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8th International Conference on Prevention and Control of Infection

"Strengthening Infection Prevention and Control towards a healthier, safer world"

Pre-Conference Workshop	Main Conference	Novotel Abu Dhabi
26 November 2026	**27-28 November 2026**	**Al Bustan, UAE**



Welcome Message



Dr. Nawal Al Kaabi



Ms. Abeer Khallaf

Dear Collegues,

The future of healthcare depends on our ability to prevent infection, protect patients, and build resilient systems capable of responding to evolving global health challenges. It is in this spirit that we are delighted to welcome you to the **8th International Conference on Prevention and Control of Infection (ICPCI 2026)**, taking place on **27–28 November 2026 in Novotel Abu Dhabi, Al Bustan UAE**, with a **Pre-Conference Workshop on 26 November 2026**.

This year's theme, "Strengthening Infection Prevention and Control Towards a Healthier, Safer World," highlights the critical role that infection prevention and control plays in safeguarding public health, improving patient outcomes, and ensuring healthcare sustainability. As infectious threats continue to evolve, collaboration, innovation, and knowledge sharing have become more important than ever.

ICPCI 2026 will serve as a dynamic forum where healthcare professionals, infection prevention specialists, researchers, policymakers, educators, and industry partners can come together to exchange ideas and advance best practices. The conference will showcase the latest scientific developments, emerging technologies, and practical solutions that are transforming infection prevention and control across healthcare settings worldwide.

With participation from internationally renowned experts and thought leaders, the conference will provide a unique opportunity to gain valuable insights into current challenges and future directions in the field. Through engaging scientific sessions, expert-led discussions, hands-on workshops, and networking opportunities, delegates will be empowered to translate knowledge into action and drive meaningful improvements within their organizations and communities.

Beyond the scientific program, ICPCI 2026 aims to foster lasting partnerships and encourage multidisciplinary collaboration that extends beyond the conference itself. By bringing together diverse perspectives and experiences, we can collectively strengthen our preparedness, enhance patient safety, and contribute to a healthier future for all.

We invite you to join us in Abu Dhabi for two inspiring days of learning, collaboration, and innovation. Together, let us advance the science and practice of infection prevention and control and create a lasting impact on healthcare systems around the world.

We look forward to welcoming you to ICPCI 2026.

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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 m itigate 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

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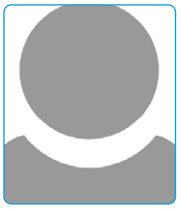

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Event Summary

691 Attendees	41 Speakers	12 Committee
24 Lectures	9 Sessions	26 Posters
4 Workshops	2 Symposiums	6 Sponsors
2 Days	14.1 DOH CME	15 European CME



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