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I am pleased to present you with the conference programme for the **8th Middle East Gastroenterology Conference** which will take place **27-28 January** at the Dubai International Convention & Exhibition Centre.

The **8th Middle East Gastroenterology Conference** will be a two day event, with a focus on innovation and research developments in the field of Gastroenterology. This will include dedicated sessions on Paediatric Gastroenterology, the Pancreas and Biliary Tree, motility and functional GI disorders. One session will be dedicated to research findings and the implications on practice in this field in the UAE and the region. In addition to the presentations and discussion formats, there will also be two 'state of the art' lectures on 3D printing in liver surgery and intestinal transplantation for Crohn's Disease – these are not to be missed!

I look forward to seeing you in January.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Mohamed Alzaabi

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Key topics:

- State of the art lecture: 3D Printing in liver surgery and transplantation
- Innovative diagnostic approaches to non-alcoholic fatty liver disease
- The evaluation and management of Pancreatic insufficiency
- Fecal incontinence evaluation and new advances in therapy
- State of the art lecture: Intestinal Transplantation for Crohn's Disease
- Endoscopic Management of bile duct injury
- Video Capsule Enteroscopy and Enteroscopic therapeutic interventions

Who should attend?

- Gastroenterologist
- Internists
- Hepatologist
- Internal medicine specialists
- Endoscopists

Benefits of attending:

- Evaluate future therapies for Hepatitis C
- Explore innovative diagnostic approaches to nonalcoholic fatty liver disease
- Investigate 3D printing in liver surgery and transplantation
- Review intestinal transplantation for Crohn's Disease
- Critique management of post-surgical biliary complications

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Gastroenterology Conference

A Focus on Innovations and Research

Day one: Wednesday 27th January

08:50 **Opening remarks**
Dr Mohamed Alzaabi, Consultant Transplant Hepatologist and Gastroenterologist, Zayed Military Hospital, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dr Naim Alkhouri, Staff Physician, Digestive Disease Institute, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, USA

SESSION ONE: HEPATOLOGY I

Moderator: Dr Mohamed Alzaabi, Consultant Transplant Hepatologist and Gastroenterologist, Zayed Military Hospital, Abu Dhabi, UAE

09:00 **Hepatitis C treatment in the UAE: what is available today?**

Dr Mohamed Alzaabi, Consultant Transplant Hepatologist and Gastroenterologist, Zayed Military Hospital, Abu Dhabi, UAE

09:20 **State of the art lecture: 3D printing in liver surgery and transplantation**

Dr Nizar Zein, Chairman: Global Patient Services & Chief of Hepatology, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, USA

9:40 **Novel therapeutic targets in Hepatitis B: potential for a real cure**

Dr Ahmed Refaai, Consultant Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist, Almafraq Hospital, Abu Dhabi, UAE

10:00 **Future therapies for Hepatitis C: one pill fits all?**

Dr Naim Alkhouri, Staff Physician, Digestive Disease Institute, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, USA

10:20 **Panel discussion and Q & A**

10:40 **Coffee break**

SESSION TWO: HEPATOLOGY II

Moderator: Dr Mohamed Alzaabi, Consultant Transplant Hepatologist and Gastroenterologist, Zayed Military Hospital, Abu Dhabi, UAE

11:00 **An update on the management of alcoholic hepatitis**

Dr William Carey, Staff Physician, Digestive Disease Institute, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, USA

11:20 **Liver transplantation for hepatocellular carcinoma in Asia**

Dr Tan Kai Chah, Consultant: Hepatobiliary & Liver Transplant Surgeon & Executive Chairman of the Board, Asian American Medical Group, Singapore

11:40 **Innovative diagnostic approaches to non-alcoholic fatty liver disease**

Dr Naim Alkhouri, Staff Physician, Digestive Disease Institute, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, USA

12:00 **New therapeutic options in patients with Refractory Ascites**

Dr Jose Such, Staff Physician, Digestive Disease Institute, Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, UAE

12:20 **Panel discussion and Q & A**

12:40 **Lunch**

SESSION THREE: PEDIATRIC GASTROENTEROLOGY

Moderator: Dr Naim Alkhouri, Staff, Digestive Disease Institute, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, USA

14:00 **Islet transplantation for chronic pancreatitis in children**

Dr Melena Bellin, Assistant Professor: Department of Pediatrics, Division of Endocrinology and Diabetes & Director of Research, Islet Autotransplant Program, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Minnesota, USA

14:20 **Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease in children: what we know and what we do not know?**

Dr Rohit Kohli, Associate Medical Director: Liver Transplant Program & Associate Professor, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, USA

14:40 **Eosinophilic Esophagitis: The latest and greatest in diagnosis and management**

Dr Buthina Almurbati, Consultant Pediatrician & Pediatric Gastroenterologist, Dubai Hospital, Dubai, UAE

15:00 **Panel discussion and Q & A**

15:20 **Coffee break**

SESSION FOUR: PANCREAS AND BILIARY TREE

Moderator: Dr Naim Alkhouri, Staff, Digestive Disease Institute, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, USA

15:40 **Management of pancreatic cysts and chronic pancreatitis**

Dr Mohammad Al Haddad, Staff Physician: Digestive Disease Institute, Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, UAE

16:00 **The evaluation and management of Pancreatic insufficiency**

Dr Maisam A. Abu-El-Hajja, Pediatric Gastroenterologist, Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Assistant Professor, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, USA

16:20 **Case presentation: Obstructive Biliopathy**

Dr Abdulqader Almasaabi, Consultant Gastroenterologist & Head of Gastroenterology Department, Almafraq Hospital, Abu Dhabi, UAE

16:40 **Panel discussion and Q & A**

17:15 **Closing remarks**

Dr Mohamed Alzaabi, Consultant Transplant Hepatologist and Gastroenterologist at Zayed Military Hospital, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dr Naim Alkhouri, Staff Physician, Digestive Disease Institute, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, USA

17:30 **End of Day one**

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Day two: Thursday 28th January

08:50 Opening remarks

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Dr Naim Alkhouri, Staff Physician, Digestive Disease Institute, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, USA

SESSION FIVE: INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE

Moderator: Dr Mohamed Alzaabi, Consultant Transplant Hepatologist and Gastroenterologist, Zayed Military Hospital, Abu Dhabi, UAE

09:00 Updates in the medical treatment of IBD?

Dr Ahmed Aljazar, Consultant Gastroenterologist, Sheikh Khalifa Medical City, Abu Dhabi, UAE

09:20 What is the Correct target in IBD Treatment?

Dr Iyad Issa, Consultant Gastroenterologist, Advanced Cure Medical Center, Abu Dhabi, UAE

09:40 New targets and new therapies for Inflammatory Bowel Disease

Dr Jean-Frederic Colombel, Gastroenterologist & Professor of Medicine, Director - Inflammatory Bowel Disease Centre, Icahn School of Medicine, Mount Sinai, New York, NY, USA

10:00 Crohn's disease of the upper gastrointestinal tract

Dr. Salem Awad, Consultant Gastroenterologist, Advanced Medical Center, Abu Dhabi, UAE

10:20 State of the art lecture: Intestinal Transplantation for Crohn's Disease

Dr Kareem Abu-Almagd, Director of the Intestinal Transplant Program, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, USA

10:40 Panel discussion and Q & A

11:00 Coffee break

SESSION SIX: ENDOSCOPY

Moderator: Dr Mohamed Alzaabi, Consultant Transplant Hepatologist and Gastroenterologist, Zayed Military Hospital, Abu Dhabi, UAE

11:20 Gastrointestinal stents: indications, types and benefits

Dr Sameer Al Awadhi, Consultant Gastroenterologist, Rashid Hospital, Dubai, UAE

11:40 Endoscopic management of bile duct injury

Dr Khalid Bamakramah, Consultant Gastroenterologist, Rashid Hospital, Dubai, UAE

12:00 Bariatric Endoscopic procedures?

Dr Abdulla Alhassani, Consultant Gastroenterologist & Head of Gastroenterology Department, Zayed Military Hospital, Abu Dhabi, UAE

12:20 Video Capsule Enteroscopy and Enteroscopic therapeutic interventions

Dr Mustafa Sabri, Consultant Gastroenterologist, Rashid Hospital, Dubai, UAE

12:40 Panel discussion and Q & A

13:00 Lunch

SESSION SEVEN: MOTILITY AND FUNCTIONAL GI DISORDERS

Moderator: Dr Naim Alkhouri, Staff, Digestive Disease Institute, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, USA

14:00 Gastroparesis: from diagnosis to treatment

Dr Jean-Francois Rey, President-Elect, World Endoscopy Organisation (WEO) & Gastroenterologist, Consultations Centre, Saint -Laurent du Var, France

14:20 Updates on management of chronic constipation

Prof Jan Tack, Professor of Medicine: Translational Research Center for Gastrointestinal Disorders (TARGID), Head: Department of Clinical and Experimental Medicine, University of Leuven & Head: Clinic, University Hospital Gasthuisberg: Department of Gastroenterology, Leuven, Belgium

14:40 Fecal incontinence evaluation and new advanced in therapy

Dr Guilo Santoro, Staff Physician, Digestive Disease Institute, Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, UAE

15:00 Panel discussion and Q & A

15:20 Coffee break

SESSION EIGHT: RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS FROM THE UAE

Moderator: Dr Naim Alkhouri, Staff, Digestive Disease Institute, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, USA

15:50 Advancing medical research in the UAE

Dr Ali Al Obaidli, Consultant Transplant Nephrologist, Chief Academic Affairs Officer, SEHA, Abu Dhabi, UAE

16:10 Efficacy and safety of simeprevir based IFN- Free therapy in chronic HCV Genotype 4 Patients: real life experience In Abu Dhabi

Dr Mohamed Alzaabi, Consultant Transplant Hepatologist and Gastroenterologist, Zayed Military Hospital, Abu Dhabi, UAE

16:30 The mTOR inhibitor sirolimus suppresses renal, hepatic, and cardiac tissue cellular respiration

Dr Alia Albwardi, Assistant Professor, Department of Pathology, UAE University, Al-Ain, UAE

16:50 Panel discussion and Q & A

17:10 Closing remarks

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17:30 End of Conference

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