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A multidisciplinary approach to prevention and care

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WELCOME MESSAGE



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Dear Colleagues,

It is with great excitement that we welcome you to the **6th Abu Dhabi International Vascular Conference**, taking place on **October 11th and 12th, 2024**, at the **Sofitel Hotel, Abu Dhabi, UAE**.

This year, the theme is "A multidisciplinary approach to prevention and care," reflecting our commitment to raising awareness of vascular diseases. These conditions, often silent until they are not, necessitate a unified front of professionals across several specialties for effective prevention, early detection, and treatment. Our conference is poised to serve as a beacon for such collaboration, aiming to illuminate the complexities of vascular diseases through a collective exchange of knowledge.

Our focus is to delve into preventive measures and therapeutic strategies that can detect and prevent progression of these conditions.

Our conference will feature sessions steered by distinguished leaders from various disciplines, including vascular surgery, radiology, medicine, podiatry, neurology, cardiology and critical care. They will present a holistic view of patient management, encompassing both traditional practices and innovative treatments.

Topics will cover the spectrum of vascular disease, such as peripheral arterial disease, aortic pathology, venous disease, diabetic foot complications, renal access surgery, cerebrovascular disease and beyond. Interactive discussions, debates, and panel insights are designed to deepen our collective understanding and educational pursuit in vascular healthcare.

The Scientific Committee has carefully developed a program that highlights challenges and clinical advancements in the vascular domain. Our regional and international faculty will share their expertise through a series of lectures and workshops, creating an immersive learning experience.

Moreover, our conference aspires to raise the standards of vascular surgery and medicine by encouraging the integration of recent research findings into clinical practice.

We look forward to your active participation in this premier conference to raise awareness of vascular disease. Together, we can forge a path toward enhancing the future of vascular health.

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CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

At the end of this educational activity, participants will be able to:

- Review the latest advances and best practices of vascular medicine, through worldwide initiatives in education, training, research and practice.
- Describe the referral process based on symptoms and treatment of vascular disease.
- Examine the pathophysiology, evaluation and treatment of common and uncommon vascular disorders.
- Examine the epidemiology, screening process and preoperative risks of carotid disease.
- Recognize aneurysm epidemiology, pathology and aortic disease progression.
- Manage, screen and describe studies of vascular disease.
- Define classification, workup and treatment of venous disease.
- Differentiate the care processes of various vascular diseases.
- Generalize findings from contemporary vascular research to vascular medicine practice.
- Diagnose and manage vascular patients with varied clinical presentations.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTED TOPICS

- Vascular services and networks
- Angioplasty or bypass for critical limb ischaemia
- Revascularisation by angiosomes
- Diabetic foot ulcers
- Diabetic neuropathy and its management
- Cardiovascular risk factor modifications
- Use of vascular duplex ultrasound imaging
- When and how to treat varicose veins
- Diagnosing and management of pelvic vein reflux
- Thrombophilia testing
- Thorough pre-operative assessment saves lives
- Enhanced recovery in vascular surgery
- Abdominal aortic aneurysm
- How to prevent death from AAA rupture
- Managing thoracic aortic dissection
- Fistula first program
- Vascular access for hemodialysis
- Managing complications of arterio-venous fistula creation
- Thoracic outlet syndrome diagnosis and management
- Major limb amputations
- Rehabilitation post-amputation
- Childhood vascular malformations
- Stroke prevention and management

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VENUE

An iconic luxury 5-star hotel on the Abu Dhabi located in the prime district of Abu Dhabi centre. A glittering seafront landmark, Sofitel Abu Dhabi Corniche seamlessly fuses French style with lavish Arabian hospitality. In a prime location with captivating views of the Gulf, there's no better place from which to experience the city.

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INTERNET

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MOBILE PHONES AND PHOTOGRAPHY

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The 6th Abu Dhabi International Vascular Conference has been accredited by the Department of Health and is designated for a maximum of **16.46 DOH (CME) credits**. Delegates based in UAE, are required to claim their certificate through the DOH TAMM application. The certificate will be available for claim within 60 days from the conference start date.

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- A notification containing the link and instructions on how to download the certificates will be sent to your registered email address.
- Please note that you are required to complete the online evaluation of the conference before you can access the link to download your CME certificates. It is your responsibility to download and retain a copy of the certificate for your records.
- Each medical specialist should claim only those credits that he/she actually spent in the educational activity.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

DAY 1: Friday – October 11, 2024

TIME	TOPIC
07:30 – 08:20 a.m.	Registration
08:20 – 08:30 a.m.	Overview of the Conference Prof. Mohamed Baguneid
SESSION 1: DEVELOPING NETWORKS CHAIR: Prof. Mohamed Saeed Baguneid, Dr. Sulaiman Alshamsi	
08:30 – 09:00 a.m.	INAUGURATION
09:00 – 09:20 a.m.	Diabetic Foot Networks Prof. Edward Jude
09:20 – 09:30 a.m.	Developing vascular access networks Prof. Stephen G Holt
09:30 – 09:40 a.m.	Developing Paediatric Vascular Networks Dr. Maher Hamish
09:40 – 09:50 a.m.	The future of AI in vascular surgery Dr. Martin Maresch
09:50 – 10:00 a.m.	System wide approach to the war against bugs Dr. Stephanie Thomas
10:00 – 10:20 a.m.	Panel discussion
10:20 – 10:40 a.m.	Coffee break
SESSION 2: LYMPHOVENOUS CHAIR: Dr. Bhavesh Natha, Dr. Nahla Al Mansouri, Nicola Jane Sedgwick	
10:40 – 10:50 a.m.	Management of the unilateral swollen limb Dr. Ibrahim Riza
10:50 – 11:00 a.m.	Spider and reticular veins and how I manage them Dr. Raashid Intesar Shahbazi
11:00 – 11:10 a.m.	PTS- what can we do to prevent and treat this Dr. Bhavesh Natha
11:10 – 11:20 a.m.	Lipoedema vs lymphoedema-similarities and differences and management options Dr. Nicholas John Marsden
11:20 – 11:40 a.m.	Panel Discussion
SESSION 3: PAEDIATRIC VASCULAR CHAIR: Dr. Raashid Intesar Shahbazi, Dr. Jamal Al Deen Alkoteesh	
11:40 – 11:55 p.m.	Paediatric Vascular Surgery – set up and conditions Dr. Maher Hamish
11:55 – 12:10 p.m.	Peripheral Arteriovenous Malformations - Case discussions Dr. Ravi Gadahadh
12:10 – 12:25 p.m.	Paediatric Renal Vascular Disease and Challenges of Endovascular Interventions Dr. Maher Hamish
12:25 – 12:40 p.m.	TIPS in Kids (Transjugular Intrahepatic Portosystemic Shunts for Paediatric Portal Hypertension) Dr. Jamal Al Deen Alkoteesh
12:40 – 12:50 p.m.	Panel discussion
12:50 – 02:00 p.m.	Lunch break and Prayer

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TIME	TOPIC		
SESSION 4: MDT CARE OF THE DIABETIC FOOT CHAIR: Dr. Ibrahim Riza, Elizabeth Ruth Choudhry, Abeer Sameer Alanazi, Corinne Tracey May		WORKSHOP	
02:00 – 02:10 p.m.	Organising and managing a multi-disciplinary and cross network, diabetic foot collaborative and its impact in amputation rates. Dr. Julian Wong	02:15 – 03:45 p.m.	Venous Disease Dr. Bhavesh Natha Nicola Jane Sedgwick
02:10 – 02:20 p.m.	Microbiological diagnosis and management of Diabetic foot infections. Dr. Kalpana Krishnareddy		Gulnaz Tariq Iline Ragheb Taha Ashwaq Ali Haji Nuuh
02:20 – 02:30 p.m.	Assessment and optimisation of the peripheral vascular circulation in the at-risk Diabetic foot. Dr. Taohid Oladele Oshodi	03:00 – 04:00 p.m.	Vascular Access Dr. Sharath Paravastu Dr. Martin Maresch
02:30 – 02:40 p.m.	Orthopaedic management in salvaging the high-risk Diabetic foot. Dr. Krishna Prasad Meda		
02:40 – 02:50 p.m.	Care of Diabetic foot wounds, what is new? Cassie Purvey		
02:50 – 03:00 p.m.	The role of off- loading in healing a diabetic foot ulcer Elizabeth Ruth Choudhry		
03:00 – 03:20 p.m.	Panel discussion		
03:20 – 03:35 p.m.	Coffee break		
SESSION 5: CEREBRO-VASCULAR CHAIR: Dr. Mohammad Qadura, Dr. Ali Mohammed Jawas			
03:35 – 03:45 p.m.	Clinical Practice Guidelines for management of Extracranial Cerebrovascular Disease Dr. Mohammad Qadura		
03:45 – 03:55 p.m.	Carotid and Vertebral Arteries Dissection Dr. Yasir Ali Ahmed Suliman		
03:55 – 04:05 p.m.	Cerebrovascular Fibromuscular Dysplasia Dr. Batool Abu Halimeh		
04:05 – 04:15 p.m.	Carotid body tumour Dr. Nashwan Ahmed Alattab		
04:15 – 04:25 p.m.	Carotid duplex scanning and reporting Nicola Jane Sedgwick		
04:25 – 04:45 p.m.	Panel discussion		
04:45 – 05:15 p.m.	POSTER PRESENTATION		
05:15 p.m.	END OF DAY 1		

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

DAY 2: Saturday – October 12, 2024

TIME	TOPIC	
07:45 – 08:30 a.m.	Registration	
08:30 – 08:40 a.m.	Welcome Speech	Prof. Mohamed Baguneid
SESSION 6: THE ACUTE AORTA		
CHAIR: Dr. Tania Saez Guzman, Dr. Adel Aswad Alfaraji, Dr. Zaki Alshamsi		
08:40 – 08:50 a.m.	Management of infected aortic grafts Prof. Xavier John Stephane BERARD	
08:50 – 09:00 a.m.	Case presentation : Endovascular stent Grafting of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm With Hostile Neck challenges Prof. Adel Aswad Alfaraji	
09:00 – 09:10 a.m.	Abdominal Aortic blunt injury Prof. Shahin Reza Mohseni	
09:10 – 09:20 a.m.	Dissecting aneurysms, bigger challenge than simple aneurysm Dr. Khurram Rasheed	
09:20 – 09:40 a.m.	Panel discussion	
09:40 – 10:00 a.m.	Coffee break	
SESSION 7: CLAUDICATION TO CRITICAL LIMB		WORKSHOP
CHAIR: Dr. Deena M A Alqedrah, Dr. Khalid Rashid Makhdoomi		
10:00 – 10:10 a.m.	Current opinion on how to manage patients with Claudication? Dr. Deena M A Alqedrah	10:00 – 12:00 p.m. Diabetic foot 2 Elizabeth Ruth Choudhry Dr. Stephanie Thomas
10:10 – 10:20 a.m.	Diabetic Foot Screening for Healthcare Professionals Arif Adam	11:00 – 01:00 p.m. Basic Vascular Endovascular Skills Dr. Tania Saez Guzman Mr. Eslam Badereldeen
10:20 – 10:30 a.m.	Endovascular vs bypass for Chronic Limb Threatening Ischaemia Dr. Khalid Rashid Makhdoomi	11:00 – 01:00 p.m. Amputee prosthesis Rehabilitation Dr. Magid Azam Alkimawi Charl Stenger Dr. Bhaskar Basu Deina Loutfi Mahmoud Sharaf
10:30 – 10:40 a.m.	Imaging for Diabetic PAD - Should we rely more on diagnostic catheter angio? Dr. Abedi Farhad Syed Abbas Hasan	
10:40 – 10:50 a.m.	Popliteal artery aneurysm- open repair after failed Endovascular therapy Dr. Saher Arour	
10:50 – 11:10 a.m.	Panel discussion	
11:10 – 11:40 a.m.	SYMPOSIUM - Advance Solo NPWT Cases	Ms. Asha Ali Abdi
SESSION 8: VASCULAR TRAUMA		
CHAIR: Dr. Sharath Paravastu, Dr. Shahabzali Patil		
11:40 – 11:50 a.m.	Extremity Trauma Dr. Sharath Paravastu	
11:50 – 12:00 p.m.	Embolisation in Trauma Dr. Shahabzali Patil	
12:00 – 12:10 p.m.	Role of REBOA Dr. Erik Scott De Soucy	
12:10 – 12:20 p.m.	Training future Vascular trauma surgeons Dr. Sulaiman Alshamsi	
12:20 – 12:30 p.m.	Training in vascular surgery - Trainees perspective Dr. Hagir Mohamed Eltoum	
12:30 – 12:50 p.m.	Panel discussion	
12:50 – 02:00 p.m.	Lunch break	

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DAY 2: Saturday – October 12, 2024

TIME	TOPIC		
SESSION 9: COMPLEX WOUND CARE CHAIR: Gulnaz Tariq, Ashwaq Ali Haji Nuuh, Iline Ragheb Taha		WORKSHOP	
02:00 – 02:10 p.m.	If hospitals were paid for prevention Gulnaz Tariq	02:15 – 04:15 p.m.	Vascular Ultrasound Nicola Jane Sedgwick Amitkumar Patel Dr. Ibrahim Riza
02:10 – 02:20 p.m.	Cost of wound care in UAE Gulnaz Tariq		
02:20 – 02:30 p.m.	Principal of Aseptic Technique in Wound Management Iline Ragheb Taha		
02:30 – 02:40 p.m.	Importance of community awareness campaigns to raise the awareness of PVD and diabetic foot Asha Ali Abdi		
02:40 – 02:50 p.m.	Impact of non-durable NPWT on early patient discharge: a case study Ashwaq Ali Haji Nuuh		
02:50 – 03:10 p.m.	Panel discussion		
03:10 – 03:20 p.m.	Coffee break		
SESSION 10: COMPLEX VASCULAR DECISIONS CHAIR: Prof. Mohamed Saeed Baguneid		WORKSHOP	
03:20 – 03:30 p.m.	Oncovascular surgery - principles and treatment algorithm Prof. Mohamed Saeed Baguneid	03:20 - 05:20 p.m.	Wound Care 2 High-risk heals pathway- prevention of PI and consequential complications Ashwaq Ali Haji Nuuh Fatime Kasem Elahmad Ajitha Rajendran Asha Ali Abdi Safaa Hassan Alghoul
03:30 – 03:40 p.m.	How to manage large vessel vasculitis Prof. Xavier John Stephane BERARD		
03:40 – 03:50 p.m.	Multi-disciplinary team coordination for surgery Zulaikha Abdulrahman Ali Awadh		
03:50 – 04:00 p.m.	Flipping the switch on bleeding - anticoagulants and antiplatelets Dr. Khaled Ismail		
04:00 – 04:20 p.m.	Panel discussion		
SESSION 11: VASCULAR REHABILITATION CHAIR: Dr. Magid Azam Alkimawi, Deina Loutfi Mahmoud Sharaf, Sumeya Mohammed Al Hammadi, Dr. Bhaskar Basu			
04:20 – 04:30 p.m.	Physical activity in Ischemic leg pain Deina Loutfi Mahmoud Sharaf		
04:30 – 04:40 p.m.	Phantom pain-an overview Dr. Magid Azam Alkimawi		
04:40 – 05:00 p.m.	Challenges of minor and major lower limb amputations at different levels Dr. Bhaskar Basu		
05:00 – 05:10 p.m.	Lymphedema Complete Decongestive Therapy (CDT) Sumeya Mohammed Al Hammadi		
05:10 – 05:30 p.m.	Panel discussion		
05:30 p.m.	CLOSING REMARKS		

SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHY & KEY MESSAGES

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KEY MESSAGES

DAY 1: Friday – October 11, 2024

Session 1: Developing Networks

09:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Key Messages:

This session will cover the establishment and expansion of various vascular networks, focusing on specific areas such as diabetic foot care, vascular access, and pediatric vascular networks. It will address how these networks facilitate better patient care and outcomes, emphasizing the importance of collaboration between teams. Presentations will also look to the future, with discussions on the role of artificial intelligence in advancing vascular surgery. Additionally, we will focus on strategies for combating vascular infections through a system-wide holistic approach. Building and optimizing vascular networks is essential to improving treatment efficiency and patient outcomes.

Session 2: Lymphovenous

10:40 - 11:20 a.m.

Key Messages:

This session will focus on the management of a wide range of lymphatic and venous conditions, covering unilateral swollen limbs to spider and reticular veins. Our experts will also address post-thrombotic syndrome (PTS), discussing both prevention and treatment options, and highlight common pitfalls in venous duplex imaging. There will be a special discussion on distinguishing lipoedema from lymphoedema, which can often present in a similar fashion but requires different approaches. Early diagnosis and the use of the right management strategy will ensure best patient care.

Session 3: Paediatric Vascular

11:40 - 12:40 p.m.

Key Messages:

Pediatric vascular surgery presents unique challenges. Our experts will cover important issues such as setting up a pediatric vascular unit and managing conditions like peripheral arteriovenous malformations and renal vascular diseases. Case discussions will highlight the complexities of treating these conditions in children. Additionally, complex procedures such as transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunts (TIPS) for treating pediatric portal hypertension will be covered. Specialized care in pediatric vascular surgery is essential to advance high quality care for this vulnerable population.

Session 4: MDT Care of the Diabetic Foot

02:00 - 03:00 p.m.

Key Messages:

The multi-disciplinary team (MDT) approach to diabetic foot care is essential for improving patient outcomes. This session will explore how cross-network collaborations can significantly reduce amputation rates. Presentations will cover the microbiological diagnosis and treatment of diabetic foot infections, optimization of peripheral vascular circulation, and orthopedic management techniques for limb salvage. We will introduce new advancements in diabetic foot wound care, including the latest strategies for off-loading pressure to promote healing. By combining the expertise from various disciplines, we will showcase the value of a MDT approach in managing complex diabetic foot care.

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Session 5: Cerebro-Vascular

03:35 - 04:25 p.m.

Key Messages:

Our experts will provide a comprehensive look at the management of cerebrovascular diseases, starting with the fundamentals of carotid ultrasound and progressing to clinical practice guidelines for managing extracranial cerebrovascular disease. Other important topics include carotid and vertebral artery dissection, cerebrovascular fibromuscular dysplasia, and the treatment of carotid body tumors. By addressing these critical conditions, this session aims to equip clinicians with the knowledge needed to make informed decisions in preventing and managing cerebrovascular events, which are often life-threatening and require precise interventions.

DAY 2: Saturday – October 12, 2024

Session 6: The Acute Aorta

08:40 - 09:20 a.m.

Key Messages:

Acute aortic conditions present a variety of challenges. Our experts will cover important topics such as the treatment of infected aortic grafts, blunt thoracic aortic injuries, and abdominal aortic injuries. A special focus will be on dissecting aneurysms, which pose a more significant challenge than standard aneurysms due to their complex presentation and patho-physiology. Our speakers will discuss advanced treatment strategies, highlighting both surgical and endovascular approaches. The ability to offer different management strategies in managing acute aortic emergencies ensures patient survival in critical situations.

Session 7: Claudication to Critical Limb

10:00 - 10:50 a.m.

Key Messages:

Peripheral arterial disease (PAD) can progress from claudication to critical limb-threatening ischemia. This session will address current management strategies for patients at different stages of the disease. Topics include the latest opinions on managing claudication, screening protocols for diabetic foot complications, and the debate between endovascular versus bypass surgery for chronic limb ischemia. Additionally, our experts will discuss the role of imaging, particularly diagnostic catheter angiography, in the management of diabetic PAD. The session will provide valuable insights into the most effective treatments for maintaining limb viability and improving patient quality of life.

Session 8: Vascular Trauma

11:40 - 12:30 p.m.

Key Messages:

Vascular trauma requires immediate and effective management. This session will explore a range of critical interventions, from treating extremity trauma to the use of embolization and REBOA (Resuscitative Endovascular Balloon Occlusion of the Aorta) in life-threatening situations. There will also be discussions on the training requirements for future vascular trauma surgeons, emphasizing the need for specialized skills in emergency vascular surgery. Managing traumatic vascular injuries and ensuring rapid decision-making improves patient outcomes in emergency settings.

KEY MESSAGES

DAY 2: Saturday – October 12, 2024

Session 9: Complex Wound Care

02:00 - 02:50 p.m.

Key Messages:

Our experts will present the financial and clinical aspects of wound care, beginning with the cost of wound management in the UAE and exploring the potential benefits of paying hospitals for prevention rather than treatment. They will include the principles of aseptic technique in wound management, the impact of non-durable negative pressure wound therapy (NPWT) on patient discharge, and the role of community awareness in preventing peripheral vascular disease (PVD) and diabetic foot complications. Prevention and education is essential, alongside innovative treatment strategies, in reducing the burden of chronic wounds on our healthcare systems.

Session 10: Complex Vascular Decisions

03:20 - 04:00 p.m.

Key Messages:

A multi-disciplinary approach is required to manage complex vascular cases. This session will cover a range of advanced topics such as oncovascular surgery, large vessel vasculitis, and the coordination of surgical teams. Presentations will also explore the challenges of managing anticoagulation and antiplatelet therapies in vascular patients, focusing on when to "flip the switch" and adjust these treatments to prevent bleeding complications. This session will emphasize the critical role of careful planning and collaboration in successfully managing difficult vascular cases, with a focus on patient safety and optimal outcomes.

Session 11: Vascular Rehabilitation

04:20 - 05:10 p.m.

Key Messages:

Rehabilitation is a critical part of the recovery process after vascular interventions. This session will address physical activity in managing ischemic leg pain, an overview of phantom pain, and the challenges of amputation at different levels. Our experts will also cover therapeutic approaches such as lymphedema complete decongestive therapy (CDT), providing a comprehensive view of the rehabilitation process. The key message is the importance of tailored rehabilitation strategies to enhance patient recovery and quality of life, particularly after major vascular interventions or amputations.

SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHY



Professor Mohamed Baguneid

Chair, Organizing Committee
Chair, Division of Vascular Surgery
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Professor Baguneid is a highly respected consultant vascular and endovascular surgeon with over 30 years of clinical experience. His expertise includes managing complex aortic and carotid disease, diabetic foot disease, venous disease and wound healing, with a special focus on peripheral vascular disease. In addition to his clinical expertise, he is a passionate educator and has developed master's programmes in surgical practice and vascular surgery, as well as national and international medical courses and conferences.

Professor Baguneid earned his medical degree from the University of Manchester and holds a global MBA from the Alliance Manchester Business School. He is an active researcher with an MD research thesis from Manchester in tissue engineering. His academic interests include wound healing, diabetic foot disease and soft tissue infections. He strongly believes in evidence-based clinical practice and has published over 100 articles, including 66 original papers and reviews, in peer-reviewed journals and is the editor of the Oxford Handbook of Key Clinical Evidence and Oxford Handbook of Surgical Guidelines.

Throughout his consultant career, Professor Baguneid has held numerous leadership positions, including Medical Director of a strategic partnership of four NHS hospitals in the North West of England, Deputy Medical Director of Strategy in a large teaching hospital in Manchester, and Chair of Surgery in a large hospital in Abu Dhabi. He has been instrumental in developing and implementing clinical strategies to improve patient care and outcomes. He is currently Chair of Vascular Surgery at Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City in Abu Dhabi and building a world class vascular service integrating educational programmes and research into clinical practice.



Dr. Sulaiman Alshamsi

Co-chair, Organizing Committee
Chair, Division of Vascular Surgery,
Sheikh Tahnoon Ben Mohammed
Medical city (STMC),
Tawam Hospital, Al Ain, UAE



Dr. Sulaiman Alshamsi is a distinguished medical professional specializing in vascular and endovascular surgery. Currently, he serves as a Consultant at TAWAM Hospital and Sheikh Tahnoon Ben Mohammed medical city (STMC), where he demonstrates exceptional expertise in a wide array of open and endovascular surgical procedures.

In addition to his clinical responsibilities, Dr. Alshamsi holds the pivotal role of Chief of Vascular Surgery at TAWAM Hospital. This position showcases his leadership skills and his ability to guide and supervise a team of medical professionals in delivering the highest standards of patient care.

Dr. Alshamsi's commitment to medical education is evident through his role as the Associate Program Director of the General Surgery Residency Program. In this capacity, he plays a vital role in shaping the future of surgical practice by training and mentoring the next generation of surgeons.

With a comprehensive understanding of both open and endovascular surgeries, Dr. Alshamsi brings a wealth of experience to his practice. His proficiency in these specialized areas ensures that patients receive cutting-edge treatments and personalized care tailored to their unique needs.

Dr. Alshamsi's dedication to advancing the field of vascular surgery and his contributions to medical education make him a valued member of the healthcare community.

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Prof. Edward Jude

Professor of Medicine /
Consultant Diabetologist and Endocrinologist
Tameside and Glossop Integrated Care
NHS Foundation Trust
United Kingdom



Professor Edward Jude is Consultant Diabetologist and Endocrinologist, at the Tameside General Hospital, Ashton-under-Lyne, UK and Honorary Professor in Medicine at the University of Manchester and Honorary Professor at Manchester Metropolitan University. Having done his MD at Manchester University and then completing his training in diabetes and endocrinology in the North West he took up his consultant post in 2001. He is active in research and has published over 240 original papers and chapters. He has secured grants from Diabetes UK, NIHRfPB, HTA, NIH (USA). His studies include Insulin trials, foot ulcers, painful neuropathy, Charcot foot and endothelial dysfunction in diabetic patients. He is past Chairman of the European Diabetic Foot Study Group and the Council for the European Wound Management Association. He is also the Lead for the North West Diabetes Group.



Prof. Stephen G Holt

Professor and Director
CEO, SEHA Kidney Care
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Currently

- Professor Director and CEO of SEHA Kidney Care (SKC), Abu Dhabi, UAE and Adjunct Professor at Khalifa University.
- SKC is the largest Nephrology service in the UAE with >1300 haemodialysis dialysis patients, >100 peritoneal dialysis patients and the largest and rapidly expanding transplant and CKD services in the UAE.

Previously

- Director of Nephrology, Royal Melbourne Hospital and Renal Transplant Centre
- Professor, University of Melbourne, Australia
- University of Sussex and Royal Sussex County Hospital, Sussex, UK
- Royal Free and University College Hospitals, London, UK

Expertise

- International expertise in dialysis therapies, transplantation, vascular pathology and mineral and protein biochemistry.
- Strong interest in clinical information technology, electronic and expert systems.
- >200 publications and numerous grants/higher degrees supervised

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Dr. Maher Hamish

Consultant Vascular Surgeon
Head of Department Pediatric Vascular Surgery
Royal Free Hospital &
Great Ormond Street Hospital - London
United Kingdom



After medical school and basic surgical training, Dr. Maher Hamish completed specialist training in general surgery at Leeds General Infirmary and Derriford Hospital in Plymouth.

He finished a research degree in 2005 at Imperial College London before going on to develop further experience and knowledge with over four years of vascular, endovascular, and organ transplantation surgical training at Charing Cross and Hammersmith Hospitals in London. Following this, he spent three years living on the Sunshine Coast in Australia, where he worked as a Senior Consultant Surgeon in Vascular & Endovascular Surgery.

Currently, Dr. Hamish is practicing as a Senior Vascular Consultant at Royal Free Hospital and as the Pediatric Vascular Surgery Lead at Great Ormond Street Hospital.

He has a special interest in Pediatric Vascular Surgery and Aorto-iliac diseases, dedicating his time to training fellow surgeons, both in the UK and abroad.

He takes a very careful and considerate approach in every aspect of his work and makes every effort to ensure patient dignity, safety, and confidentiality are always maintained. In his spare time, he is a keen swimmer and enjoys horse-riding.



Dr. Martin Maresch

Senior Consultant Vascular and
Endovascular Surgeon
Bahrain Defence Force,
Royal Medical Services Hospital,
Riffa, Bahrain



Dr. Martin Maresch is a Senior Consultant Vascular & Endovascular Surgeon at the BDF Hospital- Royal Medical Services in Bahrain. He joined BDF-RMS hospital in 2012, bringing with him years of experience from KSA, and has since become an integral part of the surgical services. Over the past 11 years, Dr. Martin has played a crucial role in improving vascular surgery at BDF, introducing new programs to treat complex vascular pathologies such as Complex Venous Recanalizations, Systemic management of Vascular access for hemodialysis, and Diabetic foot management. He has successfully treated thousands of patients in the region.

Dr. Martin is also the Co-director of the National Aortic Repair Program, which allows Bahraini patients with complex aortic pathologies to receive treatment locally, eliminating the need to travel abroad. In addition, he serves as a Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Medicine at RCSI, educating Bahraini nurses and doctors-in-training. He is also actively involved in leading multiple research projects within BDF-RMS.

As the director of the Middle East Venous Forum and a member of the Pan Arab Vascular Society, Dr. Martin is passionate about education in the region. He regularly organizes conferences and workshops to enhance the quality of care for patients. Furthermore, he takes the initiative to educate children in primary and secondary schools about medical science, delivering inspirational lectures and workshops. Driven by his concern for the health of children in Bahrain, he has spearheaded an anti-vaping educational campaign under RMS in cooperation with RCSI.

Dr. Martin is an accomplished author with multiple publications in international peer-reviewed journals. He actively participates in several international trials and is a frequent speaker at international cardio-vascular meetings. He is an examiner for the European Board in Vascular Surgery and serves as the International Representative of the American Venous Forum.

With his extensive expertise, dedication to education, and commitment to improving patient care, Dr. Martin Maresch continues to make significant contributions to the field of vascular and endovascular surgery.

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Dr. Stephanie Thomas

Consultant Medical Microbiologist and
UKHSA Deputy Director
Clinical Network Laboratories
United Kingdom



Stephanie Thomas has been a Consultant Medical Microbiologist since 2010 and works at the Manchester Medical Microbiology Partnership, a long-standing partnership between Manchester University Foundation Trust (MFT) and the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA). She is currently the Deputy Director for the UKHSA Clinical Network Laboratories. She completed her higher specialist training in Medical Microbiology and Virology in Manchester, UK.

Stephanie is also an Adjuvant Assistant Professor at the Institute of Public Health, Al Ain, UAEU, and is a Royal College of Pathologists (UK) Country Advisor to the MENA region. Her areas of specialist clinical interest are; management of infection in patients requiring intensive care support, including ECMO and in the management of complex vascular surgical infections including the diabetic foot. She holds a post graduate certificate in Medical Education.



Dr. Ibrahim Riza

Consultant Vascular & Endovascular Surgeon
Head Of Scientific Committee -Emirates
Vascular Surgery Society
Genesis Healthcare, Kings College Hospital
Mediclinic Parkview Hospital
Dubai, UAE



Experienced Vascular & Endovascular surgeon. Trained and obtained accreditation and certification (CCST), in the United Kingdom. Practiced as Consultant Vascular & Endovascular surgeon and Clinical Director of Vascular services in Greater Manchester-UK, prior to moving to the UAE.

Current clinical practice is in Genesis Healthcare, Kings College Hospital and Mediclinic Parkview Dubai. Clinical area of interest is in Aortic aneurysms AND Lower limbs, venous pathology. Currently the head of the Scientific committee of the Emirates Vascular Surgery Society-EVSS.



Dr. Raashid Intesar Shahbazi

Senior Consultant Vascular Surgery and
Head of Department
Saudi German Hospital, Dubai, UAE



Dr. Shahbazi is a senior Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon with more than 30 years of Experience. He has trained in the UK and has a CCT UK. He worked as Consultant in Manchester, England. Prior to joining Saudi German Hospital, he worked as Chief of Vascular Surgery for six years at Tawam Hospital Al Ain, UAE and also served as Chair of the Department of Surgery at Tawam Hospital. Dr Shahbazi is Associate Professor of Surgery at UAE University College of Medicine. He has presented at and chaired at multiple national and international conferences throughout his career. He is a member of multiple prestigious international vascular bodies including European Society of Vascular Surgery, Vascular Society of Great Britain and Ireland and British Association of Sclerotherapy. He has completed his certification in Surgical Leadership from Harvard University USA.

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Dr. Bhavesh Natha

Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Possessing a decade of extensive experience, Dr. Natha is a methodical vascular surgeon who has practiced in a number of countries. His areas of clinical expertise include aortic, peripheral arterial, deep and superficial veins, renal access and lymphatic pathology in both endovascular and open surgery.

Furthermore, Dr. Natha has a strong passion for teaching and the refinement of healthcare systems, thriving in multidisciplinary environments. Moreover, he serves on the Executive Committee of the Vascular Society of South Africa (VASSA) and is a member of the European Vascular Society (ESVS).



Dr. Nicholas John Marsden

Consultant, Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE



A UK-trained plastic and reconstructive surgeon, Dr. Marsden earned his medical degree and a BSc in anatomy from Cardiff University in 2007, followed by surgical training rotations across South Wales. He served as a clinical research fellow at the National Institute for Social Care and Health Research (NISCHR), obtaining his research M.D. from Swansea University. Completing plastic surgery training at the esteemed Welsh Centre for Burns & Plastic Surgery, Dr. Marsden achieved fellowship status at the Royal College of Surgeons of England in Plastic Surgery (F.R.C.S Plast). Dr. Marsden went on to work as a Microsurgical Reconstructive fellow in some of the most renowned centres in Melbourne, Australia, focusing on microsurgical reconstructive surgery and subsequently went on to a further specialist limb reconstruction fellowship in the UK. His impactful contributions to the field are evident through numerous presentations at national and international conferences, invited speaker roles at reconstructive meetings, and a prolific publication record in peer-reviewed journals. Prior to his current role at SSMC, Dr. Marsden served as a UK consultant plastic and reconstructive surgeon, specializing in microsurgical reconstruction and general plastic surgery. Committed to professional development, he ensures his patients benefit from the latest advancements in plastic and reconstructive surgery techniques.



Dr. Ravi Gadahadh

Consultant Physician in Radiology
and Interventional Radiology
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE



With 26 years of expertise in this field, Dr. Ravi performs both adult and pediatric procedures. He can also help his patients with vascular procedures, oncological intervention, urology, gynecology, and hepatobiliary conditions. Dr. Gadahadh is licensed by the Department of Health, Abu Dhabi. He is a member of the Society of Pediatric Interventional Radiology, the Cardiovascular and Interventional Society of Europe, the Pan Arab Interventional Radiology Society, as well as, the Indian Society of Vascular and Interventional Radiology.

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Dr. Jamal Al Deen Alkoteesh

Consultant & Chief of Interventional Radiology
SEHA, Abu Dhabi
Chairperson of Radiology
Tawam and Al Ain Hospitals, Abu Dhabi, UAE



Dr. Alkoteesh is a pioneer interventional radiologist with expertise in providing unique IR services that made Tawam hospital /SEHA the hub and referral center in the UAE and GCC. He is one of the founders of the interventional Radiology services in UAE since 2007, and the first DOH licensed Interventional Radiologist in Abu Dhabi; and for that they call him the God Father of Interventional Radiology in Abu Dhabi Emirates. His wealth of knowledge and unique skills in applying advanced IR techniques by performing over 70,000 procedures in the span of his 16 years of SEHA journey are exemplary of dedication and commitment. To mention few of IR clinical sophisticated procedures are TIPS, acute stroke interventions; penile venous leak embolization; prostate artery embolization, Complex Arterial and venous interventions, Uterine arteries embolization procedures to treat Fibroids and post-Partum Bleeding; liver cancer Radioembolization SIRT and Chemoembolization TACE. He has recently introduced new state-of-the-art IR procedures to treat benign and malignant thyroid Tumours by thermal ablation in addition haemorrhoids new treatment by arterial embolization.

SEHA Career Journey over 16 years

Dr. Alkoteesh joined the SKMC Abu Dhabi as the Chief of Interventional Radiology in 2007 where he served the capital of UAE solo for nearly two years, then moved to Al Ain City in 2010 in order to establish the first Interventional Radiology service at Al Ain Hospital in support of the clinical needs of Al Ain Community. He also was able to build one of the busiest Interventional Radiology unit in the region in support of acute and elective medical care. He establishing the first radiology residency-training program in Abu Dhabi in 2009 to train junior Emiratis doctors to become the future radiologists then when he moved to Al Ain he also became the Radiology residency program director at Tawam in 2012 during the intergation. After the regional integration between Tawam and Al Ain Hospitals, he became the official Chairman of Radiology for both hospitals to manage the largest Radiology Department in the UAE with more than 30 Radiologists to cover both hospitals in the region at a difficult time during the COVID19 Pandemic.

His Academic Contributions

Dr Alkoteesh was promoted to the ranke of professor in Interventional Radiology at the UAE University college of medicine and health science, for his fruitful efforts in introducing the Interventional Radiology modules for the medical students in order to promote and attract undergraduates for future career as a rare subspecialty on demand.

Dr Alkoteesh is the Professor of Interventional Radiology to reach this ranke in the UAE and this is no surprise giving his academic background and involvement heavily in teaching of undergadute and post graduate Medical and surgical residents in SEHA/Abu Dhabi since 2007. In 2023 he was granted the Pan Arab Interventional Radiology society PAIRS the PAIRS fellowship FPAIRS for his contribution in establishing and promotion Interventional Radiology supspeciality in the UAE and Arab World. Dr Alkoteesh has more than 75 scintific publications under his belt and he has speaker at more than 150 National and international conferences over the last 10 years.

Fierce fight against COVID19 – Dr Alkoteesh and the Radiology Team

Since the start of COVID 19 pandemic in January 2020, Dr Alkoteesh has led an army of radiologists and radiographers in Abu Dhabi Eastern region to compact this hidden enemy. The Radiology team has performed and reported more than 20000 HR-CT Chest and 300 000 CXR on COVID 19 patients in addition to many Interventional Radiology procedures on those patients.

Home country Journey and International work experience

Dr. Alkoteesh was born in Damascus/Syria, the eldest son of a family of 10 children, he took the challenge to study medicine in Arabic where he also attained his Master degree in Radiology and completed his basic radiology training in Damascus University hospitals.

In 1997 He pursued his higher education to undertake his subspeciality training in Diagnostic and Interventional Radiology at University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff, UK at All Wales higher training scheme, at which hospitals he then became working as consultant radiologist in West Wales, UK. His employment journey went through many well-recognized international hospitals: Prince Philip hospital in Wales; West Wales General Hospital, Cork University Hospital in Ireland and King Fahad National Guard Hospital (KAMC) in Riyadh; KSA, Sheikh Khalifa Medical city SKMC-Cleveland, Al Ain Hospital and Tawam Hospital in the UAE..

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Dr. Julian Wong

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Gleneagles Hospital Singapore
Singapore



Dr. Wong is a senior Vascular Surgeon at Gleneagles Medical Centre, Singapore. He completed his specialist training (CCST 2005) in South Manchester University hospital, UK and was an established NHS Consultant Vascular surgeon. In 2011 he served in National University of Singapore Hospital as a senior consultant and Head of Division of Vascular surgery, National University Heart Centre for 11 years. He was Director of Aortic Centre and Director of vascular Laboratory. He set up the international vascular fellowship programs in Singapore, and had over 50 senior trainees, of which 10 are vascular consultants in local hospitals. He is also Court of Examiners for both Royal college of Surgeons of England and Edinburgh. He is the Chief Examiner for MRCS Singapore and Chairman of MMed (Surgery), and an FRCS examiner. He served as Chairman of MOH National diabetic foot Committee, Advisor to National Podiatry Framework, MOH-FRCS exam advisory panel and National Examiner for General surgery (MOH).



Dr. Kalpana Kirshnareddy

Division Chief Adult Medical/Surgical ICU
Deputy Chair Critical Care Department
Consultant in Intensive Care Medicine
Sheikh Khalifa Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE



She has been the head of department at Sheikh Khalifa Medical city from 2012-2018 and in Mediclinic Parkview from 2018-2023. She has set up ECMO program both in SKmc AND Mediclinic Parkview hospitals.

Dr. Kirshnareddy's main areas of interest include Trauma, Neuro-intensive Care, ECMO, Patient safety and quality. She has set up and successfully established the adult ECMO program at Sheikh Khalifa Medical city since 2015.

Dr. Kirshnareddy has also been heavily involved in teaching and training; she is an instructor for Advanced cardiac Life support and Advanced Trauma Life Support for over 7 years. She has been awarded clinical excellence award at Lewisham hospital for her outstanding contribution to teaching and training. She has recognized as 100 best Employees by SEHA 2016.

She has a number of number publications under her belt in the area of quality and has collaborated with many multicenter trials with European Society of Intensive Care Medicine. She is an invited speaker in many national and international meetings.

Dr. Kirshnareddy has trained in the United Kingdom and has a joint CCT in Anesthesia and Critical care. She has been a consultant in critical care for the last 15 years and has experience in critical care for over 20 years.



Dr. Taohid Oladele Oshodi

Consultant Vascular Surgeon
Mediclinic City Hospital
Dubai, UAE



Dr. Taohid Oshodi is a consultant vascular surgeon at Mediclinic City Hospital. He undertook general and specialist training at university departments of surgery at Cardiff and Manchester. He was appointed consultant vascular surgeon at Pennine Acute NHS Trust for 16 years before moving to Dubai in 2014. Dr. Oshodi specializes in the management of patients with peripheral vascular disease, carotid artery disease, abdominal aortic aneurysms, varicose veins, and lymphatic disease. He provides individualized care for each of these conditions through endovascular and open surgical procedures. He also has a special interest in wound healing and treatment of hyperhidrosis. Dr Oshodi remains up-to-date on the best medical interventions required to address relevant risk factors.

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Dr. Krishna Prasad Meda

Consultant Foot & Ankle Surgeon
Kings college London Hospital
Dubai, UAE



Dr. KP Meda is a leading British Orthopaedic Foot and ankle specialist in Dubai with over 15 years of experience at a Consultant level in managing all aspects of elective and trauma.

Working as a foot surgeon in Dubai, he keenly follows the British methods of surgical practice. He prides himself on listening to the patient, doing appropriate investigations, and discussing treatment options with the patient and their family at the centre. He is known for his non-interventional approach to foot and ankle conditions and only operates when all other reasonable alternatives are tried.

Dr KP Meda got educated at Oxford and Edinburgh Universities and undertook a full Orthopaedic training program in Liverpool deanery leading to CCST. He gained MCh(Ortho) from Liverpool University and a specialty FRCS (Tr & Orth) from the Royal College of Edinburgh in 2004. He completed a fellowship at Oxford university under the auspices of Dr Paul Cooke, a founder of the British Foot and ankle society. He then travelled in Europe and USA to learn the latest techniques in the specialised field of Foot and Ankle from Dr Weil (Chicago, USA), Dr Barouk (Bordeaux, France), and Dr de Prado (Murcia, Spain).

His appointment in 2006 as Consultant Foot and Ankle Surgeon at Birmingham Regional Royal Orthopaedic Hospital led to the establishment of an NHS foot and ankle unit. He has over 30 years of extensive experience in dealing with orthopaedic pathologies affecting children and adults. He has lectured worldwide and published articles in peer-reviewed journals. He is an editor for several journals. Elmhurst ballet school Birmingham chose him as their surgeon.

He is a member of the British Orthopaedic Association, the British Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Society, a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, and a member of the Emirates Orthopaedic society. He is an honorary senior lecturer at Birmingham university and Sharjah Medical College.

Currently functional as Foot surgeon/chiroprapist in Dubai, he has set up a comprehensive Foot & Ankle service in King's College Hospital Dubai to align practice with its London counterpart. He moved to Dubai in 2018 and started working as a foot & ankle specialist in Dubai at King's College London hospital in Dubai. Dr KP Meda prides himself on his professional approach with all patients ranging from the elite athlete to the elderly.



Cassie Purvey

Director of Clinical Operations
Healium.me
UAE



Bringing over 22 years experience as an Advanced Wound and Stoma Care specialist, with clinical experience across both Australia, UK and the UAE. Cassie is a Senior Burns Specialist Nurse from Australia, and previously member of the Royal Adelaide Hospital Burns Assessment Team. In the UAE, she has successfully developed the regions largest nurse led wound and stoma care service which has received many accolades including World Union of Wound Healing UAE Local Wound Clinical Wound Centre of Excellence. Cassie has also achieved many awards during her career including the Journal of Wound Care Bronze award for Excellence in Wound Care from the UAE and Dubai 'Champion Nurse Award'. Cassie is an Editorial Board Member for the International Wound Journal, Expert Reference Group member of the Joanna Briggs Institute, Chair of the Stoma Care Program for the Emirates Society of Colon & Rectal Surgery and member of the EPUAP Pressure Injury Expert Panel Group.

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Elizabeth Ruth Choudhry

Senior Podiatrist
Healthpoint Hospital
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Elizabeth Ruth has over 30 years' experience as a podiatrist, working in the UK and then the UAE for the past 9 years. Her areas of expertise include care of people with diabetic foot disease including ulceration and amputation and other high risk foot conditions such as Rheumatoid foot problems and peripheral arterial disease. Elizabeth Ruth is the national representative of D-Foot International (a global diabetic foot awareness organisation) for the UAE. She is also a clinical director for the Special Olympics, the world's largest organisation for children and adults of determination, providing training and sporting activities around the world. She is an international speaker on the assessment and care of the diabetic foot disease and she is passionate about educating people about the diabetic foot, to reduce the risk of amputation and improve health outcomes, keeping people mobile and independent.



Dr. Mohammad Qadura

Consultant Vascular Surgeon
Heart, Vascular & Thoracic Institute
Cleveland Clinic, Abu Dhabi, UAE



Dr. Mohammad Qadura, MD, is a Staff Physician at the Heart, Vascular & Thoracic Institute, Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi. Previously, he was a Surgeon-Scientist at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto, and a Scientist at the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute. He also served as an Associate Professor at the University of Toronto. Dr. Qadura holds a Ph.D. in Pathology and Molecular Medicine from Queen's University and has authored over 60 publications in the field of vascular diseases.



Dr. Yasir Ali Ahmed Suliman

Consultant Vascular Surgery
Burjeel Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Dr. Yasir Suliman is a senior consultant Vascular & Endovascular Surgeon and Chief of Vascular Surgery Division at Burjeel Medical City, Abu Dhabi. He is American Board certified in Vascular surgery and a fellow of the American college of surgeons. Dr. Suliman has a special interest in cerebrovascular disease, limb salvage and peripheral endovascular revascularization as well as Vascular hemodialysis access.



Dr. Batool Jamal Abuhalmeh

Staff Physician - Vascular Medicine Consultant
Heart, Vascular & Thoracic Institute
Cleveland Clinic, Abu Dhabi, UAE



Dr. Batool Abuhalmeh, MD, RPVI, FACC, FSVM, is a Vascular Medicine Consultant at Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi. She holds board certifications in internal medicine and vascular medicine and is a registered physician specializing in vascular interpretation. Dr. Abuhalmeh completed her residency in internal medicine and fellowship in vascular medicine at Cleveland Clinic in Ohio. Her areas of expertise include pulmonary embolism, polyvascular atherosclerotic disease, peripheral artery disease, vascular ultrasound, vein health and health disparities. She established the first Pulmonary Embolism Response Team (PERT) program in the Middle East and currently serves as its director at Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi. Dr. Abuhalmeh has coauthored numerous papers and abstracts in top peer-reviewed journals and has presented her research at both national and international medical conferences. Additionally, she is a Fellow of the Society for Vascular Medicine and the American College of Cardiology.

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Dr. Nashwan Ahmed Alattab
Consultant vascular & Endovascular Surgery
Tawam Hospital, Al Ain, UAE



Consultant of Vascular & Endovascular Surgery /General surgery with over 20years of experience in the field of Vascular and general surgery ,12 years of experience in endovascular surgery. Extensive training in Multiple tertiary hospitals in yemen ,Saudia Arabia ,Europe results in excellent expertise in the field, excellent experience in Managment of trauma of abdomen ,thorax ,extremities including organs ,soft tissues and blood vessels in that areas (trauma surgeon) more than 500 cases ,Excellent experience in management of arterial, venous disorders ,management of carotid artery disease ,I have done more than 300 carotid endarterectomy and more than 80 carotid body tumor excision , also I have excellent experience in management of diabetic foot 500 cases ,limb ischemia (CLI cases)and dialysis access by open surgical approach or endovascular interventions (balloon angioplasty/stenting) treatment of central venous occlusion by angioplasty/stenting also treatment of DVT by thrombectomy and catheter directed thrombolysis & treatment of may Thurner syndrome by stenting also I do thoracic aortic aneurysms/transection repair by TEVAR also treatment of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm repair by open surgical approach and EVAR in addition to varicose veins treatment by EVLT/Venaseal/sclerotherapy more than 1000 case ,Member of royal college of surgeon Ireland ,Arabic board of general Surgery, endovascular ,FEIN ;fellowship of peripheral endovascular intervention Kiel university-Germany.



Nicola Jane Sedgwick
Senior vascular scientist
Sheikh Shakhboub Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE



After graduating from the university of Salford with BSc honors in Podiatry, I started a research post with Manchester University. As part of my research role, I needed to learn how to perform various vascular duplex scans and was sent to South Manchester vascular lab to be trained. I loved the research and loved scanning and was lucky enough to be offered a training post by the vascular lab. Training is a minimum of 3 years full time and I was trained by some incredibly intelligent and skilled vascular scientists in an uber busy lab. My foundation in this work, involved constant learning, embracing innovation and always wondering if we can do things better.

In 2014 I was offered a position at CCAD where I spent my first 8 ½ years in UAE, and in 2024 I joined the vascular at SSMC to lead the vascular ultrasound department



Prof. Adel Aswad Alfaraji
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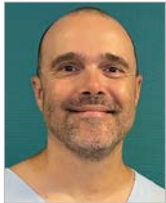
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- The Al Qassimi Hospital &Cardiac Centre / Emirates Health Services / Ministry of Health/ UAE
- The Gulf Aorta Symposium (GAS) (The Former Event of GULF AORTA FOUNDATION)

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Prof. Xavier John Stephane BERARD

Professor of Vascular Surgery
Bordeaux University Hospital
France



Dr. Xavier John Stéphane BERARD is a French vascular surgeon and consultant in the Department of Vascular Surgery at Bordeaux University Hospital since 2010. He has been a full Professor of Vascular Surgery at the University of Bordeaux since 2016.

Dr. Xavier obtained his medical degree from Bordeaux University in 1999 and then undertook his internship between 1999 and 2005, followed by his fellowship in the Vascular Surgery Department of Bordeaux University Hospital from 2005 to 2009. In the subsequent four years, he completed a PhD thesis in vascular biomaterials and in 2010 worked as a research fellow at Lausanne University Hospital in Switzerland.

Dr. Xavier has been board certified by the French College of Vascular and Endovascular Surgeons since 2008 and by the European Society for Vascular and Endovascular Surgery (FEBVS exam) since 2010.

He has served as an examiner for the FEBVS exam since 2014 and has been a reviewer for the European Journal of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery since 2016. Additionally, Dr. Xavier is a member of the ESVS guidelines writing group for vascular graft infection and AAA. He has contributed to 99 publications indexed in PubMed.

His personal surgical interests include open surgery of (thoraco)abdominal aneurysms, redo aortic surgery, infections in vascular surgery, EVAR explantation, and biomaterials.



Prof. Shahin Reza Mohseni

Chair, Visceral Trauma,
European Society of Trauma & Emergency Surgery
Professor of Surgery, School of Medical Sciences,
Orebro University Hospital
Sweden



Prof. Shahin Mohseni is an internationally recognized academic trauma surgeon. He is the current chair of Visceral Trauma for European Society of Trauma & Emergency Surgery, inaugurated president for American College of Surgeons Swedish Chapter, board member for The Endovascular Resuscitation and Trauma Management (EVTM) Society, and immediate past Scientific Secretary for Swedish Trauma & Emergency Society (which he held for 6 years). Prof. Mohseni is also editorial board member for several trauma/surgical journals including: photo European Journal of Trauma & Emergency Surgery, Journal of Trauma & Acute Care, British Journal of Surgery, and Journal of EVTm.



Dr. Khurram Rasheed

Consultant Vascular Surgeon
Heart, Vascular & Thoracic Institute
Cleveland Clinic, Abu Dhabi, UAE



Dr. Rasheed is a Vascular Physician in the Heart, Vascular & Thoracic Institute at Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi. Prior to joining Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, he worked as a vascular surgeon and assistant professor at St. Luke's University Health Network/Temple University, Pennsylvania, US. During his tenure, he treated a wide spectrum of complex vascular diseases utilizing new minimally invasive endovascular and hybrid surgery technologies. This included endovascular AV-fistula creation, trans-carotid arterial stenting with flow reversal (TCAR procedure), and complex endovascular aortic aneurysm repair, in addition to traditional open surgery techniques. He also served as a teaching faculty for the general surgery residency and vascular surgery fellowship programs. Dr. Rasheed received his medical degree from Tufts Medical School in Boston, Massachusetts, US. He completed his surgical training, an Integrated Vascular Surgery residency at the University of Rochester Medical Center, New York, US. His clinical interests are in carotid surgery, limb salvage, and hybrid procedures that extend the range of vascular diseases treated and expand the patient population who will benefit from minimally invasive surgery. His research interests include outcomes and cost-benefit analysis of aortic aneurysm repair, having presented at numerous national meetings and published in the Journal of Vascular Surgery.

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Asha Ali Abdi

Wound Specialist Nurse
Sheikh Shakbout Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE



- A compassionate Registered Nurse with extensive professional experience in surgical specialty and wound management.
- She has extensive knowledge and clinical proficiency in the Medical-Surgical field with a special interest in plastics, orthopedics, and trauma, including wound management and clinical research and education.
- She completed her nursing studies at institute of nursing in Abu Dhabi in 2003 with distinct recognitions.
- She continued her post-graduate certification- International Interprofessional Wound Care Course (IIWCC) from University of Toronto - Abu Dhabi in 2019 and completed her Master's Degree in Clinical Skin Integrity and Wound Management at the University of Hertfordshire in the UK in 2020.
- Together with her colleagues, she pioneered the establishment of the First In-Patient Wound Care Service at Mafraq Hospital in 2018 and carried the transition throughout SSMC.
- Currently serving as a Wound specialist nurse in Wound Management Service at SSMC.
- With a great passion for knowledge sharing and empowerment of Tissue Viability Link Nurses, she is also an active contributor and a resource person in various hospital-wide quality initiatives and serves as member of nursing advisory committee in Seha & Diabetic foot working group in UAE.



Dr. Deena M A Alqedrah

President, Emirates Vascular Surgery Society
Consultant and Head, Vascular Surgery Unit
Rashid Hospital, Dubai, UAE



Dr. Deena Mohammed AlQedrah is an esteemed medical professional and a prominent figure in the field of vascular surgery. She currently serves as the President of the Emirates Vascular Surgery Society and holds the position of Consultant and Head of the Vascular Surgery section at Rashid Hospital, which is part of the Dubai Academic Health Corporation. With over 20 years of experience in the field, Dr. AlQedrah has established herself as an expert in complex vascular trauma. Her expertise is particularly renowned as she has been working in the largest trauma center in the region. She possesses a wide range of knowledge and skills in the treatment of arterial, venous, and lymphatic pathology. Dr. AlQedrah's contributions to the field of vascular surgery have been significant, and she is highly regarded for her commitment to providing excellent patient care.



Arif Adam

Diabetes Specialist Podiatrist
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Arif Adam is a Podiatrist with over 10 years of experience in patient care. He completed both his undergraduate and postgraduate education in the United Kingdom, with a special interest in diabetes. He graduated as a Podiatrist from the University of Salford in 2012 and has since been practicing and developing his skills in a hospital setting as part of the multidisciplinary high-risk foot team, first within the National Health Service in the UK and currently at SSMC. His postgraduate master's education focused on behavioral management in diabetes. In his current role, Arif leads inpatient and outpatient high-risk foot wound care and management, employing a holistic, patient-centered approach. His advanced clinical skills include the application of larvae and negative pressure therapy, Ankle and Toe Brachial Pressure Index assessments, and the application of various compression bandaging, as well as manufacturing bespoke casts.

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Dr. Khalid Rashid Makhdoomi

Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon
Tawam Hospital,
Al Ain, Abu-Dhabi, UAE



Dr. Khalid Rashid Makhdoomi is a highly accomplished Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon with an impressive educational background and extensive experience in the field. He obtained his M.B.,B.S. degree from Dow Medical College in Karachi, Pakistan in 1987. Dr. Makhdoomi went on to achieve several notable qualifications, including Fellowships of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (F.R.C.S.I.), the Royal College of Surgeons of England (F.R.C.S.), and the Intercollegiate Specialty Board (F.R.C.S. in General Surgery with a special interest in Vascular Surgery). Throughout his career, Dr. Makhdoomi has held various positions at renowned medical institutions across the United Kingdom and the United Arab Emirates. He has worked at esteemed hospitals such as Nuffield Department of Surgery at John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, Birmingham Heartlands Hospital, and Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Trust and Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust in Nottinghamshire.

Currently, he serves as a Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon at Tawam Hospital in Al Ain, Abu Dhabi, UAE. Dr. Makhdoomi has made significant contributions to the medical field through his presentations, publications, and teaching activities. He has delivered numerous oral and poster presentations at national and international conferences and has been invited to give lectures on various topics. His work has been published in international peer-reviewed journals, including twenty-seven publications and a book chapter. Additionally, Dr. Makhdoomi actively participates in teaching and is involved in national and international courses. He also serves as a member of the Court of Examiners at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

Dr. Khalid Rashid Makhdoomi's expertise, dedication, and extensive contributions to the field of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery have established him as a highly respected professional in his field. Dr. Khalid Rashid Makhdoomi is a highly accomplished Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon with an impressive educational background and extensive experience in the field. He obtained his M.B.,B.S. degree from Dow Medical College in Karachi, Pakistan in 1987. Dr. Makhdoomi went on to achieve several notable qualifications, including Fellowships of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (F.R.C.S.I.), the Royal College of Surgeons of England (F.R.C.S.), and the Intercollegiate Specialty Board (F.R.C.S. in General Surgery with a special interest in Vascular Surgery).

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Dr. Abedi Farhad Syed Abbas Hasan

Consultant Physician Clinical and
Interventional Radiology
Sheikh Shakhboub Medical City
Abu Dhabi
UAE



After completing my Membership of the Royal College of Surgeons (MRCS), I pursued training in Clinical and Interventional Radiology at the West Midlands School of Radiology, completing my Fellowship of the Royal College of Radiologists (FRCR) and attaining Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT) in March 2017.

I went on to complete Fellowship in Oncologic Imaging and Intervention at The Christie NHS Foundation Trust before working as a Consultant at University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust, between 2018 and 2023.

I have a wide interest in the field of Interventional Radiology and perform procedures across the spectrum of vascular and non-vascular Intervention with particular interest in Peripheral Vascular Disease and Oncologic Intervention including Tumour Ablation and Chemo and Radio embolization.



Dr. Saher Arour

Consultant & HOD vascular and endovascular surgery
Medcare hospitals and medical center
Dubai, UAE



Dr. Saher Arour is an innovative and passionate vascular surgeon with an MD, MSc, and FAGCH degree, known for his leadership in advancing vascular surgery in Germany and the UAE. As a Consultant and Head of Department, he has amassed significant experience and spearheaded initiatives that have transformed patient care. Dr. Arour's leadership is exemplified by his successful collaboration with the cardiology and radiology departments to establish a Pulmonary Embolism Response Team (PERT). This initiative provided exceptional interventional treatments for pulmonary embolism, dramatically reducing mortality rates in critical cases through a multidisciplinary approach. His qualifications include certifications in heart pacemaker therapy from the German Society for Cardiology and medical wound therapy from the German Society of Wound Therapy. He holds a master's degree in General Surgery from the University Hospital of Damascus, which underpins his commitment to delivering comprehensive and advanced vascular care.

Currently, Dr. Arour is focused on enhancing patient outcomes at Medcare Hospitals & Medical Centers and University Hospital Sharjah. His recent achievement includes establishing a multidisciplinary diabetic foot unit, reflecting his dedication to improving patient services. Looking to the future, Dr. Arour aims to advance embolization therapies and chemoembolization, confident that these efforts will further enhance vascular healthcare and benefit patients. His unwavering commitment to excellence and patient-centered care drives his ongoing contributions to the field.



Dr. Sharath Paravastu

Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon
Sheik Khalifa Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Dr. Sharath Paravastu trained in the UK and obtained FRCS. He did a fellowship in Sydney in Endovascular Surgery. He treats a wide range of vascular conditions and has a special interest in Diabetic Lower Limb salvage and Renal Access work.

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Dr. Shahabazali Patil
Consultant Interventional Radiologist
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE



After completing my Membership of the Royal College of Surgeons (MRCS), I pursued training in Clinical and Interventional Radiology at the West Midlands School of Radiology, completing my Fellowship of the Royal College of Radiologists (FRCR) and attaining Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT) in March 2017. I went on to complete Fellowship in Oncologic Imaging and Intervention at The Christie NHS Foundation Trust before working as a Consultant at University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust, between 2018 and 2023. I have a wide interest in the field of Interventional Radiology and perform procedures across the spectrum of vascular and non-vascular Intervention with particular interest in Peripheral Vascular Disease and Oncologic Intervention including Tumour Ablation and Chemo and Radio embolization.



Dr. Erik Scott De Soucy
Consultant - Trauma and Critical Care
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Dr. Erik DeSoucy, DO, FACS is a Trauma and Critical Care Consultant Surgeon at Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City, Abu Dhabi, a member of the US+UAE Trauma, Burns, and Rehabilitation Medicine team and co-chair of the Abu Dhabi Department of Health Trauma Task Force. He completed general surgery training at UC Davis Medical Center, Sacramento, CA, and Trauma/Critical Care and Acute Care Surgery fellowships at Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, TX. He is an Assistant Professor at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences, Bethesda, MD and has authored 41 papers and 1 book chapter in the fields of post traumatic resuscitation, austere medicine and prolonged casualty care.



Dr. Hagir Elfatih Ahmed Mohamed Eltoum
Surgical Specialist
Shaikh Shakhbout Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Dr. Hagir Eltoum is specialist surgeon with a decade of clinical experience and an accomplished background, having completed an ACGME accredited residency program in Surgery. Her career has been characterized by a profound dedication to the complexities of vascular surgery, diabetic foot and wound care, where she has honed her remarkable skill set. Dr. Eltoum's unwavering commitment is passionately directed toward elevating public awareness, particularly in the specialized domain of diabetic foot care, with the ultimate goal of advancing wound care standards.



Gulnaz Tariq
CEO
International Inter-Professional Wound
Care Group (IIWCG)
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Gulnaz Tariq Is Past President For World Union Wound Healing Society, CEO Of International Interprofessional Wound Care Group(IIWCG); Director And Founder Of Ostomy Continence And Management Course(OCM) She Has Over 30 Research Publications In Her Credit. She Has More Than 3000 Citations. Gulnaz Tariq Has Presented Many Papers At Various National & International Conferences.

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Iline Ragheb Taha

Registered Nurse- Wound Care charge nurse
Tawam Hospital
Al Ain, UAE



Registered Nurse – Wound Care charge nurse in Tawam hospital. Membership in Wound Care Nursing Advisory Group. I had my IIWCC in 2021, from UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO. Working as wound care educator in Tawam Hospital, conducting workshop, presentation and lecture. Daily assessing patient of new consultation, Multidisciplinary work with doctor for patient plan of treatment and type of dressing management. Helping in Wound Care Clinic as needed.



Ashwaq Ali Haji Nuuh

Wound Care Nurse
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Experienced registered nurse has Diploma in nursing from Abu Dhabi institute of nursing and Bachelor in nursing from University of Wollongong in Dubai. Has 7yrs ICU experience and 6years experience as a wound care nurse, Completed the International Interprofessional Wound Care Course (IIWCC) 2019, followed by gaining a master in wound management and skin integrity 2020, and successfully passed the certified wound specialist exam from American Board of Wound Management 2022. Co-author in research publication.



Deina Loutfi Mahmoud Sharaf

Senior Physiotherapist
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City,
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Deina Loutfi Mahmoud Sharaf, PT, Msc., CMT, CDNP Senior Physiotherapist | UAE Certified dry needling therapist Certified manual therapist Accredited Mcenzie therapist Dina is a Senior Physiotherapist, has dedicated over a decade and a half to the field of physiotherapy, enriching the lives of patients in the United Arab Emirates. She completed her Bsc. From Faculty of Physiotherapy, Cairo University 1999. She has finalised her Msc. In 2013 in the field of Orthopedics and musculoskeletal injuries where she worked diligently to handle patients with Pain and dysfunction related to the neuro-musculoskeletal systems. With a strong foundation in Orthopedics and musculoskeletal care, Dina has expanded her horizons to make a significant impact on the lives of diabetic patients through various physiotherapeutic approaches. Her commitment to patient care and relentless pursuit of excellence have earned her a distinguished reputation among peers and patients alike. Dina has shared her insights and expertise to bring some change to diabetic patient lives aiming to raise awareness about the role of physiotherapy in diabetic patient care. By collaborating with multidisciplinary teams, Dina has facilitated comprehensive care models that prioritize mobility, function, and overall well-being for diabetic patients. Dina embodies the spirit of a dedicated healthcare professional who is not only skilled in her craft but also deeply compassionate about the well-being of her patients and would ultimately find the best way to handle them and help them cope with their pain or longstanding illness.

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Zulaikha Abdulrahman Ali Awadh

Vascular Coordinator
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Zulaikha is a distinguished Surgical Coordinator at SSMC hospital in partnership with Mayo clinic in Abu Dhabi, with a career spanning over 16 years since her graduation from the Abu Dhabi Nursing Institute in 2005. She further honed her skills by obtaining a Bachelor's degree in Nursing from Griffith University in Australia. Her clinical acumen is particularly focused on optimizing surgical pathways for vascular patients, including those with end-stage renal disease. In addition to her clinical responsibilities, Zulaikha has been an active contributor to healthcare innovation. She initiated the first cancer registry at her hospital, a significant advancement in oncological research and patient management. She was also a pivotal member of a clinical task force that successfully reduced the waiting time for surgical interventions in cancer patients.

Zulaikha is deeply committed to the dissemination of knowledge and has presented her work on clinical pathways for surgical patients at multiple medical forums. Her academic contributions extend to being part of initiatives that aim to improve clinical protocols and patient outcomes. Throughout her career, Zulaikha has held various leadership roles within her institution, including spearheading committees focused on surgical efficiency and patient care. Her work is characterized by a rigorous commitment to evidence-based practice, and she has been instrumental in implementing clinical strategies that have measurably improved patient care and operational efficiency within the surgical department.



Dr. Khaled Ismail

Staff Physician, Medical-Surgical Critical Care
Critical Care Institute
Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, UAE



Dr. Khaled was qualified as a doctor in medicine in 1990. He received the MD from KUL, Leuven University (Belgium) 1993. Then moved to Bristol UK where he worked as a registrar at the Royal infirmary. achieved the CCST in Anesthesiology and Intensive Care in July 1998. Then started in August 1998 as a Consultant in Anesthesia and Intensive Care at the Mid Yorkshire Hospitals. He was appointed as the ICU director and two years later then promoted to be the Critical Care lead for 7 years. he is a fellow of the Royal College of Anaesthetist (FRCA London) and a fellow of the Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine (FFICM London). DR Khaled has several publications in Anesthesia and Intensive care that was published and presented in major conferences. In 2019 he moved to Abu Dhabi and was appointed as the chair of Anesthesia and intensive care at Al Ain, was appointed as the Chair of SEHA Anesthesia council for two years. Dr. Khaled was the silver commander for COVID-19 pandemic for Al Ain city. He then moved to Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi and Currently working as a Consultant Critical Care for 3 years.



Dr. Magid Azam Alkimawi

Consultant,
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Dr. Magid Al-kimawi, Consultant Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, educated and trained from across the United States of America. Dr. Magid received his medical degree from King Abdulaziz University. He completed his internship in General surgery from St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Boston, USA and his residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Tufts Medical Center. In Boston, USA. Dr. Magid is certified by the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation - Pain Medicine. His areas of special interests are in interventional physiatry and pain management.

SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHY



Dr. Bhaskar Basu

Senior Consultant and Clinical Lead in
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Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust
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Current designation: Consultant in Physical & Rehabilitation Medicine and Clinical Lead for Amputee and Prosthetic Rehabilitation in Manchester, UK; Consultant and Clinical Lead in Neurorehabilitation - Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust, UK. Consultant in Rehabilitation Medicine - Ashbrook Neurorehabilitation, Manchester, Osiris Healthcare, PSP Neurorehabilitation and Grey Salamander, National Neurorehabilitation Chamber.

Qualification: MBBS (India), Dip Ortho (India), MRCS (Royal College of Surgery, Edinburgh), FRCP (Royal College of Medicine, London), FEBPRM (Fellow of European Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation)

Additional Appointments:

National Chair – SIG for Amputee Medicine UK

Honorary Lecturer - Salford University

Executive committee member of BSPRM (British Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine)

Member of BSPRM Major Trauma Core Group

Member of SIGAM BSPRM (Special Interest Group- Amputee medicine)

Member of the National Clinical Guideline Development Group (GDG) for Trauma Service Delivery (NCGC | National Institute for Health and Care Excellence NICE | Royal College of Physicians) 2014-2015, Published in Feb 2016

Specialist Commentator for NICE Innovation Briefing

Research and educational projects: With Salford University, Sheffield University, Manchester University, Newcastle University and University of Central Lancashire (UCLAN). He is the convenor and faculty in BSPRM SIGAM Advanced Prosthetic and Amputee Rehabilitation Course at Stanmore and Manchester since 2024. He is one of the major contributors for BSRM Amputee and Prosthetic Rehabilitation Standards and Guidelines document 2015 (published in 2018).



Sumeya Mohammed Al Hammadi

Manager of Rehabilitation
STMC-Rehabilitation Hospital
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Sumeya Al Hammadi, is the Manager of Rehabilitation Services at STMC Rehabilitation. She is a DOH licensed physiotherapist and holds a bachelor degree in physiotherapy from the University of Sharjah.

Sumeya joined Tawam in 2006, and served inpatient and outpatients at Tawam hospital. She was the first Emirati physiotherapist who had great enthusiasm and potential to grow in her career.

Sumeya is the First Emirati Certified Lymphedema Therapist in UAE where she obtained her license from Germany Feoldi Clinic. She is expert in providing lymphedema treatment to patients post-surgical or after radiation treatment from any cancer where lymph glands are removed. She uses the ideal treatment called Complete Decongestive Therapy (DCT) that includes skin care, manual lymph drainage, compression and exercise.

Sumeya was mentored to grow her knowledge, competencies and skills into managerial position. In 2018 she was appointed into a Manager of Rehabilitation position. During 2020, and as part of the Al Ain Region integration, Sumeya was assigned to shift the outpatient rehabilitation services from Tawam to Al Ain hospital in order to expand the rehabilitation services and participate in the activation of the new STMC rehabilitation hospital.

Despite all of her managerial responsibilities, Sumeya continued to provide a lymphedema clinic to her patients and attends the tumor board meetings to share the process of treatment with the doctors and other multidisciplinary team. She is well liked by her patients because she provides excellent customer services and she ensures good patient access.

Over the past years, Sumeya contributed to many expansion projects and operational initiatives that aim to improve patient experience and access to physiotherapy services. She is a preceptor and a role model for young Emirati physiotherapists.

SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHY



Dr. Tania Saez Guzman
Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE



I am European Board of Vascular Surgery. After 12 years practicing in Europe I moved to Middle East more than 7 years ago. I was leading and developing the endovascular and hybrid treatment of Aortic Diseases, Critical Limb Ischemia and Vascular Trauma in KSMC in Saudi Arabia and Program Training Director of Vascular Surgery Fellowship for more than 2 years. I joined SSMC-Mayo Clinic in 2023 with the aim to develop a center of excellence in Vascular Surgery for UAE. My main interests are Aortic Diseases and minimally invasive management of arterial diseases with the most updated techniques.



Abeer Sameer Alanazi
Senior podiatrist
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE



I am a senior podiatrist with 10 years of professional experience in diabetic foot management and podiatric care. I hold a Bachelor of Science in Podiatry, a Postgraduate Certificate in Diabetes, and a master's degree in healthcare management. My expertise lies in managing complex diabetic foot conditions and contributing to the advancement of podiatric healthcare practices.



Dr. Ahmed Abdulaziz Altoub
Consultant of Podiatric Surgery
DAWALI Clinics
Saudi Arabia



Dr. Ahmed Altoub, a board-certified Podiatric Surgeon, specializes in foot and ankle surgery, diabetic limb salvage, and trauma care. He holds a Doctorate from Barry University and completed his residency at Westchester General Hospital in Florida USA. Currently, he serves as a consultant at DAWALI Clinics, with expertise in soft tissue, bone disorders, and elective foot surgeries.



Mr. Eslam Badereldeen
Senior Nurse
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Registered Nurse with a demonstrated background-of working in Radiology, Interventional Radiology, Nuclear Medicine, Code Stroke program, Medical Surgical Ward and Critical area. Skilled in Nursing Management, Healthcare Management, Leadership, and Public Speaking with Long experience in GCC hospitals Achieved Platinum Certification from Stroke World Organization.

SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHY



Charl Stenger

Owner, Orthotist Prosthetist
OrthoMENA
South Africa



Charl is an experienced Orthotist and Prosthetist with over 20 years of expertise in the Middle East, specializing in diabetic foot management and advanced off-loading techniques. He has invested significant time in developing prosthetic solutions that enhance mobility and healing for patients with diabetic foot complications. As the founder of OrthoMENA, Charl focuses on delivering high-quality central fabrication and clinical care across the MENA region. His approach emphasizes a holistic view of rehabilitation, fostering collaboration between clinical teams and manufacturing partners to provide the best possible outcomes for patients. Passionate about innovation in diabetic foot care, Charl remains committed to advancing the field through both clinical expertise and specialized resources.



Amitkumar Patel

Lead Advanced Vascular Scientist
Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust
UK



Mr. Amitkumar Patel brings extensive experience as an Advanced Clinical Vascular Ultrasound Sonographer/Scientist, with a strong track record of managing busy diagnostic clinics within a dynamic hospital environment. His dedication to conducting comprehensive examinations and diagnoses is complemented by his proficiency in communication and collaboration, enhancing both team cohesion and patient care. With 10 years of experience as a resourceful and adaptable Director, Mr. Patel specializes in financial oversight, scheduling, bidding, protocol development, and process enhancements. As a team-oriented leader, he excels in employee engagement, customer relationship management, time management, conflict resolution, and cost reduction. His customer-focused approach to account management enables the cultivation of enduring business relationships. Mr. Patel is now seeking an opportunity to apply his operational leadership background in a role with an exceptional organization.



Fatime Kasem Elahmad

Wound Care Nurse
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE



- Has an extensive general nursing experience in critical care.
- In 2019, has completed the International Interprofessional Wound Care Course (IIWCC)- from University of Toronto in Abu Dhabi and pursued her Master's Degree in Clinical Skin Integrity and Wound Management at the University of Hertfordshire in UK in 2020.
- Successfully completed the Certified Wound Specialist (CWS) exam from the American Board of Wound Management, 2022.
- A resource person that provide specialist advice and guidance to unit staffs and other health care professionals and family members and a champion of JAWDA KPI.
- A co-author of a publication and quality initiative to prevent pressure injury for patients undergoing prolonged surgery.

SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHY



Ajitha Rajendran
Charge Nurse, Wound care service
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE



- Wound specialist Nurse at Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City.
- Has an extensive general nursing experience in medical, surgical, critical care and operation theatre.
- Completed Ostomy Care Course during the year 2016-2017 from EDICIONS ROL EDICIONS ROL, Spanish Society of Expert stomal Therapy, and Barcelona.
- In 2018, completed International Interprofessional Wound Care Course (IIWCC)-Abu Dhabi and pursued Master's Degree in Clinical Skin Integrity and Wound Management at the University of Hertfordshire, UK in 2020. Attained diplomate in certified wound care specialist by American board of wound management in 2022.
- An advocate of pressure injury prevention, co-champion for Hospital acquired pressure injury incidences and was chair of pressure injury prevention task force meeting at SSMC.



Safaa Hassan Alghoul
Wound Care Nurse
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City,
Abu Dhabi, UAE



Safaa Hassan Alghoul has over 6 years of experience working as a registered nurse in acute orthopedics, trauma, plastic surgery, OMF (oral and maxillofacial), vascular, ophthalmology, and ENT units at one of the biggest government hospitals in Abu Dhabi. Safaa Hassan Alghoul holds a bachelor's degree in nursing, is currently licensed as an RN by the Department of Health (DOH), and has acquired a certificate from IIWCG.

Currently working as a wound care nurse at Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City, Safaa Hassan Alghoul's experience includes developing patient care plans, conducting skin assessments, utilizing NPWT (negative pressure wound therapy), and implementing advanced wound care techniques. In addition to these responsibilities, Safaa Hassan Alghoul also provides clinical expertise and advice in wound management, as well as in the prevention and treatment of pressure ulcers.

POSTER PRESENTERS

- 1. High-Dose Folic acid Supplementation in Acute Myocardial Infarction - systematic review**
- Dr. Ahmed Qasim Mohammed Alhatemi - Al Nasiriyah Teaching Hospital
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- Dr. Mohamed Sabry Gwed - Kasralainy
- 3. Revisiting of occluded native superficial femoral artery after femoropopliteal bypass occlusion in patients with critical limb ischemia using the endovascular approach**
- Dr. Mohamed Sabry Gwed - Kasralainy teaching hospital
- 4. Arteriovenous fistula cannulation: A Moroccan experience**
- Dr. Nejari Amal - Nephrology department, Mohammed VI University Hospital Center of Oujda, Faculty of medicine of Oujda, Mohammed I University
- 5. Beyond Spetzler-Martin: A Comparative Analysis of Novel Cerebral Arteriovenous Malformation Classification Systems**
- Dr. Mohamad Monif Assker - SKMC
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- Dr. Mohamed Sabry Gwed - Kasralainy teaching hospital Cairo university
- 7. Lambli's Excrescence as an Etiology of Thromboembolism: Case Report and Literature Review**
- Dr. Mohammad Ala' Alajjuri - Dubai Health
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- Ms. Ghadah Abdulrahman Alarify - King Saud University
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- Dr. Aimen Faheem - Shifa international hospital Islamabad
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- Ms. Laila Tarek Khalil - Weill Cornell Medicine - Qatar
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- Dr. Bengrad Ahmed - Mohammed VI University Hospital Center, Oujda, Morocco
- 13. Rescue catheter intervention for neoaortic obstruction, a case report.**
- Ms. Soumya Prachith - Rak Medical and Health Sciences University
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- Dr. Layth Raafat Hamzeh - Khalifa University College of Medicine and Health Sciences
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- Dr. Shahzad Sarosh Bulsara - NMC Hospital, Dubai
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- Dr. Abeer Alshiek Edrees Ahmed Barakat - Nobel medical centre
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- Dr. Omar Sameer Hamodat - University of Sharjah, College of medicine
- 18. Unraveling Cardiovascular Risks and Benefits of COVID-19 Vaccines: A Systematic Review**
- Ms. Ananya Srivastava - RAK Medical and Health Sciences University
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- Dr. Arfa Iqbal Pasha - Sheikh Khalifa Medical City
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- Dr. Stephanie Thomas - Manchester University Foundation Trust
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- Dr. Andrzej Eberhardt - General surgery and Vascular, Vascular Surgery and Phlebology in Femmed Clinic, Warsaw, Poland
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- Dr. Layth Raafat Hamzeh - Khalifa University College of Medicine
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- Mr. Baraa Hajjar - Khalifa University / SSMC
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- Mr. Muhammad Farhan - Ajman University
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- Dr. Abeer Sameer Alanazi - Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City
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- Dr. Salsabila Anwar Ali Aljasari - Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City
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- Dr. Mohammed Husham Khattab - United Arab Emirates University/ College of Medicine and Health Sciences
- 31. Platelet Thrombi a Rare and Forgotten Cause of Recurrent Malfunction of Tunnelled Haemodialysis Catheter**
- Dr. Fatima AlKindi - Tawam Hospital
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- Dr. Nadeem Ahmed Burney - Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City

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