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## THE 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ELITE PED-GI CONGRESS 2025

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Greetings!

On behalf of the organizing committee, it is our pleasure to invite you to attend The 11th Annual ELITE PED-GI Congress 2025, endorsed by Federation of International Societies for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (FISPGHAN), that will be held on April 24 - 26, 2025 at Beach Rotana Hotel, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

This 3-day event is designed to provide a high level, clinically significant updates and comprehensive trends relevant to the practice of Pediatric Gastroenterological, Nutrition and Liver Disorder. The congress will be a great venue for healthcare professionals to share their best practices, to network within the same group of interest, and to create and strengthen clinical collaborations.

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## SCIENTIFIC AGENDA

Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025

15:00 | Registration

16:00 | Welcome Note  
Chairman of Congress & Congress Committee

### State of the Art Lectures

Moderators: Dr. Faris Alkhalil, Dr. Abdulrahman Al-Hussaini, Dr. Michael J. Wilsey

16:00 | PFIC & Liver Genetic Disorders: Beyond Transplant/ Emerging Roles of Genetic Therapies  
Dr. Akihiro Asai, USA

16:30 | GI Bleeding: Approach & Timely Management  
Dr. Ali Mencin, USA

17:00 | Understanding GI Outcomes in the Era of CFTR Modulators  
Dr. Ala Shaikh-Khalil, UAE

17:30 | Navigating PFIC Management – Era of iBATs  
Dr. Rana Ahmad Bitar, UAE

18:00 | Poster Session, Coffee Break & Exhibits

### Keynote Lectures

Moderators: Dr. Einar Hafberg, Dr. Balaji Krishnamurthy, Dr. Amer Azaz

18:30 | Intestinal Failure: Art of Management  
Dr. Conrad Cole, USA

19:00 | Intestinal Ultrasound: The New Kid on the Block  
Dr. Christos Tzivinikos, UAE

19:30 | Combination Therapy Newer Agents in Management of IBD  
Dr. Ajmal Kader, UAE

20:00 | Ergonomics of Endoscopy  
Dr. Michael J. Wilsey, USA

20:30 | Pharmacoeconomic Evaluation of Biologics in Inflammatory Bowel Disease  
Dr. Omar Alsoukhni, UAE



### Oral Abstract Presentation

21:00	Amino Acid Formula for Infant Colic Symptoms: Insights from a Prospective Cohort Study <a href="#">Dr. Michael J. Wilsey, USA</a>
21:10	Clinical and Molecular Characterization of Hepatic Glycogen Storage Disease in Saudi Arabia <a href="#">Dr. Abdulrahman Al-Hussaini, KSA</a>
21:20	Novel Mutations in Familial Cholestasis-Related Genes Beyond PFIC1-3 with Variable Phenotypes and Outcomes: Results From a Large Arab Study Cohort <a href="#">Dr. Asrar AlShahrani, KSA</a>
21:30	Effect of Dupilumab on Weight in Pediatric Patients Aged 1 To <12 Years with Active EoE Enrolled in the Phase 3 Kids Study <a href="#">Dr. Menna Lachine, UAE</a>
21:40	Dinner

### Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025

07:00	Registration
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### Clinical Practice

Moderators: [Dr. Doaa Zouroub](#), [Dr. Qais Al-Khafaji](#)

08:00	Gluten Free Diet, How to Make It Successful <a href="#">Dr. Fatima Al Hashmi, UAE</a>
08:30	Food Protein Induced Enterocolitis Syndrome (FPIES): A Growing Recognition <a href="#">Dr. Manal Salem Alkatheeri, UAE</a>
09:00	Pediatric Fatty Liver Disease (MASLD) <a href="#">Dr. Ali Mencin, USA</a>
09:30	Alagille Syndrome: Can We Transform the Patient's Care? <a href="#">Dr. Christos Tzivinikos, UAE</a>
10:00	Poster Session, Coffee Break & Exhibits

### Keynote Lectures

Moderators: [Dr. Rafia Owera](#), [Dr. Mamdouh Swilem](#), [Dr. Pravin Chaturvedi](#), [Dr. George Noufel](#)

10:30	Approach to Children with Chronic Diarrhea <a href="#">Dr. Daila Belsha, UAE</a>
11:00	Optimizing Medication Adherence in Pediatrics <a href="#">Dr. Heba Ibrahim Mussallam, UAE</a>
11:25	Preterm Infant Feeding After Hospital Discharge: Updates <a href="#">Prof. Hakam Yaseen, UAE</a>
11:55	Vomiting in Children <a href="#">Dr. Akihiro Asai, USA</a>
12:25	Iron for the Brain <a href="#">Dr. Ahmed Soufi, Syria</a>

12:40 | Opening Ceremony

13:15 | Prayer & Lunch

## Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025

07:00 | Registration

### Clinical Practice

Moderators: Dr. Manzor Ahmed, Dr. Hassan Alsabea, Dr. Farah Alsheikh Bakrou

08:00 | Faecal Incontinence in Children: Practical Approach to Management  
Dr. David Rawat, UK

08:30 | Clinical Utility of Genetic Testing in Ped GI  
Dr. Ali Sarhan, UAE

09:00 | Importance of Strain Specificity in Probiotics "Efficacy & Safety"  
Dr. Maher Soliman, UAE

09:30 | Understanding "Infantile GERD": From Diagnosis to Management  
Dr. Christos Tzivinikos, UAE

10:00 | Poster Session, Coffee Break & Exhibits

### Keynote Lectures

Moderators: Dr. Jihad Saleh Al Mistarihi, Dr. Mohammed Raweshdeh

10:30 | Old Guard vs New Age: Debating EOE Management in the Biologic Era  
Dr. Rana Ahmad Bitar, UAE and Dr. Christos Tzivinikos, UAE

11:00 | Biliary Atresia: Optimizing Medical Management Pre- & Post- Kasai to Improve Outcomes  
Dr. Akihiro Asai, USA

11:30 | Faltering of Growth: Management Approach  
Dr. Conrad Cole, USA

12:00 | Pancreatic Insufficiency  
Dr. Akihiro Asai, USA

12:30 | Poster Session, Coffee Break & Exhibits

### Keynote Lectures

Moderators: Dr. Messef Al Abdulrazzak, Dr. Khalil Simrin, Dr. Mohammed Ibrahim

13:00 | Modalities of Genetic Testing  
Dr. Ayman El-Hattab, UAE

13:30 | Diagnostic Approach and Management of CMPA in Infants and Children  
Dr. Basil Naasrallah, UAE

14:00 | Constipation: How Hard Is It?  
Dr. Michael J. Wilsey, USA

## Oral Abstract Presentation

14:30	Evaluation of the Diagnostic Performance of the APRI Test in Pediatric Liver Fibrosis <b>Dr. Samia Bicha, Algeria</b>
14:40	Epstein Barr Virus Serological Status and Burden as Predictors of Pediatric Post-Transplant Lymphoproliferative Disease in Pediatric Abdominal Organ Transplant Recipients: A Retrospective 15 Years Multicenter Experience in the UAE <b>Dr. Doaa Zourob, UAE</b>
14:50	Exploratory Single-Arm, Open-Label Non-Randomized Trial Evaluating the Safety and Effectiveness of Crofelemer in Pediatric Patients with Intestinal Failure <b>Prof. Mohamad Miqdady, UAE</b>
15:00	Lunch



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