric Infectious Diseases Consultant
02:30PM - 03:00PM	Published study in pediatric that could change the way we practice in 2025 <i>Dr. Ahmed Alhammadi</i> Chairman of Pediatric Medicine at Sidra Medicine
03:00PM - 03:15PM	Q & A
SESSION: 9 Moderator: Dr. Eman Alenizi	
03:15PM - 03:45PM	Cracking the case : Interpreting liver function tests in children <i>Dr. Rajeev Tomar</i> Clinical Director - Women & Children Health and Consultant – Paediatrics Specialised in Gastroenterology & Hepatology (Liver)
03:45PM - 04:15PM	Management of neonatal necrotising enterocolitis: surgical and hepatoprotective measures <i>Dr. Basem Khalil</i> Director of Research & Education & Consultant - Paediatric Surgery (King's College Hospital London, Dubai)
04:15PM - 04:45PM	Obesity medications and beyond <i>Dr. George Yanni</i> Director, Transplant Hepatology Fellowship Program
04:45PM - 05:00PM	Q & A

Conference Program

Day 2 - Sunday 12th October 2025

Time	Topic & Speaker
SESSION: 10 Moderator: Dr. Ahmed Alhussein	
05:00PM - 05:30PM	Approach to bleeding Disorders in Children <i>Dr. Ayman Saleh</i> Division Chief Pediatric Hematology-Oncology & BMT, Department of Pediatrics. Chairman, Institutional Review Board (IRB)
05:30PM - 06:00PM	Fluid Balance and neonatal acute kidney injury <i>Dr. Om Jha</i> Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics
06:00PM - 06:30PM	What to do with “frequent flyers”: Patients on Home Mechanical Ventilation coming to the ER <i>Dr. Martí Pons Òdena.</i> Senior Consultant Hospital Sant Joan De Déu
06:30PM - 07:00PM	Care of preterm infants <i>Dr. Mariam Said</i> Medical Director at Children's National Hospital
07:00PM - 07:15PM	Q & A

Conference Program



Day - 3
13th October 2025

Conference Program

Day 3 - Monday 13th October 2025

Time	Topic & Speaker
SESSION: 11 Moderator: Dr. Entesar Alhammadi	
09:00AM - 09:30AM	Genomi medicine in pediatric when and how to order generic testing <i>Dr. Nuha Alzaabi</i> Metabolic Geneticist Consultant
09:30AM - 10:00AM	Obesity with obstructive sleep apnea <i>Prof. Muslim Mohammed Alsaadi</i> Professor & Consultant in Pediatrics, And pediatric Respirologist
10:00AM - 10:30AM	Early identification of autism spectrum disorders <i>Dr. Laila Alshaqsi</i> Paediatric Consultant at Royal Hospital's Department of Developmental Medicine
10:30AM - 10:45AM	Q & A
SESSION: 12 Moderator: Dr. Somaya Yousuf Alnuaimi	
10:45AM - 11:15AM	New therapies and the use of technology in different disorders. <i>Dr. Maha AlArayedh</i> General pediatric consultant and Pediatric Endocrinologist and Diabetologist
11:15AM - 11:45AM	CT and MRI in Congenital Heart Disease - Practical Guide <i>Dr. Sadeq Jaafar Hasan</i> Paediatric Cardiologist at Salmaniya Medical Complex in Bahrain
11:45AM - 12:00PM	Discussion, Q & A
12:00PM - 12:20PM	(ITP) <i>Dr. Eman ElMattar</i> Paediatric Consultant at the department of hematology and oncology
12:20PM - 12:40PM	What is Leukemia? <i>Dr. Maha Jassim Bourusly</i> Pediatric Consultant at the department of Hematology and Oncology at the NBK Children's Hospital in Kuwait
12:40PM - 01:30PM	Lunch Break

Conference Program

Day 3 - Monday 13th October 2025

Time	Topic & Speaker
SESSION: 13 Moderator: H. H. Dr. Khoula Al Said	
01:30PM - 02:00PM	Advances in Genetic Testing Landscape, The Benefits of Translating Genes Into Health <i>Dr. Aya Abu-El-Haija</i> <i>Assistant Professor in Pediatrics</i>
02:00PM - 02:30PM	Childrens Surgery : Worldwide History <i>Dr. Tariq Altokhais</i> <i>Professor & Consultant Pediatric Surgeon Head</i>
02:30PM - 03:00PM	Trauma in Children: Principles of Non-Operative Management <i>Dr. Fahed Saleh</i> <i>Pediatric General and Thoracic Surgeon</i>
03:00PM - 03:15PM	Q & A
SESSION: 14 Moderator: Dr. Khaled Alsaheed	
03:15PM - 03:45PM	Pediatric SLE Bridging the Gap Between Diagnosis and Disease control <i>Dr. Dalal Mohammad</i> <i>Pediatric Rheumatologist in Farwaniya Hospital</i>
03:45PM - 04:15PM	Pediatric Vasculitis : Diagnostic pearls and pitfalls <i>Dr. Anwar Alkandari</i>
04:15PM - 04:30PM	Q & A

Conference Program

Day 3 - Monday 13th October 2025

Time	Topic & Speaker
SESSION: 15 Moderator: Dr. Nisreen Khalifa	
04:30PM - 05:00PM	Gold for the brave : Raising Awareness for childhood Cancer <i>Dr. Eman Alshamsi</i> <i>Consultant and the Head of the Pediatric Hematology Oncology</i>
05:00PM - 05:30PM	Inflammatory bowel diseases in children - an update and future prospect <i>Dr. Mamoun Elawad</i> <i>Pediatric Gastroenterology at Great Ormond Street</i>
05:30PM - 05:45PM	Q & A
05:45PM - 06:15PM	Emerging impact of pharmacogenomics in Pediatric Medicine <i>Dr. Maryam Busehail</i> <i>Consultant in Clinic Genetics and Metabolic Disease</i>
06:15PM - 06:45PM	Care of the VLBW neonate : the KCH experience <i>Dr. Maria Reyes</i> <i>Consultant - Neonatology (King's College Hospital London, Dubai)</i>
06:45PM - 07:00PM	Q & A
07:00PM - 07:30PM	Abstract Presentation & Closing Ceremony

Workshops



Workshop Program

Day 1 - Saturday 11th October 2025



11th October 2025 | 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Neonatology

Dr. Mariam Ayed

Neonatal Ventilation: Basic to Advance



11th October 2025 | 02:30 PM - 04:00 PM

Ethics

Dr. Pau Miquel

Ethical Dilemmas in Pediatric Care:
A Case-Based Interactive

Workshop Program

Day 1 - Saturday 11th October 2025



11th October 2025 | 01:00 PM - 07:00 PM
6 HOURS • INTERACTIVE MINI-COURSE

Quality Improvement Mini-Course for the Healthcare Team

Leaders: Padma Pavuluri, DO, MPH · Karen Smith, MD, MEd
Facilitators: Lemis Yavuz, MD · Manal Badawi, RN

Provide the best care by reducing errors, enhancing experience, and improving access. Learn to craft aims, map key drivers, run PDSA cycles, track outcomes, and communicate results- then apply these skills in your clinical area.

Time	Topic
01:00 PM - 01:20 PM	Introduction to High Reliability Organizations - <i>Large group / Discussion</i>
01:20 PM - 01:40 PM	Models for Improvement - <i>Large group</i>
01:40 PM - 02:00 PM	Scoping a Project & Aim Statements - <i>Large group</i>
02:00 PM - 02:45 PM	Practice Case - <i>Small group & Report out</i>
02:45 PM - 03:00 PM	Break
3:00 PM - 03:20 PM	Key Driver Diagrams - <i>Large group</i>
03:20 PM - 03:40 PM	Practice Case - <i>Small group</i>
03:40 PM - 04:00 PM	PDSA - <i>Large group</i>
04:00 PM - 04:45 PM	Practice Case - <i>Small group & Report out</i>
04:45 PM - 05:00 PM	Break
05:00 PM - 05:20 PM	Measuring Improvement - <i>Large group</i>
05:20 PM - 05:40 PM	Communicating Improvement - <i>Large group</i>
05:40 PM - 06:20 PM	Practice Case - <i>Small group</i>
06:20 PM - 06:50 PM	Report out & Close - <i>Large group presentations</i>

Workshop Program

Day 2 - Sunday 12th October 2025



12th October 2025 | 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Neonatology

Dr. Mariam Ayed

Neonatal Ventilation: Basic to Advance



12th October 2025 | 01:00 PM - 02:30 PM

Disaster Medicine Tabletop Simulation

Dr. Munaa Dashti (01:00 PM - 02:30 PM)

Dr. Fatoumah Alabdulrazzaq (01:00 PM - 02:30 PM)

Dr. Mohammad Fakhraldeem (02:30 PM - 04:00 PM)

Review of Disaster Medicine fundamentals & their application in a tabletop scenario



12th October 2025 | 02:30 PM - 04:00 PM

Clinical Decisions

Dr. Yolima Cossio

The Clinical Command Center – Data use for helping clinical decisions

Workshop Program

Day 2 - Sunday 12th October 2025



12th October 2025 | 04:00 PM - 05:30 PM

Leadership

Dr. Karen Smith

Leadership and Hospital Management



12th October 2025 | 04:00 PM - 06:00 PM

Apheresis

Eng. Samer Shalhoob

Therapeutic Apheresis in Pediatrics: Indications, Techniques, and Practice

Workshop Program

Day 3 - Monday 13th October 2025



13th October 2025 | 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Neonatology

Dr. Sulaiman Saad

GCC Pediatric Unity: Continuing the Journey of NICU Graduates with Compassion



13th October 2025 | 01:00 PM - 02:30 PM

Child and Adolescent Mental Health in Primary Care

Dr. Yahya Al Kalbani

Early recognition and management of anxiety, depression, ADHD, and autism spectrum disorders in pediatric clinics.



13th October 2025 | 02:30 PM - 04:00 PM

Transcranial Doppler imaging (TCDI) in sickle cell disease (SCD) pediatric patients: instrumentation, techniques and interpretation

Prof. Akram Asbeutah

Transcranial Doppler imaging in sickle cell disease patients: Instrumentation and Techniques

Workshop Program

Day 3 - Monday 13th October 2025



13th October 2025 | 04:00 PM - 05:30 PM

Pediatric Point-of-Care Ultrasound

Dr. Ahmed Elsayed Hegazi

Hands-on training in bedside ultrasound for emergency and critical care scenarios (e.g., lung, abdomen, Cardiac).



13th October 2025 | 04:00 PM - 05:30 PM

TPN

Dr. Osama Tabbara

Lifeline in a Line: Mastering Total Parenteral Nutrition in Pediatrics



13th October 2025 | 05:30 PM - 07:00 PM

Pediatric Cardiac Electrocardiogram (ECG) to the general physician

Dr. Adnan Al-Hadlaq (1.5 hours, covering ECHO)

Dr. Ashraf Harahsheh (1.5 hours, covering ECG)

Learning the art of reading an ECG:
Hands-On Pediatric Cardiac Electrocardiogram

Participants & Acknowledgements

Premium Diamond Sponsor



Advanced Technology Company K.S.C.P.
شركة التقدم التكنولوجي ش.م.ك.ع.

Diamond Sponsor

sanofi

Platinum Sponsors



AstraZeneca



Gold Sponsor

SJD
Sant Joan de Déu
Barcelona · Children's Hospital

Silver Sponsor



Advanced Technology Company K.S.C.P.
شركة التقدم التكنولوجي ش.م.ك.ع.



AstraZeneca



www.gccped.com

Event Management by:



DESIGN MASTER COMPANY
PROFESSIONAL CONGRESS ORGANIZERS