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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 2028)**, 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 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

Workshop Scientific Program

Day 1 – November 26, 2026 – Thursday

TIME	Topic / Activity	Speakers
13:00-13:20	Registration	
13:20-13:30	Welcome	
13:30-15:30	Workshop 1 • Research workshop • Interactive Discussion	 Dr. Carol Mclay Dr. Stefan Weber
15:30-17:30	Workshop 2 • Artificial Intelligence • Interactive Discussion	 Dr. Janet Haas
17:30	End of Workshops	

Scientific Program

Day 2 - November 27, 2026 – Friday

TIME	Topic / Activity	Speakers
07:30-08:50	Registration	
08:50-09:00	Welcome Speech	Dr. Nawal Al Kaabi & Ms. Abeer Khallaf
SESSION 1: National Updates		
09:00-09:30	Keynote: Outbreak Preparedness and Response; Keys to Success	H.E. Dr. Faisal Musleh Al Ahbabi
09:30-10:00	Emerging and Re-emerging diseases	Dr. Nawal Al Kaabi
10:00-10:30	Safeguarding Healthcare: Trends and Action in Infection Control in UAE	Dr. Najiba Abdulrazzaq
10:30-10:45	Q & A / Panel Discussion	All Speakers Session
10:45-11:15	OFFICIAL INAUGURATION	
11:15-11:30	COFFEE BREAK | COFFEE BREAK	
SESSION 2		
11:30-12:00	Keynote: Advancing the Global Infection Prevention Agenda: Highlights from APIC Initiative	Dr. Carol Mclay
12:00-12:20	JAWDA Update	Dr. Moustafa Abdelwahab
12:20-12:40	Management of Tuberculosis	Dr. Tehmina Khan
12:40-12:50	Q & A / Panel Discussion	All Speakers Session
12:50-14:10	PRAYER & LUNCH BREAK | EXHIBITION	
SESSION 3: MISCELLANEOUS		
14:10-14:30	Diagnostic Stewardship in the ERA of booming rapid diagnostics, Balance between speed and balance	Dr. Huda Al Dhanhani
14:30-14:50	Interventions to improve hand hygiene in health healthcare settings	Dr. Robert Lodu
14:50-15:10	AI in prevention and predicting HAIs	Dr. Junaid Khan
15:10-15:25	Q & A / Panel Discussion	All Speakers Session
SESSION 4: ORAL PRESENTATIONS (Part 1)		
15:25-16:15 10 minutes each	1. Breaking the CAUTI Cycle: A Path to Zero CAUTI Ms. Reham Jafer Al Hajjeh, UAE 2. Implementation of Evidence-Based Strategies for Preventing Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI) in Home Care Settings Ms. Hanan Farag Rashed, UAE 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 4. Process Improvement is a Motive (PRIMO)-CLAB-ZERO: A journey to Infection-free central lines Mrs. Lakshmi Priya Shanmugam, UAE 5. Building Resilience in Infection Control: Impact of IC Links Program on Safety, Documentation, and Compliance Across SEHA Clinics Ms. Hanan Farag Rashed, UAE	
SESSION 3: WORKSHOP		
16:15-17:15	Infectious diseases - connecting dots to prevent exposure	Ms. Prameela Maniamma & Ms. Jancy Varghese
17:15	CLOSING & END OF DAY 1	

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Day 3 - November 28, 2026 – Saturday

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

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Day 3 - November 28, 2026 – Saturday

TIME	Topic / Activity	Speakers
SESSION 9: ORAL PRESENTATIONS (Part 2)		
15:40-16:20 10 minutes each	1. Process Improvement Is a Major Objective (PRIMO)-Device Related Infection Prevention Project (DRIPP) From Bench to Bedside Mr. Benito Natividad Jr., UAE 2. The Role of Advanced Specialist Nurses at SSMC in Breaking the Chain of Infection Ms. Reham Jafer Al Hajjeh, UAE 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 s Ms. Sawsan Al-Mubarak, Jordan	
SESSION 9: PARALLEL WORKSHOPS		
16:20-17:20	Strengthening Infection Prevention: Best Practices in Respiratory Protection for Healthcare Teams	Ms. Cathrena Dileesh Kumar Ms. Hanan Farag Rashed
16:20-17:20	Transforming Hand Hygiene: A workshop on data-driven Infection Control	Ms. Joselita Ladline Rego Ms. Anumol Surendhren, Ms. Jennifer Calapan Dequito
17:20	END OF CONFERENCE	

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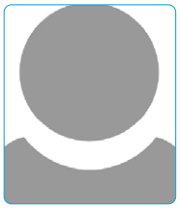
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Event Summary

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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