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Welcome Message



Dr. Nawal Al Kaabi

Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to the **7th International Conference on Prevention and Control of Infection** taking place from **21-22 November 2025** at the **Dusit Thani** in the vibrant city of **Abu Dhabi, UAE**.

This year's theme, "Strengthening Infection Prevention and Control towards a healthier, safer world" reflects our collective commitment to advancing the field of infection prevention and control. As we gather together, we have a unique opportunity to connect with like-minded professionals, collaborate on groundbreaking initiatives, and create the solutions that will shape a healthier, safer future.

The global landscape of healthcare has been forever transformed by the challenges we have faced in recent years. Now, more than ever, it is essential that we come together to share our knowledge, expertise, and innovative ideas. This conference will serve as a platform to facilitate meaningful dialogue, foster cross-disciplinary partnerships, and inspire the development of cutting-edge strategies and technologies.

This intriguing event has taken the initiative to gather world-class experts from both academia and industry on a common platform at the ICPCI Conference. They will share their recent research findings and enlighten the esteemed delegates on the latest trends in the field of Prevention and Control of Infection. An outstanding faculty of speakers from the United States, Canada, Europe, and the Middle East has committed to participate in this meeting. The ICPCI 2025 conference will bring together an international collaboration of scientists, researchers, and infectious diseases specialists from leading universities and research institutions, making the conference a perfect platform to share experiences, foster collaboration across industry and academia, and evaluate emerging technologies across the globe.

We encourage you to join us and engage in thought-provoking discussions, participate in interactive workshops, and network with the brightest minds in the industry. Together, we will explore the latest research, delve into best practices, and uncover new pathways to enhance infection prevention and control practices in the UAE, the region, and worldwide.

Your presence at this conference is invaluable, and we look forward to the insights and perspectives you will bring to the event. Let us embark on this journey of "Fostering connections, enabling effective collaboration, nurturing the creation of innovative solutions" and leave a lasting impact on the healthcare landscape.

We look forward to welcoming you to an enriching and impactful event.

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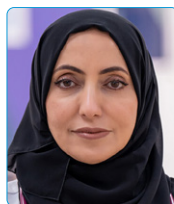
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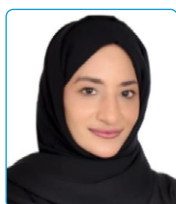
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Conference Objectives

- Explore the latest advancements and updates in infection prevention and control practices.
- Discuss regional surveillance updates and their implications for effective infection control strategies.
- Examine cutting-edge research in the field of infection prevention and control, and understand its practical applications.
- Review innovative and evidence-based measures for the prevention of healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) such as CLABSI, CAUTI, VAP, VAE, and SSI.
- Identify and understand the essential components required for developing and managing effective infection prevention and control programs.
- Gain insights into emergency preparedness and disaster management plans specifically tailored for infectious diseases.
- Analyze current patterns and trends of antimicrobial resistance in the UAE, and explore strategies to address this growing challenge.
- Familiarize yourself with guidelines and best practices for environmental infection control in healthcare settings.
- Recognize the fundamentals of infection prevention and control during construction projects, and learn how to mitigate associated risks.
- Review best practices for the reprocessing of flexible endoscopes, ensuring patient safety and preventing healthcare-associated infections.
- Gain comprehensive knowledge of best practices for cleaning, disinfection, and sterilization in all healthcare settings.
- Learn about regulatory requirements and guidelines related to infection prevention and control, and ensure ongoing compliance.

Program Highlights

- Surveillance Update
- Cutting-Edge IPC Research Update
- Innovative Measures for HAI Prevention focusing on key areas such as CLABSI, CAUTI, VAP, VAE, and SSI.
- Effective IPC Program Management
- Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Management for Infectious Diseases
- Current Patterns and Trends of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)
- Antimicrobial Stewardship and MDRO prevention
- Waste management from cradle to grave
- Guidelines for Environmental Infection Control in Healthcare Settings
- Infection Prevention and Control during Construction & Renovation
- Best Practices for Reprocessing of Flexible Endoscopes
- Cleaning, Disinfection, and Sterilization Best Practices
- Compliance with Regulatory Bodies in Infection Prevention and Control
- Food safety
- JAWDA indicators
- Animal infection control

Target Audience

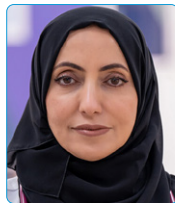
- Healthcare providers
- Physicians
- Nurses
- Infection Preventionists
- Quality officers
- Microbiology
- Infectious disease consultants
- Public health officers
- Internal medicine
- Hospital Administrators
- Operating Theatre Personnel
- Pharmaceutical Personnel
- Emergency Response Personnel
- Critical Care Personnel who are involved in Infection Control
- Respiratory Therapists
- Lab Technicians
- Occupational Health
- Environmental Health & Safety
- Quality Director
- Chief Quality Officers
- Risk Management Professional

Speakers



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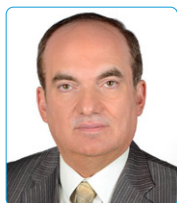
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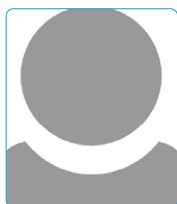
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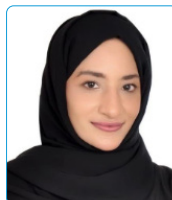
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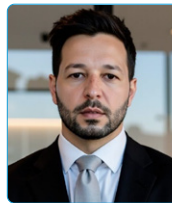



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DAY 1 – NOV 21, 2025 - FRIDAY

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
07:30-08:50	Registration	
08:50-09:00	Welcome Speech	Dr. Nawal Al Kaabi & Ms. Abeer Khallaf
SESSION 1: National Updates Moderators: Dr. Stefan Weber, Ms. Abeer Khallaf		
09:00-09:30	Keynote: Outbreak Preparedness and Response; Keys to Success	H.E. Dr. Faisal Musleh Al Ahbabi, UAE
09:30-09:50	Emerging and Re-emerging diseases	Dr. Nawal Al Kaabi, UAE
09:50-10:10	Safeguarding Healthcare: Trends and Action in Infection Control in UAE	Dr. Najiba Abdulrazzaq, UAE
10:10-12:20	Q & A / Panel Discussion	All Speakers Session
10:20-10:40	OFFICIAL INAUGURATION	
10:40-10:55	COFFEE BREAK	
10:55-11:20	Symposium 1 Act now: Innovative Strategy for Influenza Prevention	Dr. Sameh Abdelazim, UAE
SESSION 2 Moderators: Dr. Huda Al Dhanhani, Dr. Janet Haas		
11:20-11:50	Keynote: Advancing the Global Infection Prevention Agenda: Highlights from APIC Initiative	Dr. Carol McLay, USA
11:50-12:10	JAWDA Update	Dr. Moustafa Abdelwahab, UAE
12:10-12:30	Epidemiological Trends and Patterns of Tuberculosis in Abu Dhabi: An Analysis of Recent TB Data	Dr. Ahmed Khudair Abbas, UAE
12:30-12:50	Management of Tuberculosis	Dr. Tehmina Khan, UAE
12:50-13:00	Q & A / Panel Discussion	All Speakers Session
13:00-14:30	PRAYER & LUNCH BREAK EXHIBITION & POSTER VIEWING	
SESSION 3 - MISC Moderators: Dr. Tehmina Khan, Ms. Hajar Al Dhanhani		
14:30-14:50	Diagnostic Stewardship in the ERA of booming rapid diagnostics, Balance between speed and balance	Dr. Huda Al Dhanhani, UAE
14:50-15:10	Interventions to improve hand hygiene in health healthcare settings	Dr. Robert Lodu, UAE
15:10-15:30	AI in prevention and predicting HAIs	Dr. Junaid Khan, UAE
15:30-15:40	Q & A / Panel Discussion - All Speakers Session	

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TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
SESSION 4 – ORAL PRESENTATIONS (Part 1) Moderators: Dr. Carol Mclay, Dr. Stefan Weber		SESSION 3: WORKSHOP
15:40-16:20 (10 mins each)	1. Breaking the CAUTI Cycle: A Path to Zero CAUTI Ms. Reham Jafer Al Hajjeh, UAE	15:40-16:40 (Emerald 1) Infectious diseases- connecting dots to prevent exposure Ms. Prameela Maniamma, Ms. Jancy Varghese
	2. Implementation of Evidence-Based Strategies for Preventing Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI) in Home Care Settings Ms. Hanan Farag Rashed, UAE	16:40-17:40 Research workshop (Emerald 2 - Round-table set-up) Moderator: Dr. Stefan Weber, Dr. Carol Mclay
	3. Preventing Hepatitis-B Virus Infection among patients undergoing Dialysis by Implementing Infection Prevention and Control Best Practices in SEHA Kidney Care (SKC) Ms. Sheena Rajan, UAE	16:40-17:00 Workshop lecture – Dr. Carol Mclay, USA
	4. Process Improvement is a Motive (PRIMO)-CLAB-ZERO: A journey to Infection-free central lines. Mrs. Lakshmi Priya Shanmugam, UAE	
16:20-16:30	Q & A / Panel Discussion	
16:30-16:40	BREAK (shift to Research Workshop room)	
17:40	CLOSING & END OF DAY 1	

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DAY 2 – NOV 22, 2025 - SATURDAY

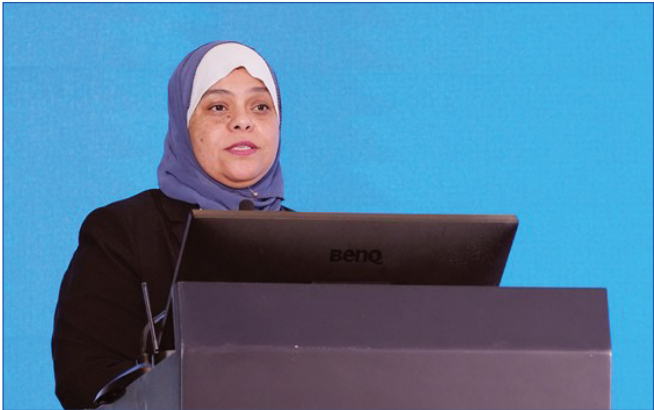
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08:00-08:50	Registration	
08:50-09:00	Welcome Speech	
SESSION 5 - AI Moderators: Dr. Carol Mclay, Ms. Reham Jafer Al Hajjeh		
09:00-09:20	Predict, Prevent, Protect: AI-Driven Strategies in Infection Control	Dr. Samer Ellahham, UAE
09:20-09:40	AI for infection prevention and public health	Dr. Janet Haas, UAE
09:40-10:00	AI and Lab Diagnostics	Dr. Stefan Weber, UAE
10:00-10:10	Q & A / Panel Discussion	
10:10-10:25	COFFEE BREAK EXHIBITION & POSTER VIEWING	
SESSION 6 Moderators: Dr. Janet Haas, Dr. Fouzia Jabeen		
10:25-10:45	Vaccine hesitancy	Dr. Omar Najim, UAE
10:45-11:05	13 Year Analysis of National AMR Trends in the UAE Across Clinical Syndromes	Dr. Madikay Sengore, UAE
11:05-11:25	Building Effective Blood Culture Stewardship - CCAD experience	Mr. Elias Tannous, UAE
11:25-11:35	Q & A / Panel Discussion	All Speakers Session
11:35-12:00	Symposium 2 Strategies for reducing HAIs through optimal disinfectant use	Mr. Safwan Abdallah, UAE
SESSION 7 Moderators: Dr. Layla Al Dabal		
12:00-12:20	A Strategic Vision for Certification: Shaping the Future of Infection Prevention through CBIC's Evolving Mission	Ms. Jessica Dangles, USA
12:20-12:40	To be confirmed	Dr. Jehad Abdalla, UAE
12:40-13:00	From Problems to Practical Solutions: How Infection Control Can Move Beyond Recommendations to Real Results	Ms. Hajar Al Dhanhani, UAE
13:00-13:10	Q & A / Panel Discussion	All Speakers Session
13:10-14:10	PRAYER & LUNCH BREAK EXHIBITION & POSTER VIEWING	
SESSION 8 Moderators: Dr. Stefan Weber		
14:10-14:30	Using molecular panels for infection control	Dr. Fouzia Jabeen, UAE
14:30-14:50	Update in C.auris Management	Dr. Layla Al Dabal, UAE
14:50-15:10	Eliminating MDRO- IP Strategy challenges and success	Ms. Abeer Khallaf, UAE
14:10-15:30	Beyond Compliance: Building a Culture of Safety through Infection Prevention Leadership	Ms. Sareena Meera Mathew, UAE
15:30-15:40	Q & A / Panel Discussion & and Awarding of Poster winners	

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DAY 2 – NOV 22, 2025 - SATURDAY

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
SESSION 9 – ORAL PRESENTATIONS (Part 2) Moderators:		SESSION 9: PARALLEL WORKSHOPS
15:40-16:30 (10 mins each)		
1. Process Improvement Is a Major Objective (PRIMO)-Device Related Infection Prevention Project (DRIPP) From Bench to Bedside Mr. Benito Natividad Jr., UAE		15:30-16:30 (Emerald 1) Strengthening Infection Prevention: Best Practices in Respiratory Protection for Healthcare Teams Ms. Cathrena Dileesh Kumar Ms. Hanan Farag Rashed
2. The Role of Advanced Specialist Nurses at SSMC in Breaking the Chain of Infection Ms. Reham Jafer Al Hajjeh, UAE		15:30-16:30 (Emerald 2) Transforming Hand hygiene: A workshop on data driven Infection Control Ms. Joselita Ladline Rego Ms. Anumol Surendhren Ms. Jennifer Calapan Dequito
3. Fifteen-year cumulative antibiogram at a Tertiary Cancer Center in Jordan Showing Alarming Antimicrobial Resistance Trends: Past trends, present patterns and future forecasts Ms. Sawsan Al-Mubarak, Jordan		
4. Evaluating Post-COVID-19 Seasonal Influenza Epidemiological Patterns and Trends Ms. Sawsan Al-Mubarak, Jordan		
5. Building Resilience in Infection Control: Impact of IC Links Program on Safety, Documentation, and Compliance Across SEHA Clinics Ms. Hanan Farag Rashed, UAE		
16:30-16:40	Q & A / Panel Discussion - All presenters	
16:40	END OF CONFERENCE	

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