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THE 12TH ANNUAL ELITE PED-GI CONGRESS 2026

📅 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!

STANDARD RATE REGISTRATION!

(5% VAT Exclusive)

Physician: 1,800 AED

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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. Vince Mukkada, Dr. Rana Ahmad Bitar	
16:00 - 16:30	Cystic Fibrosis: Enteral Feeding in the Modern Era Dr. Asim Maqbool, USA
16:30 - 17:00	Endoscopic Management of IBD Strictures Dr. David Vitale, USA
17:00 - 17:30	Bone Health for the Gastroenterologist Dr. Ala Shaikh-Khalil, UAE
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. Fawaz AlRefaee, Dr. Asim Maqbool, Dr. Majd Al Fraihat, Dr. Amer Azaz	
18:30 - 19:00	Pediatric Eosinophilic Esophagitis Updates: New Guidelines and Management in the Biologic Era Dr. Vince 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 Alreesh, UAE
20:00 - 20:30	JAK Inhibitors Dr. Ahmad Jazzar, UAE
20:30 - 20:50	Pediatric Cholestasis & Role of Maralixibat Dr. Einar Hafberg, UAE <i>Disclaimer to learners: This scientific talk is sponsored by Newbridge</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



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April 3, 2026
Friday

07:00 - 08:00

Registration

Clinical Practice

Moderators: Dr. Ghada Al-Hossainey El-Edel, Dr. Shatha Al Taie, Dr. Zelal Hashem Abdlli

08:00 - 08:30

H pylori in Children
Dr. Venkatesh Noor Krish, UAE

08:30 - 09:00

Digital Harm as a GI Risk Factor
Dr. Yasser Negm, UAE

09:00 - 09:30

Picky Eaters: Across Continents
Dr. Yamen Smadi, USA

09:30 - 10:00

Is AI Helpful in Ped GI?
Dr. Muawia Aloliwi, UAE

10:00 - 10:15

Don't Miss EoE: Identifying Red Flags and Early Referral
to Allow Timely Management
Dr. Rana Ahmad Bitar
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10:15 - 10:20

Dupilumab Is Effective in Maintaining Long-Term Improvements In
Disease Severity And Quality of Life In Children with Eosinophilic
Esophagitis: 100-Week Results from the Open-Label Extension of the
EoE Kids Study
Dr. Christos Tzivinikos, UAE

10:20 - 10:30

Question & Answer

10:30 - 10:45

Poster Session, Coffee Break & Exhibits

Keynote Lectures

Moderators: Dr. Nafea Al Yassi, Dr. Bashar Al Khasawneh, Dr. Jihad Saleh Al Mistarihi, Dr. Raghad Aboualkhair

10:45 - 11:15

Healthcare: Between the Science & Business
Dr. Mohammed Raweshdeh, KSA

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 Alkatheeri, UAE

12:15 - 12:20

Question & Answer

12:20 - 12:45

Opening Ceremony

12:45

Prayer & Lunch



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April 4, 2026
Saturday

07:00 - 08:00

Registration

Clinical Practice

Moderators: Dr. Krishna Prathapan, Dr. Ahmad Soufi, Dr. Bassel Shaaban Osman, Dr. Khalil Simrin

08:00 - 08:30

Pharmacoeconomics in Children
Dr. Waeil Hassan Al Naeem, UAE

08:30 - 09:00

Refeeding Syndrome
Ms. Hind Al Shamsi, UAE

09:00 - 09:30

Essential Fatty Acids in Health and Disease
Dr. Asim Maqbool, USA

09:30 - 09:50

Breaking the Itch-Bile Acid Cycle: Odevixibat in PFIC and Alagille Syndrome
Dr. Rana Ahmad Bitar

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09:50 - 10:00

Question & Answer

10:00 - 10:15

Poster Session, Coffee Break & Exhibits

Keynote Lectures

Moderators: Dr. Sherif Mosaad Kamel, Dr. Abed Homsy, Dr. Messef Al Abdulrazzak, Dr. Rania Eliass Satouf

10:15 - 10:45

Overview of Pediatric Acute Pancreatitis
Dr. David Vitale, USA

10:45 - 11:15

Secrets of Vitamin D
Dr. Manaf Shaker Kadori, UAE

11:15 - 11:45

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

11:45 - 12:05

Synbiotics in Management of Cow's Milk Allergy
Dr. Tarek Barakat
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12:05 - 12:15

Question & Answer

12:15 - 12:30

Poster Session, Coffee Break & Exhibits



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Saturday

Keynote Lectures

Moderators: Dr. Hussein Nasser Matlik, Dr. Pravin Chaturvedi, Dr. Daad Abu Farhah

12:30 - 13:00

Nutrition Support Service: The CHOP Experience
[Dr. Sarah Alreesh, UAE](#)

13:00 - 13:20

Role of Probiotics in Functional GI Disorders
[Dr. Rana Ahmad Bitar](#)
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13:20 - 13:35

Nutrition and GI Trivia
[Dr. Ala Shaikh-Khalil, UAE](#)

13:35 - 14:20

The Role of the Pediatric Gastroenterologist in Management
of Pediatric Feeding Disorders
[Dr. Vince Mukkada, USA](#)

14:20 - 14:35

Question & Answer

Oral Abstract Presentations

14:35 - 14:45

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

14:45 - 14:55

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

14:55 - 15:05

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

15:05 - 15:15

Abstract Awards and Adjournment

15:15

Prayer & Lunch

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