3rd ABU DHABI BRAIN CONFERENCE
15-17 SEPTEMBER 2023
InterContinental Hotel, Abu Dhabi, UAE

SCIENTIFIC AGENDA

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REGISTRATION OPEN
04:00 PM - 05:00 PM
Exclusive Gala Dinner for Neurologists
Friday, 15 September 2023
Prof. Suhail Alrukn
Prof. Naji Riachi
Moderators:

07:15 PM - 07:35 PM
Treating and Preventing Migraines?
Now there is a new option
Speaker: Dr. Deeb Kayed

07:35 PM - 07:55 PM
Following the Sunrise
Speaker: Prof. Suhail Alrukn

07:55 PM - 08:15 PM
Focus on timing in myasthenia gravis: C5 inhibition an effective means to desirable outcomes in gMG
Speaker: Dr. Ahmed Shatila
Moderator: Dr. Abubaker Almadani

08:15 PM - 08:55 PM
Exploring the Key Considerations for prescribing Anti-CGRPs – Advantages of Eptinezumbab
Speaker: Prof. Peter McAllister
Moderator: Dr. Deeb Kayed

08:55 PM - 09:15 PM
Evolving Landscape in Migraine Management
Speaker: Dr. Alessandro Terruzzi

AGENDA
Day 1 | 15 SEP 2023

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PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP - 1 A
NEUROCOGNITIVE

Moderator: Prof. Suhail Alrukn
Speaker: Dr. Haythum Tayeb

05:00 PM - 06:00 PM
06:00 PM - 07:00 PM

Note: Lecture from 05:00 PM - 06:00 PM will be repeated at 06:00PM - 07:00 PM

Objectives:
- Enhancing neurologists' neurocognitive evaluation skills for accurate diagnosis.
- Improving neurologists' management approaches for neurocognitive disorders.

WORKSHOP - 1 B
NEURO-OPHTHALMOLOGY “PART 1”

Moderator: Dr. Abubaker Almadani
Speaker: Prof. Michael Strupp

05:00 PM - 06:00 PM
06:00 PM - 07:00 PM

Note: Lecture from 05:00 PM - 06:00 PM will be repeated at 06:00PM - 07:00 PM

Objectives:
- Enhancing neurologists' proficiency in conducting comprehensive neuro-ophthalmic physical examinations.
- Deepening neurologists' understanding of neuroanatomy relevant to neuro-ophthalmology for accurate diagnosis and management.
- Improving neurologists' skills in the management of neuro-ophthalmic conditions through evidence-based approaches and interdisciplinary collaboration.

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COFFEE BREAK

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GALA DINNER
DAY-2
REGISTER DAY 2
07:00 AM - 08:00 AM
AGENDA
08:00 AM - 09:00 AM
Saturday | 16 SEP 2023

WORKSHOP DAY 2

WORKSHOP - 2
NEURO-OPHTHALMOLOGY
“PART 2”
Moderator:
Dr. Mohammed Saidam
Speaker:
Prof. Michael Strupp
08:00 AM - 09:00 AM
Objectives:
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WORKSHOP - 3
HIGHLIGHT OF ADULT NEUROLOGY RESIDENCY “EMARATI BOARD”
Speaker:
Dr. Mohammed Al Kuwaiti
08:00 AM - 09:00 AM
Objectives:
- Familiarize participants with the advantages of achieving Neurology board certification and its impact on career advancement.
- Provide participants with a clear understanding of the specific requirements and eligibility criteria for applying to the Neurology board.

MAIN CONFERENCE DAY - 2

09:00 AM - 09:05 AM
Welcome Message & Introduction
Prof. Naji Riachi

SESSION 1:
Central Demyelinating Disease - Part 1
Moderators: Prof. Naji Riachi, Prof. Jihad Inshasi & Prof. Miklós Szólics
09:05 AM - 09:25 AM
Cognitive Impairment in MS
Dr. Moussa Antoine Chalah
09:25 AM - 09:45 AM
The Clinically Silent Symptoms of MS
Prof. Samar S. Ayache
09:45 AM - 10:05 AM
MS Management: Lifestyle & Comorbidities
Dr. Beatrice Bendetti
10:05 AM - 10:25 AM
Non Pharmacological Treatments of MS
Prof. Samar S. Ayache
10:25 AM - 10:35 AM
Q&A Session

SESSION 2:
Central Demyelinating Disease - Part 2

DEBATE ONE: De-Escalation: YES or NO
10:50 AM - 11:10 AM
In-Favor
Prof. Volker Limmroth
11:10 AM - 11:30 AM
Against
Prof. Bassem Yamout
11:30 AM - 11:40 AM
Q&A Session
11:40 AM - 12:00 PM
Impact of optimising the treatment journey from the Start
Speaker: Dr. Mona Thakre
Moderator: Dr. Ahmed Shatila
12:00 PM - 12:20 PM
Why early?: Benefits of early use of MAVENCLAD
Speaker: Prof. Bassem Yamout
Moderator: Prof. Jihad Inshasi
CLOSING REMARKS AND END OF DAY 2
Saturday | 16 SEP 2023
Dr. Abdulla Al Kuwaiti & Dr. Devdutt Nayak Kotekar

SESSION 3: Genetics and Aging

Moderators: Dr. Abdulla Al Kuwaiti & Dr. Devdutt Nayak Kotekar

12:20 PM - 12:40 PM
Neuroinflammation, Immune Dysregulation, Autoimmunity & Epilepsy

12:40 PM - 01:00 PM
Biology of Aging

01:00 PM - 01:10 PM
Q&A Session

01:10 PM - 02:10 PM
LUNCH BREAK

SESSION 4: Update in Headache

Moderators: Dr. Mona Thakre, Dr. Ali Mohamed Hassan, & Dr. Alessandro Terruzzi

DEBATE TWO: Gepants 2nd Generation VS Triptans: Progress or Stagnation?

02:10 PM - 02:30 PM
In-Favor

02:30 PM - 02:50 PM
Against

02:50 PM - 03:10 PM
One Simple Solution For Many Migraines- Role of Rimegepant

03:10 PM - 03:30 PM
Patient - Centric Treatment Strategy in Migraine Prevention

03:30 PM - 03:50 PM
Erenumab in Migraine Prevention

03:50 PM - 04:10 PM
Understanding the Patient’s need in the Management of Migraine and Incorporate them into preventive care plan

04:10 PM - 04:30 PM
Headache Management in the Emergency Room

04:30 PM - 04:40 PM
Q&A Session

04:40 PM - 04:55 PM
COFFEE BREAK

WORKSHOP DAY 2

WORKSHOP - 4 A
HANDS-ON SCENARIO BASED STROKE WORKSHOP IN THROMBOLYSIS

04:55 PM - 05:40 PM
Dr. Abdulla Al Kuwaiti & Dr. Waqar Gaba

05:40 PM - 06:25 PM

Objectives:
- Enhancing neurologists’ ability to efficiently run a stroke code by optimizing coordination, communication, and decision-making within a stroke team.
- Providing neurologists with the knowledge and skills necessary to establish an effective stroke system, including protocols, pathways, and workflows for rapid identification and management of stroke patients.

WORKSHOP - 4 B
HANDS-ON SCENARIO BASED STROKE WORKSHOP IN THROMBECTOMY

04:55 PM - 05:40 PM
Dr. Mohammed Al Kuwaiti & Dr. Aiman Quateen

05:40 PM - 06:25 PM
Dr. Abdulghani Pacha & Dr. Aiman Quateen

Objectives:
- Equipping neurologists with an understanding of the latest advancements and techniques in neurointervention for stroke, including endovascular procedures and thrombectomy, to improve patient outcomes.
- Developing neurologists’ expertise in interpreting and analyzing stroke brain imaging, including CT scans, MRI, and angiography, to aid in accurate diagnosis and treatment decision-making.
### DAY-3

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**Objectives:**
- Enhancing neurologists' proficiency in utilizing radiological criteria for the diagnosis of multiple sclerosis and differentiating it from other demyelinating diseases.
- Developing neurologists' expertise in identifying and distinguishing various types of demyelinating diseases based on clinical and radiological characteristics.
SESSION 7: Update in Dementia

Moderators: Prof. Suhail Alrukn, Dr. Caline El Jadam & Dr. Josef Alawneh

01:20 PM - 01:40 PM: The Recent Advances in Immunotherapies for Alzheimer Disease
- Prof. Frank Tarazi

01:40 PM - 02:00 PM: MCI
- Dr. Haythum Tayeb

02:00 PM - 02:20 PM: Biomarkers for Alzheimer's Disease
- Prof. Frank Tarazi

02:20 PM - 02:30 PM: Q&A Session

02:30 PM - 02:45 PM: COFFEE BREAK

SESSION 8: Movement Disorder Session

Moderators: Dr. Nouf Al Ali, Dr. Pournamy Sarathchandran & Dr. Zakaria Ammache

DEBATE FIVE: Deep Brain Stimulation vs Pump Therapy for Advance Parkinsons' Disease

02:45 PM - 03:05 PM: In-Favor
- Prof. Pierre Krystkowiak

03:05 PM - 03:25 PM: Against
- Dr. Shivam Om Mittal

03:25 PM - 03:45 PM: Non-motor Parkinsonism
- Dr. Carl Johan Ramberg

03:45 PM - 03:55 PM: Q&A Session

03:55 PM - 04:00 PM: Closing Remarks and End of Conference