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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the scientific committee, it gives us great pleasure to invite you to **"Abu Dhabi International Conference on Vitamin D Deficiency and Human Health"** which is planned to be held on **16th - 17th March, 2017** at Jumeirah Etihad Towers Hotel in Abu Dhabi, UAE

Evidence has shown that adequate levels of Vitamin D may prevent multiple bone disorders such as rickets in children; and Osteoporosis, Osteomalacia, Osteopenia, in adults. Vitamin D Deficiency is thought to be a widespread public health problem globally; being more prevalent in places with limited sun exposure and in sunny countries like United Arab Emirates and the whole of Middle East.

Despite the numerous studies about the association between vitamin D and different health outcomes, there are still controversies defining the adequate vitamin D status, daily intake and the potential adverse health consequences of its deficiency. To date, there are various reports signifying vitamin D deficiency impact in autoimmune processes, several cancers, cardiovascular diseases, obesity, metabolic syndrome, neurological disorders, and pregnancy complications; however conclusive evidence about a causal relationship is still missing.

The main theme of the conference this year is **"Vitamin D Deficiency from Prevention to Treatment"**. The meeting will focus on the latest research and clinical practice of vitamin D and its impact on human health throughout the life cycle. The program will include state of the art lectures on recent updates in the early detection, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of vitamin D deficiency and its role to human health.

Prominent national & international speakers and leading experts from various specialties will provide comprehensive, up-to-date, research-based answers to the most frequent questions that arise at patient's bedside in everyday practice.

We believe this event will be an important meeting point to inspire and connect leaders, decision makers, doctors, scientists, technologists, public servants and academics to enhance the awareness, quality and safety practices to understand and prevent vitamin D deficiency of our population.

We encourage you to join us for one of the exciting events we are planning, and experience firsthand the pride we take to improve the health for our people in the UAE and the region

**We look forward to welcoming you all in March, 2017 in the magnificent city of Abu Dhabi
This is an opportunity not to be missed!**

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Conference Objectives

- Define the mechanism of Vitamin D metabolism
- Discuss the serious global problem of Vitamin D deficiency
- Diagnose Vitamin D deficiency/insufficiency
- List the indications for testing of Vitamin D
- Describe the commonly used methods for measurement of Vitamin D
- Demonstrate complications of Vitamin D deficiency
- Evaluate the correlation of multiple diseases and Vitamin D deficiency
- Describe testing and treatment of Vitamin D deficiency
- Explain recommendations for intake

Highlighted Topics Include:

- The Status of Vitamin D in Juveniles
- The Classical Role of Vitamin D
- The Non-Classical Role of Vitamin D
- The Role of Vitamin D in Respiratory Infections
- The Importance of Vitamin D in Allergic Diagnosis
- The Role of Vitamin D in Cardiovascular Diseases
- The Genomic Aspects of Vitamin D
- The Molecular Aspects of Vitamin D
- Vitamin D and Diabetes
- Vitamin D and Lungs
- Vitamin D and Skin Diseases
- Vitamin D Supplements & Treatment
- Vitamin D and Cancer
- Vitamin D and Neurological Disorders
- Vitamin D Toxicity
- Vitamin D in Rickets, and Osteoporosis
- Vitamin D in Women's Health
- Vitamin D and Autoimmune Diseases
- Vitamin D and Genetics
- Vitamin D in Mothers and Neonates
- Vitamin D and Human Reproduction
- Vitamin D Molecular Biology
- Vitamin D Metabolomics
- Vitamin D Physiology and Biochemistry
- Vitamin D Immunology
- Vitamin D Epidemiology
- Public Health Nutrition
- Nutritional Disorders and Treatment
- Vitamin D & Nutrition in Paediatrics
- Current Research in Nutrition and Food Sciences
- Role of Nutrition in Disease Prevention
- Vitamin D Deficiency A World wide Problem with Health Consequence
- Vitamin D Deficiency Insufficiency and Supplementation
- Vitamin D Assays in Clinical Laboratory: Past, Present & Future Challenges



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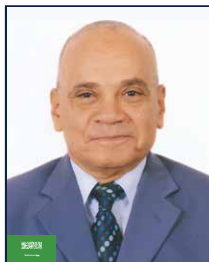
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Why to attend?

All healthcare professionals, clinicians, scientists, researchers, technologists, nutritionists, nurses, professors, pharmacists, to improve the general health status of the population should attend this conference. Abu Dhabi International Conference on Vitamin D Deficiency and Human Health. This conference comprise of many leading keynote speakers and session speakers who have already confirmed their participation. Many more international researchers and scientists and professors will be delivering their speeches on the research topics of advancements/current developments about role of Vitamin D deficiency and nutrition in human health.

The young researchers and the student participants will gain the opportunity to grab the best **Poster Award** by presenting their work as a poster presentation.

Who should attend:

- Young and brilliant researchers
- All healthcare professionals
- Clinicians
- Family physicians
- Pediatricians
- Gynecologists
- Obstetricians
- Scientists
- General practitioners
- Orthopedics
- Surgeons
- Midwives
- Technologists
- Pharmacists
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- Medical Students

Time	Topic	
07:30 - 08:30	Registration	
08:30 - 08:45	Welcome & Introduction	
08:45 - 09:15	State of the Art Lecture: Vitamin D and Immune Responses	Prof. Hamid Rabb
Session I: Vitamin D and Cardiovascular Diseases		
09:15 - 09:45	Vitamin D Deficiency and Risk for Cardiovascular Disease	Dr. Petar Seferovic
09:45 - 10:15	The Role of Vitamin D and Heart Failure	Dr. Samer Ellaham
10:15 - 10:30	Panel Discussion	
10:30 - 11:00	Official Inauguration	
11:00 - 11:15	Coffee Break	
Session II: Vitamin D and Women's Health		
11:15 - 11:30	The Emerging Role of Vitamin D in Pregnancy	Dr. Saleema Wani
11:30 - 11:45	Vitamin D Supplementation and Breastfeeding	Dr. Aruna Kumari
11:45 - 12:00	Risk Factors for Maternal Vitamin D Deficiency within the UAE	Dr. Salah Ahmed El Badawi
12:00 - 12:15	The Role of Vitamin D and Exercise in Correction of Age-Related Skeletal Muscle Changes in Postmenopausal Women	Dr. Valdyslav Povoroznyuk
Session III: Vitamin D and Metabolic Diseases		
12:15 - 12:30	Status of Serum Calcium and Parathormone Level in Patients Underwent 99-mTc-sestamibi Scan for Hyperparathyroidism	Dr. Omran Bedir Gatee
12:30 - 12:45	Clinical Manifestations of Vitamin D Deficiency	Dr. Anna Buratin
12:45 - 13:00	The Role of Vitamin D in Obesity	Dr. Nigel Beejay
13:00 - 13:15	Panel Discussion	
13:15 - 14:30	Prayer & Lunch Break	
Session IV: Vitamin D for Bone Health and Beyond		
14:30 - 15:00	Vitamin D and Musculoskeletal Health	Dr. Mohamed Abyoussef
15:00 - 15:15	Vitamin D, Osteoporosis and Fractures	Dr. Mohamad Louay Jabban
15:15 - 15:30	Association between Vitamin D Deficiency and Restless Legs Syndrome: A Case Control Study	Dr. Samah Al Safadi
15:30 - 15:45	A Review of Collegiate Athletes and Vitamin D Deficiency	Dr. Sara Shuger
15:45 - 16:00	Association between Serum Levels of 25-Hydroxyvitamin D and Severity of Knee Osteoarthritis	Dr. Enas Abolkhaeir Abdelazeem
16:00 - 16:15	Panel Discussion	
16:15 - 16:30	Coffee Break	
Session V: Vitamin D Deficiency and Neurological Disorders		
16:30 - 17:00	Vitamin D and Cognitive Impairment	Dr. Atta G.A. Alkaznaji
17:00 - 17:15	The relation between Vitamin D and Peripheral Neuropathy	Dr. Mohammed Saadah
17:15 - 17:30	Vitamin D Pathway Genes Variants in Multiple Sclerosis	Dr. Sulman Basit
17:30 - 17:45	Status of Vitamin D in Patients Diagnosed with Depression	Dr. Medhat Elsabbahy, UAE
17:45 - 18:00	Panel Discussion	
18:00	End of Day 1	

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07:30 - 08:30	Registration	
08:30 - 09:00	State of the Art Lecture: Vitamin D Deficiency: A World-wide Problem with Health Consequences	Dr. Muhammad Wasif Alam
Session VI:	Vitamin D in Genetic Diseases and Cancer	
09:00 - 09:30	Genetic Influence on Circulating Vitamin D Among Saudi Arabians	Prof. Mir Sadat Ali
09:30 - 10:00	Correlation of Vitamin D Deficiency and Colorectal Cancer	Dr. Makki Fayadh
10:00 - 10:30	Vitamin D and Cancer Prevention	Dr. Kadhim Alabady
10:30 - 10:45	Panel discussion	
10:45 - 11:00	Coffee Break	
Session VII:	Vitamin D in Neonates and Children	
11:00 - 11:30	Vitamin D in Neonates and Pediatric Age-Group	Dr. Junaid Khan
11:30 - 12:00	Vitamin D Deficiency: Rickets Resurgence of a Disease from the Past	Dr. Abdelazim Mabrook
12:00 - 12:15	Panel discussion	
12:15 - 14:00	Prayer & Lunch Break	
Session VIII:	Emerging Role of Vitamin D in Other Diseases	
14:00 - 14:30	Vitamin D and Kidney Transplantation	Prof. Hamid Rabb
14:30 - 14:45	Vitamin D and gastrointestinal diseases	Dr. Salem Awadh
14:45 - 15:00	Vitamin D and Skin Disease	Dr. Hussein Abdel Dayem
15:00 - 15:15	Vitamin D Supplement Improves Sustained Virological Response in Chronic Hepatitis C (Genotype 4)	Dr. Mohamed Ahmed MoheyEl Din
15:15 - 15:30	Panel discussion	
15:30 - 15:45	Coffee Break	
Session IX:	Vitamin D Measurement and Treatment	
15:45 - 16:15	Vitamin D Deficiency: Is there Really a Pandemic? Should we screen for Vitamin D, "What is the right Level?"	Dr. Essam Nour Eldin
16:15 - 16:30	Effect of Sunlight Exposure on 25 (OH) D Concentration: A Randomized Controlled Trial	Shanchita Khan
16:30 - 16:45	25-Hydroxyvitamin D Correlation with Prolactin Levels	Dr. Mohamed Aboelnaga
16:45 - 17:00	Panel discussion	
17:15	Closing Remarks	



Highlights from Last Year





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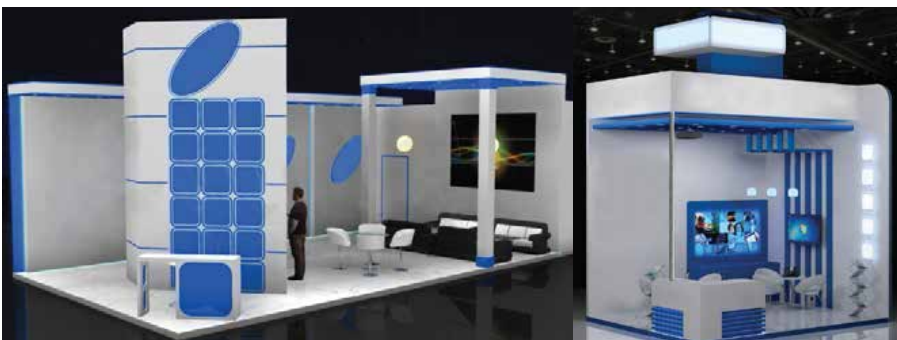
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