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April 2 - 4, 2026

Millennium Al Rawdah Hotel, Abu Dhabi, UAE



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Greetings!

On behalf of the organizing committee, it is our pleasure to invite you to attend The 12th Annual ELITE PED-GI Congress 2026, endorsed by Federation of International Societies for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (FISPGHAN) and North American Society For Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition (NASPGHAN), that will be held on April 2 - 4, 2026 at Millennium Al Rawdah Hotel, Abu Dhabi, UAE.

This 3-day event is designed to provide a high level, clinically significant updates and comprehensive trends relevant to the practice of Pediatric Gastroenterological, Nutrition and Liver Disorder. The congress will be a great venue for healthcare professionals to share their best practices, to network within the same group of interest, and to create and strengthen clinical collaborations.

We look forward to welcoming you to this conference!

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April 2, 2026
Thursday

14:30 - 15:45	Registration
15:45 - 16:00	Welcome Note Chairman of Congress & Congress Committee
State of the Art Lectures Moderators: Dr. Einar Hafberg, Dr. Rana Ahmad Bitar	
16:00 - 16:30	Essential Fatty Acids in Health and Disease Dr. Asim Maqbool, USA
16:30 - 17:00	Bone Health for the Gastroenterologist Dr. Ala Shaikh-Khalil, UAE
17:00 - 17:30	Endoscopic Management of IBD Strictures Dr. David Vitale, USA
17:30 - 18:00	Laser Confocal Endomicroscopy Dr. Yamen Smadi, USA
18:00 - 18:15	Question & Answer
18:15 - 18:30	Poster Session, Coffee Break & Exhibits
Keynote Lectures Moderators: Dr. Majd Al Fraihat, Dr. Amer Azaz	
18:30 - 19:00	Pediatric Eosinophilic Esophagitis Updates: New Guidelines and Management in the Biologic Era Dr. Vincent Mukkada, USA
19:00 - 19:30	The Pediatric GI Doctor in 2036 Dr. Yasser Negm, UAE
19:30 - 20:00	Nutrition in Cholestasis Dr. Sarah Abu-Alreesh, UAE
20:00 - 20:30	JAK Inhibitors Dr. Ahmad Jazzar, UAE
20:30 - 20:50	Recent Updates in the Management of ALGS and PFIC in the Era of IBAT Inhibitors Dr. Einar Hafberg, UAE <i>Disclaimer to learners: This scientific talk is sponsored by NewBridge Pharmaceuticals</i>
20:50 - 21:00	Question & Answer



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Oral Abstract Presentations

21:00 - 21:10	Esophageal Tight Junction Protein Levels in EOE and GERD Dr. Yamen Smadi, USA
21:10 - 21:20	Biliary Atresia Postoperative Success Assessment (BAPSA) Tool – A Novel Scoring System Dr. Keith Hazleton, USA
21:20 - 21:30	Neutrophil-to-Lymphocyte and Platelet-to-Lymphocyte Ratios as Predictors of Malnutrition in Children with Celiac Disease Dr. Khulud Mesfer Alomar, KSA
21:30	Dinner

April 3, 2026
Friday

07:00 - 08:00	Registration
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Clinical Practice

Moderators: Dr. Ghada Al-Hossainey El-Edel, Dr. Daad Abu Farhah,
Dr. Zelal Hashem Abdlli, Dr. Hussein Nasser Matlik

08:00 - 08:30	H. pylori in Children Dr. Krish Venkatesh, UAE
08:30 - 09:00	Digital Harm as a GI Risk Factor Dr. Yasser Negm, UAE
09:00 - 09:20	Cow Milk Protein Allergy Dr. Ahmed Elmelhat, UAE <i>Disclaimer to learners: This scientific talk is sponsored by Novalac</i>
09:20 - 09:50	Is AI Helpful in Ped GI? Dr. Muawia Aloliwi, UAE
09:50 - 10:10	Don't Miss EoE: Identifying Red Flags and Early Referral to Allow Timely Management Dr. Rana Ahmad Bitar, UAE <i>Disclaimer to learners: This scientific talk is sponsored by Sanofi</i>
10:10 - 10:20	Long-Term Efficacy of Dupilumab in Pediatric Eosinophilic Esophagitis: 100-Week Open-Label Extension Results Dr. Christos Tzivinikos, UAE



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April 3, 2026
Friday

10:20 - 10:30

Question & Answer

10:30 - 10:45

Poster Session, Coffee Break & Exhibits

Keynote Lectures

Moderators: Dr. Nafea Hussain Al Yassi, Dr. Sherif Mohamed Mosaad Kamel,
Dr. Jihad Saleh Al Mistarihi, Dr. Raghad Abou Alkhir

10:45 - 11:15

Secrets of Vitamin D
Dr. Manaf Kadori AlKassab, UAE

11:15 - 11:45

AI Helped Me in Diagnosis: Case Series
Dr. Muawia Aloliwi, UAE

11:45 - 12:15

Clinical Relevance of the Gut Microbiome in Functional GI Disorders
Dr. Manal Salem Alkatheeri, UAE

12:15 - 12:25

Question & Answer

12:25 - 12:45

Opening Ceremony

12:45

Prayer & Lunch

April 4, 2026
Saturday

07:00 - 08:30

Registration

Clinical Practice

Moderators: Dr. Ahmed Soufi, Dr. Bassel Shaaban, Dr. Khalil Simrin

08:30 - 09:00

Refeeding Syndrome
Ms. Sawad Sultan Almansoori, UAE

09:00 - 09:20

Peptide in Practice : Optimizing Tolerance and Absorption
Dr. Dinesh Banur, UAE
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09:20 - 09:40

Breaking the Itch-Bile Acid Cycle: Odevixibat in PFIC and Alagille Syndrome
Dr. Rana Ahmad Bitar, UAE
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April 4, 2026
Saturday

09:40 - 09:50

Question & Answer

09:50 - 10:05

Poster Session, Coffee Break & Exhibits

Keynote Lectures

Moderators: Dr. Abed Homsy, Dr. Messaf Al Abdulrazzak, Dr. Rania Satouf

10:05 - 10:35

Overview of Pediatric Acute Pancreatitis
Dr. David Vitale, USA

10:35 - 11:05

Healthcare: Between the Science & Business
Dr. Mohammad Rawashdeh, KSA

11:05 - 11:35

Pediatric Fatty Liver Disease
Metabolic Dysfunction Associated Steatohepatitis (MASH)
Dr. Haifa Alawadhi, UAE

11:35 - 11:55

Synbiotics in Management of Cow's Milk Allergy
Dr. Tarik Barakat, UAE
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11:55 - 12:05

Question & Answer

12:05 - 12:20

Poster Session, Coffee Break & Exhibits

Keynote Lectures

Moderators: Dr. Krishnapriya Prathapan, Dr. Eyad Saada

12:20 - 12:50

Nutrition Support Service: The CHOP Experience
Dr. Sarah Abu-Alreesh, UAE

12:50 - 13:10

Role of Probiotics in Functional GI Disorders
Dr. Rana Ahmad Bitar, UAE
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13:10 - 13:40

Nutrition and GI Trivia
Dr. Ala Shaikh-Khalil, UAE

13:40 - 14:10

The Role of the Pediatric Gastroenterologist in Management
of Pediatric Feeding Disorders
Dr. Vincent Mukkada, USA

14:10 - 14:25

Question & Answer



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April 4, 2026
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Oral Abstract Presentations

14:25 - 14:35

Does Gut Microbiome Dysbiosis Contribute to the Early Onset of Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus in Children?
[Dr. Angeline Abraham, UAE](#)

14:35 - 14:45

Iron Deficiency Anemia Among Pediatric Celiac Disease Patients at the Armed Forces Hospital – Southern Region: Prevalence, Predictors, and Outcomes
[Dr. Khalid Saeed Asiri, KSA](#)

14:45 - 14:55

Recurrent Abdominal Pain in Children: Bridging Clinical Practice and New Research
[Dr. Shayda Ziyad Jamil Al-Talabany, Iraq](#)

14:55 - 15:15

Abstract Awards and Adjournment

15:15

Prayer & Lunch



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