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WELCOME MESSAGE



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It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the **8th Abu Dhabi International Vascular Conference**, taking place from **6–8 November 2026** at **Sofitel Abu Dhabi Corniche, Abu Dhabi, UAE.** The conference will commence with Pre-Conference Workshops on 6 November 2026, followed by the Main Scientific Conference on 7–8 November 2026.

This year's theme, **"Every Step Matters: Raising Awareness in Limb Salvage and Vascular Care"** reflects something that sits at the heart of modern vascular care — working together to prevent avoidable amputations, improve quality of life, and ultimately save lives.

Vascular disease affects millions of people worldwide and is often not recognised until serious complications develop. From diabetic foot disease and chronic limb-threatening ischaemia chronic limb-threatening ischaemia to vascular trauma and venous disease, good outcomes depend on early recognition, timely referral, and close multidisciplinary teamwork.

This conference continues to focus on raising awareness of vascular disease across the wider healthcare community. Our audience includes not only vascular specialists, but also the many professionals involved in caring for vascular patients every day — including emergency medicine, primary care, radiology, podiatry, endocrinology, rehabilitation, wound care, nursing, physiotherapy, and allied healthcare teams. This year, we are especially excited to place a stronger focus on limb salvage. The programme will explore practical, real-world approaches to prevention, revascularisation, wound care, diabetic foot management, infection control, rehabilitation, and long-term patient care, with sessions delivered by leading regional and international experts.

We are also delighted to introduce a new patient-focused diabetic foot awareness and education programme alongside the scientific meeting. By engaging directly with patients and the public, we hope to promote earlier intervention, better foot care awareness, and prevention of avoidable complications. Our annual community vascular awareness walk will also return this year, continuing an initiative that reflects the spirit of the conference — bringing healthcare professionals, patients, families, and the wider community together around vascular health and prevention.

On behalf of the organising committee, we would like to thank all our speakers, faculty, partners, sponsors, and attendees for being part of this growing conference. We hope the meeting provides not only valuable learning and discussion, but also an opportunity to connect, collaborate, and share ideas that will help improve patient care across the region and beyond.

We look forward to welcoming you to Abu Dhabi.

Warm regards,

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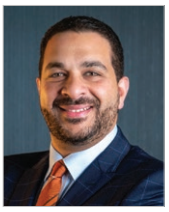
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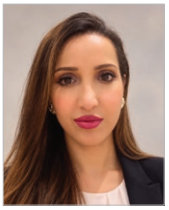
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CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

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

- Review the latest advances and evidence-based practices in vascular and endovascular care.
- Recognize early signs and referral pathways for vascular diseases.
- Discuss the evaluation and management of common and complex vascular disorders.
- Examine current approaches in limb salvage, diabetic foot care, and wound management.
- Define the classification and management of venous diseases.
- Apply multidisciplinary and patient-centered approaches to vascular care.
- Integrate contemporary vascular research and innovations into clinical practice.

WHY ATTEND?

This conference will bring together leading experts, multidisciplinary healthcare professionals, and industry leaders to explore the latest advancements in vascular and endovascular care, with a special focus on limb salvage and vascular disease awareness.

- Gain practical insights into the latest advances in vascular medicine, limb salvage, diabetic foot care, and vascular interventions.
- Learn from renowned regional and international experts through interactive scientific sessions and case-based discussions.
- Network with vascular specialists, physicians, nurses, allied healthcare professionals, researchers, and industry partners.
- Explore innovative technologies, emerging treatment strategies, and multidisciplinary approaches in vascular care.
- Stay updated on evidence-based practices and real-world solutions that improve patient outcomes and quality of care.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- All Physicians and Surgeons
- Ambulatory Health Staff and Emergency Department Physicians
- Allied Staff including Radiographers, Podiatrists, Physiotherapists, Pharmacists, Occupational Health and Rehabilitation
- Nursing Staff
- Residents and Interns, Medical and Nursing Students

GENERAL INFORMATION

Venue
An iconic luxury 5-star hotel located in the prime district of Abu Dhabi. 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.

Name Badges
Participants are required to wear their name badges throughout the meeting in order to be admitted to the lecture halls and other scheduled activities. Kindly ensure you scan in and scan out in the session halls attended.

Refreshment and Lunch
Refreshment and lunch will be offered in accordance with the breaks indicated on the Agenda.

Internet
Free internet will be available in the exhibition area during the conference.

Mobile Phones and Photography
Participants are kindly requested to keep their mobile phones silent mode in the conference hall and refrain from taking photographs with flash during sessions.

Abstract
Abstract Posters will be on display the entire day of the conference from November 7 & 8, 2026

CME ACCREDITATION

This conference has been accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®) and is designated for a maximum of **15 European CME** credits (ECMEC®s)

Day 1, 7/11/26 is Accredited for **7.5 CME** Hours	Day 2, 8/11/26 is Accredited for **7.5 CME** Hours

This conference (MECMP-2026-006334) has been accredited by the Department of Health - Abu Dhabi for a maximum of **16.35 DOH CME** hours.

Day 1, 7/11/26 is Accredited for **8.15 CME** Hours	Day 2, 8/11/26 is Accredited for **8.20 CME** Hours

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

- For DOH CME, Delegates are required to claim their certificate through the DOH TAMM application.
- The certificate can be claimed within 60 days from the conference start date, after this period certificates will no longer be available for claim
- Please ensure to scan in your name badge before every session in the session halls attended.
- CME points are accumulated based on attended hours.
- 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.

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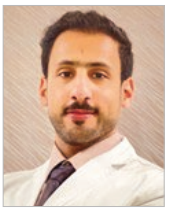
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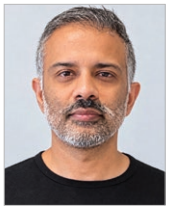
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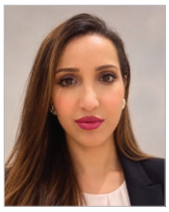
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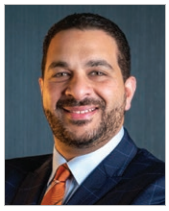
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PRE-CONFERENCE EVENING

Friday, 6 November, 2026

TIME	Topic / Activity	
Parallel Workshop 1		
Patient & Public Workshop: Keeping Your Feet for Life Moderators : Prof. Mohamed Baguneid , Dr. Hagir Mohamed, Abeer Sameer Alanazi		
17:00-17:10	Welcome and brief presentation: Why Every Step Matters – diabetic foot disease, circulation and preventable amputation	Prof. Mohamed Baguneid
17:10-17:30	**Hands-on Demonstration 1**: Know Your Feet: skin, nails, colour, swelling, temperature, blisters, wounds and warning signs	Abeer Sameer Alanazi
17:30-17:50	**Hands-on Demonstration 2**: Feeling & Circulation: monofilament (nerve) testing, foot pulses and a simple hand-held Doppler demonstration	Dr. Hagir Mohamed
17:50-18:05	Break / Refreshments	
18:05-18:15	Short presentation – Warning Signs You Should Never Ignore: when a foot problem needs urgent assessment	Dr. Hagir Mohamed
18:15-18:35	**Hands-on Demonstration 3** – Shoes, Pressure & Protecting Your Feet: footwear, pressure points, insoles and simple offloading	Abeer Sameer Alanazi
18:35-18:50	**Hands-on Demonstration 4:** I've Found a Wound – What Do I Do? Simple protection, what not to do, infection warning signs and where to seek help	Dr. Hagir Mohamed
18:50-19:30	Ask the Team + Rate the Consensus Messages: Is It Clear? Could You Do It?	
Parallel Workshop 2		
Vascular Imaging in Practice: See It, Understand It, Refer It Moderators : Melika Bankipour, Shaynaaz Govender, Dr. Tania Saez Guzman , Dr. Sulaiman Alshamsi , Dr. Ibrahim Riza		
17:00-17:10	Welcome, faculty briefing and orientation to the practical stations	
17:10-17:40	Principles of lower-extremity vascular ultrasound	
17:40-18:10	**Station 1**: Lower-limb arterial duplex demonstration: pedal acceleration times	
18:10-18:20	Short break / station change	
18:20-18:50	**Station 2**: Lower-limb venous duplex demonstration: tips & pitfalls	
18:50-19:00	Questions and close of workshop	
Every Step Consensus – Expert Panel Meeting Moderator: Prof. Mohamed Baguneid		
19:00-19:30	Round 2 results and confirmation of the 10–12 headline statements	Prof. Mohamed Baguneid
19:30 onwards: Networking Dinner		

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Saturday, 7 November, 2026

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
07:30-08:30	Registration	
08:30-08:40	Conference Welcome & Overview	
Session 1 – Every Step Matters: Building a Limb-Salvage System Moderators : Prof. Mohamed Baguneid , Dr. Sulaiman Alshamsi		
08:40-09:05	Official Conference Inauguration	
09:05-09:15	The Preventable Amputation – The Scale of the Challenge in the UAE and MENA	Prof. Mohamed Baguneid
09:15-09:25	What Makes a Successful Regional Multidisciplinary (Team-Based) Diabetic Foot Service?	Prof. Edward Jude
09:25-09:35	Recognising PAD (Peripheral Arterial Disease) Before Tissue Loss Occurs	Dr. Sulaiman Alshamsi
09:35-10:00	Panel: Launching the Every Step Consensus – What Every Person with Diabetes Should Know, Believe and Do	
10:00-10:30	Coffee Break , Exhibition & Poster Evaluation	
Parallel Workshops - *Running alongside Sessions 2 and 3*		
10:30-12:00 Workshop A	**Wound Care I: Compression Bandaging and Debridement** Ashwaq Nuuh, Iline Taha, Che Yumul Mercado, Divya Das, Ajitha Rajendran & Asha Ali Abdi	
12:00-12:30 Workshop A	**The Modern Wound Care Pathway: From Debridement to Advanced Closure** Asma Ahmed El Hallak (Smith and Nephew)	
10:30-12:00 Workshop B	**Vascular Lab: Hands-On Lower-Limb Assessment** Shaynaaz Govender & Melika Bankipour	
Session 2 – Principles of CLTI Management Moderators: Dr. Tania Saez Guzman, Prof. Samer Koussayer, Dr. Ibrahim Riza		
10:30-10:40	Open Surgical Revascularisation in the Endovascular Era: When Surgery Still Matters in CLTI	Dr. Tania Saez Guzman
10:40-10:50	Getting In and Out Safely: Arterial Access, Closure and Managing Access-Site Complications	Prof. Mohamed Baguneid
10:50-11:00	Endovascular Applications in Acute Lower Limb Ischaemia	Dr. Mohamed Raafat Okelah
11:00-11:10	Definition of No Option	Dr. Martin Maresch
11:10-11:40	DEBATE - Motion: This House Believes an Endovascular-First Strategy is the Right Approach for Complex CLTI *For the motion: Dr. Tania Saez Guzman | Against the motion: Prof. Samer Koussayer*	
11:40-11:50	Break	
Session 3 – The Diabetic Foot: Prevention to Save Limb Moderators : Elizabeth Ruth Choudhry, Prof. Edward Jude, Abeer Sameer Alanazi		
11:50-12:00	Screen, Stratify, Prevent: The Essential Role of Diabetic Foot Screening in Preventing Ulceration and Amputation	Elizabeth Ruth Choudhry
12:00-12:10	Artificial Intelligence Applications in Diabetic Foot Ulcer: Assessment, Prediction, Data Integration and Clinical Decision Support	Abdulaziz Binkanan
12:10-12:20	When Is Infection a Surgical Emergency?	Dr. Faisal Alam
12:20-12:30	Climbing the Reconstructive Ladder: When to Use Biological Dressings, Skin Grafts or Flaps	Dr. Zeeshan Ahmad
12:30-12:40	The Multidisciplinary Diabetic Foot Team - Who Needs to Be in the Room?	Dr. Naser Bader Alhumaidi
12:40-13:05	Panel Discussion and Live Vote: Every Step Consensus Headlines	
13:05-14:00	Lunch Break	

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Parallel Workshop - *Running alongside Session 4*		
14:00-15:30 Workshop C	**Podiatry I: Offloading the Diabetic Foot – Casting, Shoes and Insoles** Prof. Edward Jude, Abeer Sameer Alanazi, Fortune Howard, Arif Adam & Alaa Ghattas	
Session 4 – From Wound Bed Preparation to Healing Moderators: Ashwaq Ali Haji Nuuh, Iline Ragheb Taha, Gulnaz Tariq		
14:00-14:10	Wound Bed Preparation 2024: From Assessment to Action	Gulnaz Tariq
14:10-14:20	Treat the Cause First: Vascular Supply, Pressure Offloading and More	Iline Ragheb Taha
14:20-14:30	Healable, Maintenance or Non-Healable? Setting Realistic Goals Before Choosing a Dressing	Ashwaq Ali Haji Nuuh
14:30-14:40	Pain, Adherence and Daily Life: Building the Plan Around the Patient	Ajitha Rajendran
14:40-14:50	Infection Management of the Diabetic Foot	Akshatha Shekar
14:50-15:00	Debridement Decision: Which Method and When (and When Not To	Gulnaz Tariq
15:00-15:15	Panel Discussion	
15:15-15:45	Coffee Break / Exhibition	
Parallel Workshop - *Running alongside Session 5*		
15:30-17:00 Workshop D	**Rehabilitation and Physiotherapy Services for Limb Salvage** Dr. Magid Azam Alkimawi, Deina Sharaf, Ibtihal Hussein Hasan Almashaileh, Joy Ann Jumuad, Halima Alraeesi & Dr. Daniel Walter Beauchamp	
Session 5 – Vascular Trauma: Saving Life and Limb Moderators: Dr. Sharath Paravastu, Dr. Raashid Shahbazi, Dr. Ibrahim Riza		
15:45-15:55	ABCs of Vascular Trauma	Dr. Sharath Paravastu
15:55-16:05	Who Moves, the Patient or the Surgeon? – Vascular Trauma in Hospitals Without Vascular Cover	Dr. Soroush Sohrabi
16:05-16:15	Repair or Ligate? – Rethinking Venous Trauma Management	Dr. Bhavesh Natha
16:15-16:25	Role of Endovascular Therapy in Vascular Trauma	Dr. Mohamed Raafat Okelah
16:25-16:35	Recognition and Management of Iatrogenic Vascular Injuries	Dr. Raashid Shahbazi
16:35-16:45	Three Decisions That Matter in Vascular Trauma	Dr. Ibrahim Riza
16:45-17:00	Panel Discussion	
17:00-17:20	POSTER PRESENTATION - Top 3 Finalists	
17:20	Close of Day 1	

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TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
06:30-07:30	STEP AHEAD WALK: EVERY STEP MATTERS — Sofitel Abu Dhabi Corniche / Corniche Waterfront	
08:00-08:45	Registration	
Session 6 – EVSS Session: Where Have We Reached with Limb Salvage? Moderators : Dr Deena M. A. Alqedrah, Dr. Abdulrahman Maher, Dr. Mohamed Raafat Okelah		
08:45-08:55	From Groin to Toe: Crossing the Uncrossable in Long Total Blockages (CTOs)	Dr. Luis Mariano Palena
08:55-09:05	Mechanical Thrombectomy in Acute DVT	Prof. Mert Dumantepe
09:05-09:15	Managing Hand Ischaemia from Arteriovenous Access Steal Syndrome	Dr. Ali Mohammed Jawas
09:15-09:25	Deep Venous Arterialisation	Dr. Luis Mariano Palena
09:25-09:50	Panel Discussion	
09:50-10:15	Coffee Break / Exhibition	

Parallel Workshops - *Running alongside Sessions 7*

10:15-11:45 Workshop E	**Workshop E – Wound Care II: Advanced Technologies, Comprehensive Wound Assessment and Clinical Decision-Making** Gulnaz Tariq, Fatime Kasem El Ahmad , Salvacion Pangilinan Cruz, Rania Mirghani Elhadi Abdulla, Akshatha Shekar, Asha Ali Abdi	10:15-11:45 Workshop F	**Workshop F – Vascular Access: Protecting the Lifeline in Haemodialysis** Aaesha Abdulla Naser Alblooshi, Katheryn Grace Chua Jamilano, Kim Michael Dablio, Mae Baliguat Flores, Albert Lazarte Delgado

Session 7 – Venous Disease: The Other Threat to the Limb Moderators : Dr. Bhavesh Natha, Dr. Nashwan Ahmed Alattab, Prof. Mohamed Baguneid		
10:15-10:25	Venous Assessment by Duplex	Shaynaaz Govender
10:25-10:35	Venous Ulcers - What Actually Makes Them Heal?	Dr. Hagir Mohamed
10:35-10:45	Superficial Venous Intervention - What, When and How?	Dr. Saher Arour
10:45-10:55	Post-Thrombotic Syndrome and Chronic Venous Obstruction	Dr. Bhavesh Natha
10:55-11:05	Chronic Iliofemoral DVT – When Should We Intervene?	Dr. Nashwan Ahmed Alattab
11:05-11:35	DEBATE - Motion: This House Believes All Acute Iliofemoral DVT Should Be De-Clotted For the motion: Dr. Nashwan Ahmed Alattab | Against the motion: Prof. Mert Dumantepe	
11:35-11:55	Symposium:- Diabetic Foot Management Speaker: Carlos Jorge Silva Pereira (Mölnlycke and Quadri Pharma)	
Session 8 – Vascular Assessment: Measure Before You Treat Moderators: Shaynaaz Govender , Dr Ibrahim Riza, Prof. Mohamed Baguneid		
11:55-12:05	Bedside Clinical Assessment in Chronic Limb-Threatening Ischaemia	Dr. Ibrahim Riza
12:05-12:15	How I Perform a Lower-Limb Arterial Duplex Scan in CLTI	Hassan Ali Khan
12:15-12:25	Ankle–Brachial Index, Toe–Brachial Index and Pedal Acceleration Time: Getting the Numbers Right	Prof. Mohamed Baguneid
12:25-12:35	Choosing the Right Imaging: CTA, MRA, CO2 and Contrast Angiography – Benefits and Risks	Dr. Ibrahim Riza
12:35-12:45	IVUS (Intravascular Ultrasound) in Lower-Limb Intervention	Dr. Ali Ballaith
12:45-13:00	Panel Discussion	
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break	

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TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
Parallel Workshops - *Running alongside Sessions 9 & 10*		
14:00-15:30 Workshop G	The Foot Vault: A Medical Mystery Escape Room Elizabeth Ruth Choudhry	
14:00-15:30 Workshop H	Percutaneous Mechanical Thrombectomy for Arterial and Venous Occlusions Dr. Nashwan Ahmed Alattab	
Session 9 – The Limb-Salvage Challenge Moderators : Gulnaz Tariq, Abeer Sameer Alanazi, Dr. Hagir Mohamed, Dr. Haidar Saeed Jalil Aal Mussa		
14:00-14:10	Joining the Dots: The Role of Care Coordination in Successful Limb Salvage	Zulaikha Abdulrahman Ali Awadh
14:10-14:25	Case 1 – Lower-Limb Necrotising Fasciitis	Dr. Hagir Mohamed
14:25-14:40	Case 2 – Diabetic Foot Ulcer Managed with Oxygen Therapy	Dr. Haidar Saeed Jalil Aal Mussa
14:40-14:55	Case 3 – A Young Vascular Trauma Patient with a Severely Injured Leg	Prof. Mohamed Baguneid
14:55-15:10	**Panel Discussion**	
15:10-15:35	**Coffee Break / Exhibition**	
Session 10 – When Revascularisation Is Not Enough Moderators: Deina Sharaf , Ibtihal Hussein Hasan Almashaileh, Dr. Magid Azam Alkimawi, Dr. Sulaiman Alshamsi, Dr. Daniel Walter Beauchamp		
15:35-15:45	The Physiatrist's Approach to Limb Loss: Pre-Amputation Through Lifelong Care	Dr. Magid Azam Alkimawi
15:45-15:55	A Rehabilitation Approach to Lower-Extremity Limb Salvage	Dr. Daniel Walter Beauchamp
15:55-16:05	Post-Revascularisation Exercise Rehabilitation in Peripheral Arterial Disease: A Scoping Review of Current Evidence	Deina Loutfi Mahmoud Sharaf
16:05-16:15	Beyond Revascularisation: The Emerging Role of Interventional Pain Medicine in Limb Salvage	Dr. Fadi Kaddoura
16:15-16:25	Safe Discharge After Limb Salvage	Ranya Omar Shehab & Saeed Mohammad Salameh Eldbji
16:25-16:35	**Panel: Salvage at All Costs?**	
Session 11 – Future of Limb Salvage Moderators : Prof. Mohamed Baguneid, Dr. Sulaiman Alshamsi		
16:35-16:45	Simulation in Vascular Training	Dr. Sulaiman Alshamsi
16:45-16:55	Will AI Take Our Jobs? A Machine's View on the Future of Limb Salvage	Prof. Mohamed Baguneid & Dr G.P.T., LLM
16:55-17:05	Healthcare in 2031: Where Will AI Be in Five Years?	Dr. Soroush Sohrabi
17:05-17:15	**Panel: Where Should Limb Salvage Be by 2030?**	
17:15-17:30	**AWARDS & CONFERENCE CLOSING**	

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Prof. Mohamed Baguneid
Conference Chair
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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 and oncovascular surgery.

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
Conference Co-Chair
Chair of Vascular Surgery
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Dr. Sulaiman Alshamsi is a distinguished medical professional specializing in vascular and endovascular surgery. He currently serves as a Consultant at Tawam Hospital and Sheikh Tahnoon Bin Mohammed Medical City (STMC), where he demonstrates extensive expertise in a wide range of open and endovascular surgical procedures.

In addition to his clinical responsibilities, Dr. Alshamsi serves as Chief of Vascular Surgery at STMC and Tawam Hospital, providing leadership and overseeing the delivery of vascular surgical services.

Dr. Alshamsi is also the Program Director of the General Surgery Residency Program and President of the Emirates Vascular Surgery Society (EVSS). Through these roles, he actively contributes to medical education, professional development, and the advancement of vascular surgery.

With comprehensive expertise in open and endovascular procedures, Dr. Alshamsi is committed to advancing the field of vascular surgery, delivering high standards of patient care, and mentoring the next generation of surgeons.

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Prof. Edward Jude
Professor of Medicine and Consultant Diabetologist
Tameside and Glossop Integrated Care
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The University of Manchester, Manchester, UK

- Past Chairman of the European Diabetic Foot Study Group, a subgroup of the EASD
- Member of European Association for the Study of Diabetes
- Lead for Diabetes Group in Northwest of England
- Lead for Diabetes and Endocrinology at Tameside Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Main research interests are in diabetes and pregnancy, diabetic complications including diabetic peripheral neuropathy, Charcot neuroarthropathy, endothelial dysfunction and the diabetic foot.

Received grant awards from the UK National Institute of Health Research (NIHR) under the Research for Patient Benefit Scheme (RfPB), the National Institute for Health (USA), Diabetes UK, Health Technology Assessment (UK) and the European Commission.

- Over 280 publications in peer reviewed journals and books



Dr. Luis Mariano Palena
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Dr. Mariano Palena is currently a Consultant Vascular Interventional Radiologist and expert in CLI revascularization and research. He is the co-founder of the Critical Limb Ischemia Courses (CLIC), Associate Professor of Angiology and Vascular Surgery at UNAM, and an honorary member of the SSVIR.

He obtained his medical degree from Bologna University in 2005. Dr. Palena has written and published more than 50 original research papers, review articles, and book chapters. Among his key scientific contributions are descriptions of advanced and extreme techniques for revascularization of lower extremity vessels (leg and foot), developed for the first time by his working group. He is actively engaged in endovascular treatment of lower limb arterial disease and diabetic foot syndrome, with a specific interest in chronic arterial occlusions, femoral, tibial, and retrograde/combined revascularization approaches



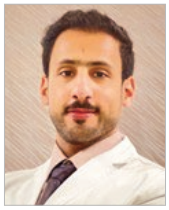
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President, Diabetic Foot and
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Dr. Naser Bader Naser Alhumaidi is a Consultant General Surgeon and holds the designation Head, Diabetic Foot Unit, Farwaniya Hospital, Kuwait. He is also President, Diabetic Foot and Wound Association of Kuwait (DWAK). Limb salvage is his main professional focus, with the goal of preserving limbs and reducing the impact of diabetic foot disease.

He earned his Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (M.B.B.Ch.) from October 6 University, Egypt, in December 2002 and holds the Kuwait Board of General Surgery, awarded in 2012. He completed a Diabetic Foot Fellowship at Complutense University of Madrid, Spain, from June 2017 to May 2018.

His fellowship training covered vascular and neurological complications of diabetes, diabetic foot assessment, wound classification and prognosis, and the diagnosis and treatment of bone and soft tissue infection. It also included prevention, risk classification, and comprehensive general, surgical and local wound management. These areas of training support his professional focus on limb salvage and the care of patients with diabetic foot disease.

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Mr. Abdulaziz Binkanan
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Mr. Abdulaziz Binkanan stands at the forefront of modern wound care as the President and Co-Founder of the Advanced Wound Care Association (AWCA) in Saudi Arabia. His influential leadership shapes pioneering clinical standards, elevates professional education and research, and drives impactful healthcare policies throughout the Kingdom and the broader region.

Armed with a Master of Nursing Studies and American Board of Wound Management (ABWM), Mr. Binkanan seamlessly merges high-level healthcare administration with an unwavering dedication to evidence-based clinical practice and breakthrough research. His influential academic portfolio tackles crucial industry challenges, empowering clinical teams and optimizing organizational frameworks to elevate the quality of patient care.

Under his visionary direction, AWCA has emerged as a premier scientific authority. Mr. Binkanan is deeply committed to transforming clinical outcomes by deploying rigorous impactful training initiatives, championing cross-disciplinary collaboration, and embedding innovation and research into everyday practice. By bridging clinical mastery, rigorous academic inquiry, and forward-thinking health policy, he continues to cement his legacy as a transformative catalyst for healthcare excellence and specialized wound care advancement across the Middle East.



Dr. Martin Maresch
Senior Consultant Vascular & Endovascular Surgeon;
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Dr. Martin Maresch is enthusiastic Senior Consultant Vascular & Endovascular Surgeon in BDF Hospital, Bahrain. He is also Senior Lecturer in Faculty of Medicine, Royal College of Surgeon in Ireland, Bahrain.

He completed his graduation from Commenius University School of Medicine, Slovak Rep in 1996. He was trained in the Institute of Cardio-Vascular Diseases in Bratislava, Slovak Republic.

He accomplished PhD in Vascular Surgery with thesis title: Proteolytic enzymes in Pathophysiology of Aortic Aneurysm.

In his professional career, he has extensively focused work on Diabetic foot and CLI limb revascularization endovascular, open and hybrid techniques and limb salvage.

Beside routine vascular trauma cases, aortic and carotid procedures, managing AV access for patients on chronic dialysis he's clinical interest is focused on Venous disorders.

After establishment of specialized Venous program managing acute DVT by medical treatment, catheter directed thrombolysis and mechanical thrombectomy as well as cases of Chronic DVT recanalizations by endovascular and hybrid techniques.

He is the author of multiple publications in international peer-reviewed journals, participant in several international trials and regular speaker on international cardio-vascular meetings.

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Dr. Faisal Alam
Senior Consultant Vascular Surgeon
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Dr. Faisal Alam is a Senior Consultant Vascular Surgeon graduated from Sultan Qaboos University in 1994 with a BSc in Health Sciences and an MD in Medicine. He trained in General Surgery and obtained the MRCS in 1999. His higher surgical training was at Ninewells Hospital in Dundee, United Kingdom. He obtained FRCS and CCT in 2007and in 2008 respectively.

On returning to Oman he was promoted to Consultant General and Vascular Surgeon at the Royal Hospital in 2009, and served as the Head of the General Surgery Department from 2012 to 2016. And currently serves as the head of vascular surgery department in the same hospital since 2021 and president of the Oman Vascular Society since 2023.

His vascular practice covers carotid disease, aortic and peripheral vascular disease, vascular access for haemodialysis, varicose veins and the diabetic foot, using both open surgical and endovascular techniques.

Dr. Alam is closely involved in surgical education. He is an Honorary Senior Lecturer at the Sultan Qaboos University medical college and served two consecutive terms on the Education Committee for General Surgical Training program at the Oman Medical Specialty Board. He remains an active faculty and trainer in the OMSB. He is an examiner for the MRCS Part B OSCE for the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, and served as the College's International Surgical Advisor for 3years, and the Local Convener for the MRCS Part B OSCE examination in Muscat from 2014 up until 2024.



Prof. Mert Dumantepe
Professor of Cardiovascular Surgery
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Dr. Mert Dumantepe is a Professor of Cardiovascular Surgery at Uskudar University School of Medicine. He completed his graduation from Istanbul University School of Medicine, Turkey 2001. He was trained in Dr. Siyami Ersek Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery Research and Training Hospital.

He did a fellowship in the field of Chronic Thromboembolic Pulmonary Hypertension and Pulmonary Endarterectomy program and Heart Transplantation and Mechanical Assist Device program from the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine, USA in 2015 and 2016.

In his professional career, he has focused on extensive work with venous thromboembolic disease, particularly on catheter-directed treatments in deep venous thrombosis and intermediate-high risk Pulmonary Embolism. Dr. Dumantepe's research interest is optimizing the therapeutic management of patients with massive pulmonary embolism and endovascular treatment of acute and chronic deep vein thrombosis.

He is a reviewer of the Journal of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery, Chest, Heart-Lung and Circulation, BMJ, Phlebology, and the Lancet.

He is the author of over 100 publications in international peer-reviewed journals and a participant in several trials.

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Dr. Nashwan Ahmed Alattab
Consultant vascular & Endovascular Surgeon,
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Senior Consultant of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery with over 20 years of experience in vascular and general surgery, including 12 years in endovascular procedures, extensively trained across multiple tertiary hospitals in Yemen, Saudi Arabia, and Europe, with expertise in trauma management of the abdomen, thorax, extremities, and associated organs, soft tissues, and blood vessels (500+ cases). Areas of expertise include arterial and venous disorders, including carotid artery disease (300+ carotid endarterectomies and 80+ carotid body tumor excisions), diabetic foot (500 cases), critical limb ischemia, dialysis access (open and endovascular), central venous occlusion, DVT (thrombectomy and catheter-directed thrombolysis), May-Thurner syndrome, thoracic aortic aneurysm and transection repair (TEVAR), abdominal aortic aneurysm repair (open and EVAR), and varicose veins (1,000+ cases).

Holds memberships and fellowships including the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, the Arabic Board of General Surgery and Endovascular Surgery, FEIN (Fellowship of Peripheral Endovascular Intervention, Kiel University, Germany), and a Fellowship in Endovascular Reconstruction of Aortic Surgery from the University of Cologne, Germany (2025).



Prof. Samer Koussayer
Vascular and Endovascular Surgery Consultant,
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Dr. Samer Koussayer currently works as a vascular and endovascular surgery consultant at Rashid Hospital, Dubai Health, Dubai. He also serves as an Associate Professor at the College of Medicine, Al Faisal University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Dr. Koussayer completed his residency in General Surgery at Weill Cornell Medical College in New York and specialized in Vascular Surgery at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. He further completed a fellowship in Endovascular Surgery under Dr. Edward B. Diethrich at the Arizona Heart Institute.

He has been certified by the American Board of Vascular Surgery since 2000 and has over 25 years of experience in all aspects of vascular and endovascular surgery. Dr. Koussayer is actively involved in research and has authored numerous publications. His main areas of interest include Endovascular Aneurysm Repair (EVAR), Thoracic Endovascular Aneurysm Repair (TEVAR), and both open and endovascular repairs of thoracoabdominal aortic aneurysms.

Dr. Koussayer has been an invited speaker at numerous national and international vascular conferences across Australia, Asia, Europe, Africa, and the United States.

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Dr. Soroush Sohrabi
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Dr Soroush Sohrabi is a Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon at NMC Royal Hospital, Dubai Investments Park (DIP), with international training in the United Kingdom, Australia and the United States. He completed surgical training in England, gaining his Certificate of Completion of Training in Vascular and General Surgery and Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. He undertook endovascular training at Cleveland Clinic, Ohio, and vascular and endovascular fellowships in Australia.

Previously, Dr Sohrabi served as Clinical Director of Vascular Surgery Services in North Wales, leading ten consultants across three hospitals and establishing centralised services for a population exceeding 700,000. He also held leadership roles in endovascular surgery, diabetic foot care and vascular access.

His clinical expertise encompasses aortic aneurysms, peripheral arterial disease, carotid disease, varicose veins, diabetic foot conditions and dialysis access, using open, minimally invasive and hybrid techniques. He introduced several advanced vascular procedures to North Wales.

Dr Sohrabi holds a PhD from the University of Sunderland and previously served as an NIHR Academic Clinical Lecturer at the University of Leeds. A recipient of the British Transplantation Society's Medawar Medal, he has authored 77 peer-reviewed publications and four book chapters in his field.



Dr. Zeeshan Ahmad
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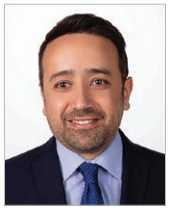
Dr. Zeeshan is a highly accomplished award-winning plastic and reconstructive surgeon with over 20 years of professional experience, renowned for his expertise and dedication to patient care. He undertook his medical training at Guy's & St. Thomas' Medical School, King's College London, University of London. Following successful completion of his basic surgical training in Oxford and Wessex, Dr. Zeeshan earned a coveted place on the distinguished national plastic surgery training programme, culminating in his Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons (FRCS) in Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery in 2015.

His extensive training spans several of the world's most prestigious institutions, including The London Clinic, Royal Melbourne and St. Vincent's Hospitals in Melbourne, as well as leading centers in Amsterdam and Seoul. Prior to relocating to the Gulf region, Dr. Zeeshan served as a Consultant at Cambridge University Hospitals, where he refined his skills in a wide array of reconstructive and aesthetic procedures. His fellowship experience encompasses skin cancer reconstruction, hand surgery, trauma and facial reconstruction, oncology reconstruction, body contouring, and advanced non-surgical therapies such as PRP, cellular therapies, and medical LASER treatments.

Dr. Zeeshan is recognized not only for his unwavering commitment to patient safety and clinical innovation but also for his patient-centered approach and meticulous attention to detail. Since moving to the Gulf, he has held multiple prestigious roles in clinical and executive leadership, fostering collaborations between governmental bodies, non-governmental organizations, and public-private partnerships, all while maintaining a thriving clinical practice under dual board certifications and licenses in Plastic Surgery and Regenerative Medicine.

A pioneer in tissue bioengineering and minimally invasive aesthetic surgery, Dr. Zeeshan is also dedicated to advancing reconstructive surgery for spasticity and contracture release particularly in vulnerable children and adults, scar management, peripheral nerve surgery and innovations in surgery. His exceptional blend of clinical expertise, leadership, and innovative research continues to shape the future of plastic surgery and regenerative medicine in the region and beyond.

SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHY



Dr. Fadi Kaddoura
Consultant Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dr. Fadi Kaddoura is a consultant anesthesiologist and interventional pain medicine consultant at Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City (SSMC) in Abu Dhabi. He completed his M.D. and residency in Anesthesiology and Pain Management at the American University of Beirut and a Fellowship in Pain Medicine at Rivne Regional Clinical Hospital. Dr. Kaddoura has also worked with Stanford Healthcare, enhancing his expertise on quality care. He serves on the Editorial Board of the New York Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine (NYSORA) and is the co-author of two textbooks on Regional Anesthesia and Ultrasound-Guided Interventional Pain Medicine



Ms. Ajitha Rajendran
Wound Care Nurse
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City (SSMC)
Abu Dhabi, UAE

Ajitha Rajendran is a highly experienced Wound Care Nurse Specialist with more than 30 years of nursing expertise spanning medical, surgical, critical care, and perioperative services. For the past nine years, she has specialized in wound care and skin integrity management, focusing on evidence-based practices that enhance patient outcomes and promote quality care.

She holds the International Interprofessional Wound Care Course (IIWCC) certification from the University of Toronto, is a Certified Wound Specialist (CWS) through the American Board of Wound Management, and has earned a Master's degree in Clinical Skin Integrity from the University of Hertfordshire, United Kingdom. Passionate about advancing evidence-based wound care practice, Ajitha is committed to improving patient outcomes through education, clinical excellence, and interdisciplinary collaboration



Ms. Ashwaq Ali Haji Nuuh
Wound Care Nurse Specialist
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City (SSMC)
Abu Dhabi, UAE

Registered Nurse with 18 years of clinical experience in critical care and wound management. Holds a master's degree in Wound Management and Skin Integrity, advanced training through the International Interprofessional Wound Care Course (IIWCC), and Certified Wound Specialist (CWS) certification from the American Board of Wound Management. Experienced in complex wound management, pressure injury prevention, skin integrity programs, clinical education, and multidisciplinary care. Co-author of a peer-reviewed research publication.

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Ms. Gulnaz Tariq
Wound Care Expert & Educator
CEO - IIWCG
Abu Dhabi, UAE

Gulnaz Tariq is an internationally recognized wound care expert, educator, and healthcare leader with extensive experience in advancing wound management through IIWCC from Woundpedia Canada, diabetic foot care, Pressure Injury Prevention, professional education across the Gulf region and beyond. She has served as the first female Nurse President of the World Union of Wound Healing Societies and has played a pivotal role in promoting interdisciplinary wound care education and global collaboration. Ms. Tariq has contributed to numerous international conferences, academic publications, and educational initiatives, including the development of advanced wound care training programs and global perspectives on wound management. Known for her passion for empowering healthcare professionals and improving patient outcomes, she continues to advocate for innovation, education, and excellence in wound care worldwide.



Ms. Akshatha Shekar
Wound Care Nurse
Tawam Hospital
Al Ain, UAE

Akshatha Shekar working at Tawam Hospital, Al Ain, with over 15 years of clinical nursing experience across the UAE and India and more than five years in specialist wound management for adult and paediatric patients, holds an MSc in Clinical Skin Integrity and Wound Management from the University of Hertfordshire and is certified in interprofessional wound care through the University of Toronto's IIWCC programme.



Mr. Hassan Ali Khan
Senior Sonographer
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City (SSMC)
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Hassan Khan is a UK-trained sonographer with seven years of clinical experience in diagnostic ultrasound. He holds a Master of Science (MSc) qualification and specialises in complex vascular and musculoskeletal ultrasound. He has a particular interest in vascular and musculoskeletal imaging, with a focus on the assessment and diagnosis of complex vascular and rheumatological conditions. Hassan is actively involved in the dedicated teaching of ultrasound students and conveys lectures in different NHS hospitals within the UK aiming to help new sonography students bridge the gap between anatomy and real time practice. Hassan's dedication for the ultrasound profession is further expressed by his feature on the BBC bitesize channel in the UK aiming to raise awareness and promote the ultrasound profession.

Hassan is also a member of the Society of Radiographers (SoR), reflecting his commitment to professional development and maintaining high standards of clinical practice.

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Ms. Shaynaaz Govender
Senior Vascular Sonographer
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City (SSMC)
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

RVT, RDMS, BTECH: Ultrasound.

Senior Vascular Sonographer at SSMC.

Shaynaaz holds a Bachelor's degree in Ultrasound from Durban, South Africa, and brings more than 15 years of clinical imaging expertise.

She is skilled across vascular, obstetric, gynecology, breast, and musculoskeletal ultrasound, blending advanced imaging techniques with strong patient centered care. Passionate about innovation, she explores AI assisted diagnostics to enhance precision and workflow in the vascular lab at SSMC.

At this year's event, she will present on venous assessment by ultrasound, offering practical insights into anatomy, doppler optimization techniques, and key diagnostic challenges



Iline Ragheb Taha
Registered Nurse – Wound Care Specialist
Sheikh Tahnoon Bin Mohammed Medical City,
Al Ain, UAE

Registered Nurse – Wound Care Charge Nurse Specialist working at Sheikh Tahnoon Bin Mohammed Medical City (STMC).

Completed the International Interprofessional Wound Care Course (IIWCC) in 2021 at the University of Toronto. Currently serving as Chairperson of the SEHA Wound Care Nursing Advisory Group.

Working as a wound care nurse educator, with daily wound management and assessment of diabetic foot ulcers in collaboration with vascular surgeons, and in the burn unit with plastic surgeons.



Dr. Hagir Elfatih Ahmed Mohamed Eltoum
Surgical Specialist
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City (SSMC)
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.

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Dr. Bhavesh Natha
Consultant Vascular Surgeon
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City (SSMC)
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

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.

He has a strong passion for teaching, multidisciplinary collaboration, and the continuous improvement of healthcare systems. He is a member of the Vascular Society of South Africa (VASSA) and the European Society for Vascular Surgery (ESVS).



Dr. Saher Arour
Consultant & Head of Department –
Vascular and Endovascular Surgery
Medcare Hospitals and Medical Centres
Dubai, UAE

Dr. Saher Arour is an accomplished German-boarded Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon (MD, MSc, FAGCH) with extensive leadership experience across Germany and the UAE. He currently serves as Senior Consultant and Head of Department in Vascular and Endovascular Surgery at Medcare Hospitals & Medical Centers and University Hospital Sharjah, alongside consultant roles at Mediclinic Welcare Hospital and Al Tadawi Specialty Hospital in Dubai. Dr. Arour previously held senior clinical leadership positions in Germany, including Head of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery at City Hospital Soest (University of Münster) and Deputy Chief at St. Vincenz-Hospital Paderborn. Specialized in advanced open and endovascular interventions, diabetic foot preservation, cardiac pacemaker therapy (DGK), and medical wound therapy (DGfW), he has spearheaded pivotal healthcare initiatives—such as establishing a multidisciplinary Diabetic Foot Unit and a Pulmonary Embolism Response Team (PERT) to improve critical patient outcomes. Holding degrees from the University of Aleppo, University Hospital of Damascus, and Hannover Medical School, Dr. Arour combines clinical excellence with strategic department development, focusing on state-of-the-art embolization therapies and comprehensive patient care.



Dr. Tania Saez Guzman
Consultant Vascular and
Endovascular Surgeon
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City (SSMC)
Adjunct Clinical Associate Professor,
Gulf Medical University, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dr. Tania Saez Guzman is a Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon at Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City, Abu Dhabi, and Adjunct Clinical Associate Professor at Gulf Medical University. A Fellow of the European Board of Vascular Surgery, she has more than 20 years of experience across Europe and the Middle East.

At King Saud Medical City, Riyadh, she led the development of endovascular and hybrid treatments for aortic disease, chronic limb-threatening ischemia, and vascular trauma. She also served as Vascular Surgery Fellowship Program Training Director and a member of the Saudi Commission for Health Specialties' National Committee.

Since joining SSMC in 2023, she has continued to advance complex vascular care. Her principal interests include, advanced peripheral interventions, limb salvage, combining open, endovascular, and hybrid approaches, aortic disease and venous disease. She is actively involved in clinical education, research, international conference faculty, and expert consensus initiatives.

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Dr. Ibrahim Riza
Consultant Vascular & Endovascular Surgeon
Ex-Head of Scientific Committee
Emirates Vascular Surgery Society (EVSS)
RENU Health Clinic, Dubai Healthcare City
Mediclinic City Hospital, Dubai, UAE

Dr. Ibrahim Riza is an experienced Consultant Vascular & Endovascular Surgeon with extensive clinical expertise across the United Kingdom and the United Arab Emirates. He completed his specialized surgical training in the UK, earning his Completion of Certificate of Specialist Training (CCST), and subsequently served as Consultant Vascular & Endovascular Surgeon and Clinical Director of Vascular Services in Greater Manchester.

In the UAE, Dr. Riza currently provides advanced vascular care at RENU Health Clinic in Dubai Healthcare City and Mediclinic City Hospital Dubai. His clinical practice focuses on complex aortic aneurysms and lower limb venous pathology.

Alongside his clinical roles, Dr. Riza is the former Head of the Scientific Committee of the Emirates Vascular Surgery Society (EVSS), contributing significantly to the advancement of vascular surgery standards and scientific education in the region.



Ms. Elizabeth Ruth Choudhry
Senior Podiatrist,
Healthpoint,
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. 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

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Ms. Deina Loutfi Mahmoud Sharaf
Senior Physiotherapist
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE

Deina Loutfi Mahmoud Sharaf, PT, MSc., CMT, CDNP

Certified in Dry Needling, Manual Therapy & McKenzie Method

Dina Lutfy Sharaf is a Senior Physiotherapist with over 15 years of experience, specializing in *vascular rehabilitation* with a strong focus on improving outcomes for amputee patients. With a background in orthopedics and musculoskeletal injuries, she brings a multidisciplinary approach to managing complex vascular conditions, including diabetic foot complications and limb loss. Dina is committed to restoring mobility, enhancing function, and supporting patients through every stage of rehabilitation.



Dr. Sharath Paravastu
Consultant Vascular and
Endovascular Surgeon
Sheikh Khalifa Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dr Sharath Paravastu is a Consultant Vascular Surgeon at Sheik Khalifa Medical City in Abu Dhabi.

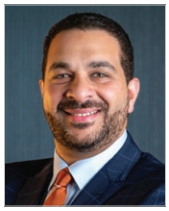
Prior to this he was a Consultant Vascular Surgeon at Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Trust, UK.

He trained in the Yorkshire and Humber Deanery in UK and obtained FRCS.

He then did Endovascular Fellowship in Sydney, Australia.

He treats a wide range of vascular conditions ranging from Aortic interventions to Varicose veins.

He has performed several peripheral angiography interventions for Diabetic Lower Limb salvage, which is his special interest along with Renal Access formation and maintenance.



Dr. Mohamed Raafat Okelah
Board member and Head of Scientific committee
EVSS Head of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery,
Fakeeh University Hospital,
Dubai, UAE

Dr. Mohammed Raafat is a Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon with 20 years of experience. His areas of special interest include deep vein thrombosis (DVT) management, including thrombectomy, intravascular ultrasound (IVUS), and stenting in both acute cases and chronic post-thrombotic conditions.

A key highlight of his career is his pioneering use of advanced catheters for blood clot dissolution, intravascular ultrasound, and branched grafts for patients with enlarged pelvic arteries in the UAE.

He is the Co-Founder of the Emirates Vascular Surgery Society (EVSS) and currently serves as the Head of the Scientific Committee. Dr. Raafat also serves on the advisory boards of several international endovascular equipment companies, contributing to the development and innovation of vascular surgery techniques and devices. Additionally, he is a member of the Higher Committee for Medical Liability in the field of vascular surgery.

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Dr. Raashid Shahbazi
Regional Medical Director and
Consultant Vascular surgeon
NMC Healthcare
Sharjah and Northern Emirates
UAE

Dr Raashid Shahbazi is Regional Medical Director for NMC Healthcare, Sharjah and the Northern Emirates, and Chair of the Group Education Committee. He oversees clinical governance, quality, patient safety and service development across the region, while leading several group-wide clinical strategies to advance care and optimise services.

A UK-trained Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon with over 30 years of clinical experience, he combines specialist expertise with extensive executive leadership.



Dr. Ali Mohammed Jawas
Associate Professor of Surgery
Consultant Vascular Surgeon
Mohammed Bin Rashid University of
Medicine and Health Sciences
Dubai, UAE

Dr. Jawas obtained his medical school degree from the Royal College of surgeons in Ireland, and then he completed a Master Degree in Medical Science from The University College of Dublin (Mmedsci) and became a Fellow of the Royal college of Surgeons of Ireland (FRCSI).

Dr Jawas then pursued his surgical residency training at the University of Toronto where he completed his Canadian Board in General Surgery (FRCSC). Subsequently he joined subspecialty fellowship training in vascular surgery at the University of Toronto and obtained the Canadian Board in Vascular Surgery from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

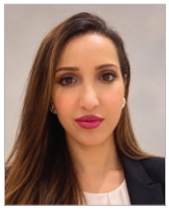
He worked at the medical faculty of the UAE University as an associate professor of surgery. Currently he is working as an associate professor of surgery and a Consultant Vascular surgeon at Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine and Health Sciences.



Dr. Ali Ballaith
Vascular Surgery Specialist
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dr. Ali Ballaith is a French board-certified vascular surgeon (Diplôme d'Études Spécialisées, DES) in vascular and endovascular interventions. Working currently as Vascular Specialist at Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City (SSMC) in Abu Dhabi, UAE. Completed six years of residency training in France, mainly at the University Hospital of Nice (CHU de Nice). Also, obtained a Diploma in Advanced Endovascular Therapy for Aortic Pathologies (TREAT) from Eastern Paris University. In Addition, current member of the European Society for Vascular Surgery (ESVS), the French Society of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery (SCVE), and the Emirates Vascular Surgery Society (EVSS).

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Ms. 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. Haidar Saeed Jalil Aal Mussa
Consultant General Surgeon
Specialist in Diabetic Foot and
Wound Management
Dibba Hospital, Fujairah, UAE

Dr. Haidar Saeed Jalil Aal Mussa is a Consultant General Surgeon in Emirates Health Services, UAE, with over two decades of extensive clinical, surgical, and academic expertise. He earned his M.B.Ch.B. from Al-Mustansiria University in Baghdad in 2001, later obtaining a Higher Diploma in General Surgery and certification from the Arab Board of Health Specialization (CABS). Specialized in advanced wound care and diabetic foot management, Dr. Haidar completed the International Interprofessional Wound Care Course (IIWCC) through Canada and established the Diabetic Foot Clinic at Dibba Hospital. Since 2016, he has served as a pivotal surgeon at Dibba Hospital, performing complex laparoscopic, bariatric, hernia, and general surgical procedures while leading diabetic foot and wound care care streams. He is also a certified instructor for the European Trauma Course (ETC) and Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) at the Training and Development Center in Sharjah. An active researcher and international speaker, Dr. Haidar has contributed to published clinical studies on negative pressure wound therapy and diabetic foot consensus frameworks. He holds active memberships in the Emirates Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgeons and the British Hernia Society.

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Dr. Daniel Walter Beauchamp
Rehabilitation Director,
TBRM
Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dr. Daniel Beauchamp is the Rehabilitation Director for the TBRM Team, based in Abu Dhabi, UAE. He is a consultant PM&R physician at SSMC with sub-specialty board certifications in Pain Medicine and Brain Injury Medicine. He completed his residency training at Walter Reed National Military Medical Centre in Bethesda, Maryland, USA and pain fellowship at Brook Army Medical Centre in San Antonio, Texas, USA. He served for almost a decade at William Beaumont in El Paso, Texas, USA, including as the Deputy Chief Medical Officer



Mr. Saeed Mohammad Salameh Eldbji
Case Management Coordinator
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE

Saeed Mohammad Eldbji is a Certified Case Manager (CCM) and Registered Nurse with 16 years of diverse clinical and operational experience across emergency, paramedic, ICU, and inpatient settings. He holds a Bachelor's in Nursing, an MBA in Healthcare Management, and the Certified Case Manager credential from the American Case Management Academy. Currently serving as an Emergency and Inpatient Case Manager at Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City (SSMC), Abu Dhabi, he specializes in discharge planning, care coordination, multidisciplinary collaboration, and quality improvement to optimize patient flow and reduce hospital length of stay. Saeed is committed to advancing transitional care models and patient safety.



Ms. Ranya Omar Shehab
Case Management Coordinator
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE

Ranya Omar Shehab is an accomplished healthcare professional and Registered Nurse with over 28 years of clinical experience, including more than a decade specializing in case management within the UAE healthcare system.

Currently serving as a Case Coordinator at Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City (SSMC), she brings extensive expertise in complex discharge planning, multidisciplinary care coordination, patient safety, and transitions of care. Her professional focus includes early identification of discharge barriers, optimization of hospital length of stay, and implementation of patient-centered strategies to ensure safe and effective continuity of care.

Her work involves coordinating complex medical and surgical cases, including patients requiring vascular and limb salvage care, facilitating multidisciplinary collaboration, and supporting individualized discharge pathways to improve patient outcomes and healthcare efficiency.

Ranya holds an MBA in Healthcare Management from York St John University and a Bachelor of Nursing Science from Ain Shams University. Her professional development includes quality improvement, clinical documentation improvement, and Lean Six Sigma methodologies.

Recognized through the Nursing Excellence Award and Annual WOW Awards, she remains committed to advancing evidence-based case management, strengthening interdisciplinary collaboration, and promoting safe, sustainable transitions of care.

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Carlos Jorge Silva Pereira
Clinical Manager – MEA
Mölnlycke Health Care MEA
Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Carlos Jorge Silva Pereira is a distinguished healthcare leader and clinical operations manager based in the Middle East. He currently serves as Clinical Manager MEA at Mölnlycke Health Care in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, where he directs clinical sales strategies, product education programs, key account operations, and health quality improvement projects across the region. Previously, Carlos served at King Abdulaziz Medical City (MNGHA) in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, as a Wound and Ostomy Care Specialist and Project Lead within the Corporate Clinical Strategy Department. In these roles, he spearheaded critical quality management initiatives—notably achieving a 74% reduction in Hospital Acquired Pressure Injuries (HAPI) within intensive care units—and executed strategic care-coordination projects aligned with Saudi Vision 2030. His academic achievements include a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, a Master in Healthcare Administration, and an Executive Master in International Business (EMIB) from ESCP Business School. Additionally, he holds credentials as a Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality (CPHQ) and a Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM). Carlos leverages his combined clinical background and corporate governance expertise to enhance patient safety, optimize operational efficiency, and advance healthcare standards.



Mr. Arif Adam
Specialist Podiatrist – Diabetic Foot & Limb Preservation
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Arif Adam is a Specialist Podiatrist with over 10 years of clinical experience across hospital, community and private practice settings in the United Kingdom and United Arab Emirates. He holds a BSc (Hons) in Podiatry from the University of Salford and an MSc in Self-Management: Diabetes and Long-Term Conditions from the University of Leicester, alongside professional registration with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) and Department of Health (DOH) licensure.

Since 2023, Arif has worked at Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City in Abu Dhabi as part of a multidisciplinary high-risk foot team, providing evidence-informed assessment and management of complex diabetic foot disease, wounds and other lower-limb conditions. His clinical expertise includes diabetic foot care, wound management, foot protection, vascular assessment, compression therapy, negative pressure wound therapy, larval therapy, nail surgery, biomechanics and musculoskeletal podiatry.

Arif has a particular interest in clinical service development, quality improvement and multidisciplinary pathways aimed at preventing diabetic foot complications and supporting limb preservation. He has experience contributing to clinical performance measures and developing practical approaches to improve patient care and service delivery. He is particularly interested in diabetes-related foot complications, prevention, patient education and multidisciplinary limb preservation, combining a patient-centred approach with clinical leadership and a commitment to evidence-informed practice.

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Mr. Fortune Howard
Podiatrist | Diabetic Foot & Wound Care Specialist
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE

Fortune Howard is an experienced Podiatrist and Diabetic Foot & Wound Care Specialist with 24 years of clinical experience in podiatric medicine, diabetic foot care, wound management, biomechanics, and sports-related foot conditions. He currently practises at Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City (SSMC) in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

His clinical expertise includes the assessment and management of diabetic foot complications, including diabetic foot ulcers, pressure-related lesions, and lower-limb wound conditions. He is experienced in preventive foot care, patient education, vascular assessment, pressure off-loading, and multidisciplinary management to help prevent complications and improve patient outcomes.

Mr. Howard also has extensive experience in podiatric biomechanics, orthotic prescription, nail surgery, and minor soft-tissue procedures. His skills include cryotherapy, plantar wart needling, shockwave therapy, and the assessment and management of running injuries and other sports-related foot conditions. He also provides laser treatment for toenail conditions.

With a strong focus on evidence-informed clinical practice and preventive care, he is committed to delivering effective, patient-centred treatment and supporting improved mobility and quality of life. His professional interests include diabetic foot medicine, wound care, podiatric biomechanics, sports podiatry, preventive foot care, and multidisciplinary diabetes management.



Ms. Asha Abdi
Wound Care Nurse
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City (SSMC)
Abu Dhabi, UAE

Ms. Asha Abdi is a wound care nurse who has 22 years of experience in surgical, orthopedic, plastic surgery and urology fields. She completed her BSN and holds two master's degrees in hospital administration and in Clinical Skin Integrity and Wound Management. Apart from this, in 2019, she completed the International Interprofessional Wound Care Course (IIWCC. She is also a co-author of publication of several quality improvement initiatives and participated in international wound care conferences.

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Mr. Che Yumul Mercado
Wound Care Nurse
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City (SSMC)
Abu Dhabi, UAE

Che Yumul Mercado, MSc, RN, IIWCC-UAE is a Specialist Wound Care Nurse at Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City (SSMC) with over 16 years of nursing experience, including 8 years dedicated to Tissue Viability Nursing. He completed the International Interprofessional Wound Care Course (IIWCC-UAE) in 2021 and earned a Master of Science in Skin Integrity and Wound Management from the University of Hertfordshire in 2023.

Throughout his career, Che has gained extensive experience in critical care, long-term care, rehabilitation, and specialized wound and stoma care across multiple Mubadala Health facilities. He has also contributed to wound care education and competency development initiatives across the Mubadala Health network and collaborated with Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi to support continuity of care for patients transitioning from acute wound care following compressiong, limb amputation to rehabilitation and home healthcare services.

Currently, Che practices at Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City, a regional center of excellence for stroke, trauma and burn care, where he works within a highly specialized multidisciplinary team alongside vascular, plastic surgery, and burn specialists. He is involved in the management of patients with complex wounds, vascular conditions, and stoma care needs. His professional interests include vascular wound management, diabetic foot care, pressure injury prevention, and skin integrity preservation. He is committed to advancing patient outcomes through evidence-based practice, education, and multidisciplinary collaboration.



Ms. Fatime Kasem El Ahmad
Wound Care Nurse
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City (SSMC)
Abu Dhabi, UAE

Has 19 yrs extensive general nursing experience.

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.

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Ms. Divya Das
Wound Care Nurse Specialist – Charge Nurse
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City (SSMC)
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Divya Das is an experienced and Certified Wound Care Nurse Specialist and Charge Nurse at Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City, Abu Dhabi, UAE, with over 18 years of total nursing experience.

She holds a master's degree in clinical Skin Integrity and Wound Management from the University of Hertfordshire, UK, and is a Certified Wound Specialist (CWS) through the American Board of Wound Management, has successfully Completed IIWCC- UAE course. Her expertise includes advanced wound management, skin integrity, pressure injury prevention, and burn care.

Divya is passionate about evidence-based practice, clinical education, and quality improvement initiatives. She has contributed to nursing education and pressure injury prevention initiatives and has presented her work at national and international wound care conferences. Her professional achievements include the Daisy extra ordinary Nurse Award SEHA Outstanding Nurse Award.



Ms. Salvacion Pangilinan Cruz
Team Lead and Senior Wound Care Nurse
Sheikh Khalifa Medical City
Abu Dhabi, UAE

Salvacion Cruz is currently working as the team lead and Senior Wound Care at Sheikh Khalifa Medical City Abu Dhabi, UAE. She has been passionate about this field for 21 years. She is the past vice president of the Filipino Nurses Association in the Emirates (FNAE). She served as is the facilitator of the International Interprofessional Wound Care Course (IIWCC) Abu Dhabi from 2012 up to 2022. Served as Regional Director in Middle East for the International Skin Tear Advisory Panel (ISTAP) from 2022 - 2025. She is the current Director (UAE) of International Interprofessional Wound Care Group (IIWCG). She is the past chair of SEHA Nursing Advisory Group for Wound Care from 2022 - 2025. She is also the International Delegate (UAE) for the World Council of Enterostomal Therapists (WCET). Appointed board member of International Society of Pediatric Wound Care (ISPEW). She was recognized as one of the TFT Top 100 Health Care Professionals in the Middle East last 2023. She presented as a speaker from several wound care conferences, symposiums, in-services, and education training. She was co-author in some published articles in Wounds International and WCET.

She completed her masters for Clinical Skin Integrity and Wound Management at the University of Hertfordshire in the UK. In 2009, Salvacion completed the International Interprofessional Wound Care Course from the University of Toronto.



Ms. Rania Mirghani Elhadi Abdulla
Wound Care Nurse
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Wound Care Nurse at Sheikh Tahnoon Medical City (STMC), with over 15 years of nursing experience. Holds a Bachelor's degree in Nursing Science and has specialized in wound care since 2015. Her clinical expertise includes the assessment and management of complex wounds, diabetic foot ulcers, pressure injuries, surgical wounds, and burns. passionate about advancing wound care practice, promoting evidence-based care, and improving patient outcomes through multidisciplinary collaboration and professional education.

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Abeer Sameer Alanazi
Senior Podiatrist
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I am a senior podiatrist with 13 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.



Ms. Ibtihal Hussein Hasan Almashaileh
Team Leader, Lymphedema Services
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Ibtihal Hussein Almashaileh is the Team Leader for Lymphedema Services at Sheikh Tahnoon Medical City, backed by over 21 years of clinical experience across KSA, Jordan, and the UAE. A Certified Lymphedema Therapist (CLT) specializing in lymphedema, lipedema, and vascular rehabilitation, she merges clinical leadership with a passion for driving multidisciplinary standards, advancing conservative management, and educating patients and clinicians on chronic swelling conditions.



Ms. Joy Ann Jumuad
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DOH-licensed Physical Therapist with over 20 years of experience in outpatient and inpatient rehabilitation within the UAE healthcare system. Specialized in musculoskeletal physiotherapy and lymphedema management, with certification in Complete Decongestive Therapy (CDT), including Manual Lymphatic Drainage (MLD), compression therapy, and therapeutic exercise. Experienced in the comprehensive management of lymphedema and vascular-related conditions, with specialized training in Complete Decongestive Therapy (CDT). Skilled in the application of manual lymphatic drainage (MLD), compression therapy, therapeutic exercise, and skin care education to effectively reduce limb swelling and improve lymphatic flow. Proficient in treating patients with primary and secondary lymphedema, including cases related to cancer treatment, surgery, or chronic venous insufficiency.

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Ms. Halima Alraeesi
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PT Halima Alraeesi is a licensed physiotherapist specializing in lymphedema rehabilitation and management at Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City, Abu Dhabi. She provides individualized treatment programs that focus on improving lymphatic flow, reducing swelling, and restoring functional mobility for patients with primary and secondary lymphedema.

Her clinical expertise includes manual lymphatic drainage (MLD), compression therapy, exercise-based rehabilitation, and skin care education to prevent complications and maintain long-term limb health.

Halima is passionate about promoting awareness of lymphedema management and the essential role of physiotherapy in improving quality of life. She continues to participate in professional workshops and community education programs to advance best practices in lymphatic rehabilitation.



Ms. Aaesha Abdulla Naser Alblooshi
Acting Manager and Clinical Resource Nurse (CRN),
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SEHA Kidney Care (SKC), Abu Dhabi, UAE

Aaesha Alblooshi, MBA, BSN, DSN is a distinguished nursing leader, educator, and workforce development professional with more than 19 years of experience spanning clinical practice, nursing education, staff development, and healthcare leadership. She currently serves as the Acting Manager and Team Lead of the Nursing Education, Training and Development Department at SEHA Kidney Care (SKC), while also holding the position of Clinical Resource Nurse (CRN).

Since commencing her nursing career in 2007, Aaesha has built extensive expertise across acute, critical care, and specialized healthcare settings within both the Ministry of Health and SEHA. Since transitioning to Nursing Training & Education in 2012, she has led numerous initiatives focused on enhancing clinical competency, professional development, patient safety, and workforce excellence.

Combining clinical expertise with strong business acumen through her MBA qualification, Aaesha is an internationally certified trainer, consultant, and coach specializing in leadership development, performance improvement, public speaking, and organizational growth. She actively contributes to corporate-level committees and strategic projects that advance nursing excellence and healthcare quality.

Passionate about empowering healthcare professionals, Aaesha is dedicated to fostering a culture of continuous learning, innovation, collaboration, and excellence, enabling nurses to deliver exceptional patient-centred care and positively impact healthcare outcomes

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Ms. Katheryn Grace Chua Jamilano
Clinical Resource Nurse
SEHA Kidney Care
Abu Dhabi, UAE

Katheryn Grace Chua Jamilano, MSc RN, is a Clinical Resource Nurse at SEHA Kidney Care with over 18 years of experience in renal nursing, clinical education, and workforce development. She holds a Master of Science in Renal Nursing with Distinction from De Montfort University, United Kingdom, and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of the Philippines Manila.

Committed to advancing clinical excellence, Katheryn promotes evidence-based practice, staff competency development, and lifelong learning among healthcare professionals. Her master's research on the quality of life of haemodialysis patients in Abu Dhabi was presented at international conferences and published in the Journal of Kidney Care.

As Chair of the SEHA Nursing Staff Wellbeing Committee, she leads initiatives that support staff resilience, engagement, recognition, and workplace wellbeing. Through her roles as a clinician, educator, and leader, Katheryn remains dedicated to fostering professional growth, advancing innovation in renal care, and contributing to the delivery of high-quality patient outcomes.



Mr. Kim Michael Dablio
Clinical Resource Nurse
SEHA Kidney Care
Abu Dhabi, UAE

Kim Michael Dablio is a Clinical Resource Nurse at Seha Kidney Care, Abu Dhabi, with over 18 years of clinical experience in nephrology, dialysis, and nursing leadership. Currently serving as a Clinical Resource Nurse at Seha Kidney Care, Abu Dhabi, he plays a key role in clinical education, training and development.

Mr. Dablio earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Mountain View College and a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Velez College in the Philippines. A holder of a Philippine Nursing License, Renal Nurses Association of the Philippines (RENAP) Certification, Certified Renal Nurse and Health Authority Abu Dhabi (HAAD) Nursing License.

His career progression includes roles as Clinical Resource Nurse, Charge Nurse, Hemodialysis Nurse and Staff Nurse in both the UAE and the Philippines. His areas of expertise include hemodialysis and renal nursing, clinical education, competency development, preceptorship, and nursing leadership.

As a Clinical Resource Nurse, he is committed to advancing evidence-based practice, enhancing patient care outcomes, and supporting the professional growth of healthcare team through education, mentorship, and continuous quality improvement initiatives.

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Ms. Mae Baliguat Flores
Vascular Nurse Coordinator
SEHA Kidney Care
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Mae Baliguat Flores is a Registered Nurse with over 18 years of experience in nephrology nursing, haemodialysis, vascular access management, and patient care. She graduated as Class Valedictorian from St. Joseph Academy, Negros Occidental, Philippines, and earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Cum Laude, from Colegio de San Agustin-Bacolod in 2006.

She currently serves as a Charge Nurse and Vascular Nurse Coordinator at SEHA Kidney Care in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. She is also a member of the Education, Training and Development Department, contributing to staff education, professional development, and quality improvement initiatives. Her work focuses on enhancing vascular access outcomes, promoting patient safety, and supporting excellence in dialysis care.

Prior to joining SEHA Kidney Care, Mae held leadership and clinical positions as a Dialysis Head Nurse, Charge Nurse, and Staff Nurse at King Khalid General Hospital under the Ministry of Health in Saudi Arabia.

Throughout her career, she has demonstrated strong clinical expertise, leadership, and a commitment to advancing nephrology and vascular access nursing practice. Her dedication to patient-centred care, staff development, and quality improvement continues to contribute positively to patient outcomes and healthcare excellence.



Mr. Albert Lazarte Delgado
Charge Nurse – Vascular Access Coordinator
SEHA Kidney Care
Al Ain, UAE

Charge Nurse with SEHA Kidney Care and has more than 20 years of nursing experience in dialysis and nephrology care. Since 2015, I have focused on specialized dialysis vascular access care and coordination, with expertise in the assessment, preservation, maturation, and management of arteriovenous fistulas (AVFs), arteriovenous grafts (AVGs), and central venous access for hemodialysis patients. Passionate about advancing vascular access outcomes through multidisciplinary collaboration, patient education, quality improvement, and nurse-led initiatives. Played a key role in the development and coordination of vascular access services, helping optimize access functionality, reduce catheter dependence, and improve timely intervention for access-related complications. Honored as one of SEHA's Outstanding Dedicated Employees. Within SEHA Kidney Care, recognized and awarded monthly, quarterly and annual team performer. Served as a presenter at SEHA Transformational Events and SINMAC, where shared best practices and successful outcomes from nurse-led vascular access clinics and coordination programs. These initiatives have contributed to reducing catheter-related complications, avoiding unnecessary hospital admissions and urgent interventions, and generating significant healthcare cost savings while improving patient outcomes and quality of care. Committed to promoting excellence in vascular access management, empowering healthcare professionals through education, and supporting innovative, patient-centered models of dialysis care. Actively collaborates with the SEHA Kidney Care Education Team in the orientation and development of newly hired nurses and dialysis technicians. Helps conducts vascular access workshops, competency-based training, clinical audits, and performance improvement activities. Also, directly involved in data collection, KPI monitoring, analysis, and documentation, supporting quality improvement projects and driving data-informed decision-making to enhance patient safety, staff competency, and vascular access outcomes.

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Mrs. Melika Bankipour
Ultrasound Clinical Specialist
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Melika Bankipour Fard is an Ultrasound Clinical Application Specialist with a strong background in medical imaging, vascular sonography, and clinical education.

She holds a bachelor's degree in Radiography and a Master of Science in Medical Vascular Ultrasound from Imperial College London, United Kingdom. She previously worked as a Vascular Sonographer at Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust in London, gaining valuable clinical experience in vascular ultrasound imaging.

Over the past three years, Melika has worked with leading ultrasound technology vendors as a Clinical Application Specialist, supporting physicians, sonographers, and allied healthcare professionals through clinical education, hands-on training, and application support.

Her professional focus is on helping healthcare professionals optimise ultrasound technology, enhance imaging quality, and effectively integrate advanced ultrasound capabilities into daily clinical practice.

With a combination of clinical experience and industry expertise, she is passionate about bridging the gap between ultrasound technology and clinical practice, promoting continuous education, knowledge sharing, and multidisciplinary collaboration.



Mr. Alaa Ghattas
PN / Cast Technician
Sheikh Tahnoon Bin Mohammed Medical City (STMC), Al Ain, UAE

A Diploma-qualified Nursing Professional (2003), currently working as a PN / Cast Technician at Sheikh Tahnoon Bin Mohammed Medical City, Al Ain, United Arab Emirates.



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Abu Dhabi is the largest emirate in the United Arab Emirates, occupying 84 per cent of the national landmass territory. It has 200 islands and a long coastline stretching 700km. Its total area is 67,340 sq. km. Abu Dhabi city in the emirate is the federal capital of the UAE.

Location and Geography

The emirate of Abu Dhabi lies on the coast of the Arabian Gulf and is bordered by Sultanate of Oman to the east, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the south and the west and the emirate of Dubai to the northeast. The three main regions of the emirate are:

- the city of Abu Dhabi
- Al Ain in the east
- Al Dhafrah (earlier known as Al Gharbia) in the west.

In the eastern region, to the south of Al Ain city is Jebel Hafeet - the emirate's highest peak (1,240 metres).
Al Dhafrah has seven main cities: Liwa, Madinat Zayed, Ghayathi, Ruwais, Mirfa, Sila and Delma Island.
The city of Abu Dhabi is connected to the mainland by four bridges: Maqta bridge, Mussafah bridge, Sheikh Zayed bridge and Sheikh Khalifa bridge.

Touristic Importance

Abu Dhabi has become a centre for world-class sporting events such as: the Abu Dhabi Golf Championship, the prestigious Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge cross-country rally and the Formula One Abu Dhabi Grand Prix.

In addition, the city will soon house the world's largest concentration of premier cultural institutions which will include the Sheikh Zayed National Museum, the Guggenheim Abu Dhabi and Louvre Abu Dhabi.

Abu Dhabi is rich in natural wonders too. While the emirate's famous Liwa oasis in the south of the emirate is home to some of the largest and most beautiful sand dunes in the world, the garden city of Al Ain in the foothills of Jebel Hafeet is home to several heritage sites.











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