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Strengthening Infection Prevention and Control Towards a Healthier, Safer World

DAY 1 – NOVEMBER 26, 2026 – THURSDAY		
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	

DAY 2 - NOVEMBER 27, 2026 – FRIDAY		
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	

DAY 3 - NOVEMBER 28, 2026 – SATURDAY		
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	
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 8		
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	
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	