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On behalf of the organising committee, it is my pleasure to invite you to attend the 3rd International Paediatric Neurodisability & Neurorehabilitation Conference on 24 - 26 May 2024 at Al Thuraya Ballroom - Rotana Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

This 3-day event is designed to provide a high level, clinically significant updates and comprehensive trends relevant to the practice of Paediatric Neurodisability & Rehabilitation. Our knowledge on the manifestations of the disorders rapidly increases, yet, our understanding of the aetiologies and pathogeneses, including early detection and early intervention, is still limited.

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Virtual Session - Day 1: Friday, 24 May 2024

Session I: The Start Moderator: Dr. Tarek El-Azzabi

17:00	Autism Spectrum Disorder, Updates	Dr. Dalal Nasr
17:30	Management and Assessment of Oral Health in Children with Neurodisability	Dr. Nidhi Beri
18:00	Q&A	
18:30	End of Day 1	

Day 2: Saturday, 25 May 2024 | Physical Lectures

8:00	Registration, Coffee and Networking	
8:35	Welcome by the Conference Chair	Dr. Tarek I. El-Azzabi

Session I - Rare Diseases Chairperson: Dr. Amal Al Teneiji Moderators: Dr. Hussein Matlik & Dr. Mahesh Cirsananbati

8:40	A Review of the Expanding Clinical Phenotypical Spectrum of Interferon Related Neurological Diseases	Dr. Shanawaz Hussain
9:05	Genetics in Children with Neurodisabilities & Rare Diseases, Updates	Dr. Maryam Al Shehhi
9:30	CerebroTendinous Xanthomatosis: A Treatable Neuro-Metabolic Rare Disease...Think CTX (TR Pharm Sponsored Symposium)	Dr. Amal Al Teneiji

9:55 Autism & Mitochondrion **Dr. Arif Akbar Khan**

10:20 Pompe Disease: Shedding Light on Diagnostic Challenges and Differential Pathways **Dr. Dina Saleh**

10:45 Q&A

10:50 Coffee Break

Session II - Neuromuscular Disorders
Chairperson: Dr. Omar Ismayl
Moderators: Dr. Sunny Philip & Dr. Binu George

11:00 Signs of Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA)
(Novartis Sponsored Symposium) **Dr. Vivek Mundada**

11:20 MLD: What's New
(Genpharm Pharmaceutical Sponsored Symposium) **Dr. Majid Aziz**

11:40 Disease Modifying Therapies: New Advances
Combination and Regenerative Therapies in DMD
(PTC Sponsored Symposium) **Prof. Teodora Chamova**

12:00 New Hope for Duchenne Muscle Dystrophy:
Unlocking the Potential of Gene Therapies
(Gene Therapy Symposium) **Dr. Majid Aziz**

12:20 DMD Local Gene Therapy Experience
(Roche Sponsored Symposium) **Dr. Omar Ismayl**

12:40 Q&A

12:50 Lunch Break & Fatima College of Health Sciences Poster Presentations

Session III: Real Cases Experience
Moderators: Dr. Ayman El-Hattab & Dr. Tawfiq Hen

14:00 Talking From Experience About Neuromuscular Cases **Dr. Andoni Urtizbera**

14:25 Neurofibromatosis Updates
(Astrazeneca Sponsored Symposium) **Dr. Chaudhry Mehtab Iqbal**

14:45 Q&A

14:50 Coffee Break

15:00

Session IV: 4 Parallel Workshops

Moderators: Dr. Saleel Chandratre, Dr. Dina Saleh, Dr. Ahmad Ashour & Dr. Rashid Saleem

Movement Disorder Workshop

Dr. Mohamed Osman Etahir Babiker

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Botulinum Toxin Injection for Spasticity Practical Approach Workshop
(Abbvie Sponsored Symposium)

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Spina Bifida Workshop

Dr. Haitham El Bashir

Ms. Rabab Kothari

Mr. Krishnan Freddy

Mr. Syed Irtaza Amir Hassan Kazmi

Emergencies Among Children with Neurodisabilities

Dr. Abdul Salam Al Mnaseer

Dr. Hassan Faraj

16:15 End of Day 2

Day 3: Sunday, 26 May 2024 | Physical Lectures

8:00 Registration, Coffee and Networking

Session I: Neurodevelopment and Behavior

Chairman: Dr. Huda Sadek

Moderators: Dr. Matouk Zbaeda, Dr. Rashid Saleem & Dr. Adel Waheeb

8:45 Managing Sleeps Difficulties in Children with Neurodevelopmental Disorders

Dr. Inyang Takon

9:10 Sleeps Hygiene, in Practice

Ms. Ghadeer Khaled

9:35 Feeding Problems in Neurologically Impaired Children

Dr. Huda Sadek

10:00 Epilepsy in Children with Neurodevelopmental Disabilities

Dr. Mohamed Elhadi Almalik

10:25 Q&A

10:35 Coffee Break

Session II: Neurodisability - Other Comorbidities

Chairman: Dr. Chaudhry Muhammad Mehtab Iqbal

Moderators: Dr. Mohammed Mekki & Dr. Syed Arif Hosain

10:50 Polypharmacy, Drug Errors and Children with Special Needs

Dr. Mahmoud Abumandil

11:15 Bone Health & Endocrine Issues in Children with Neurodisability Diseases

Dr. Sareea Al Remeithi

11:40	Home Mechanical Ventilation in Children with Neuromuscular Disorders	Dr. Sofia Konstantinopoulou
12:05	Understanding SMA in Infants & Children: From Diagnosis To Management <i>(Biogen Sponsored Symposium)</i>	Dr. Hussein Matlik
12:25	Q&A	
12:35	Lunch Break	

Session III: Cerebral Palsy
Chariman: Dr. Mohamed Elhadi Almalik
Moderators: Dr. Ibrahim Saddiq, Dr. Abdelaly Dabosy & Dr. Dragana Djuric

13:30	Cerebral Palsy Mimics	Dr. Anil Vasudev Israni
13:55	Nurturing Beginnings: Redefining Early Detection of Cerebral Palsy with the Precht General Movement Assessment	Ms. Wedad Ghali
14:20	Protecting the Child with Neurodisability	Dr. Basheer Babu Tharayil
14:45	Drizzling, The Common Numerator	Dr. Hibba Bedri
15:10	Pain Management in Children with Neurodisabilities	Dr. Kamran Mahmood
15:35	Q&A	
15:45	End of Day 3	

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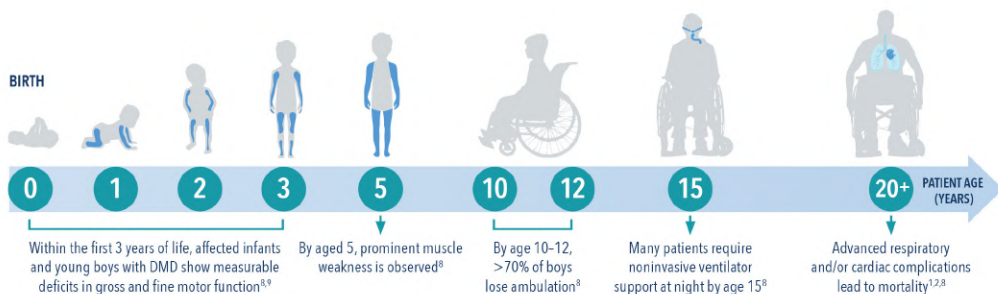
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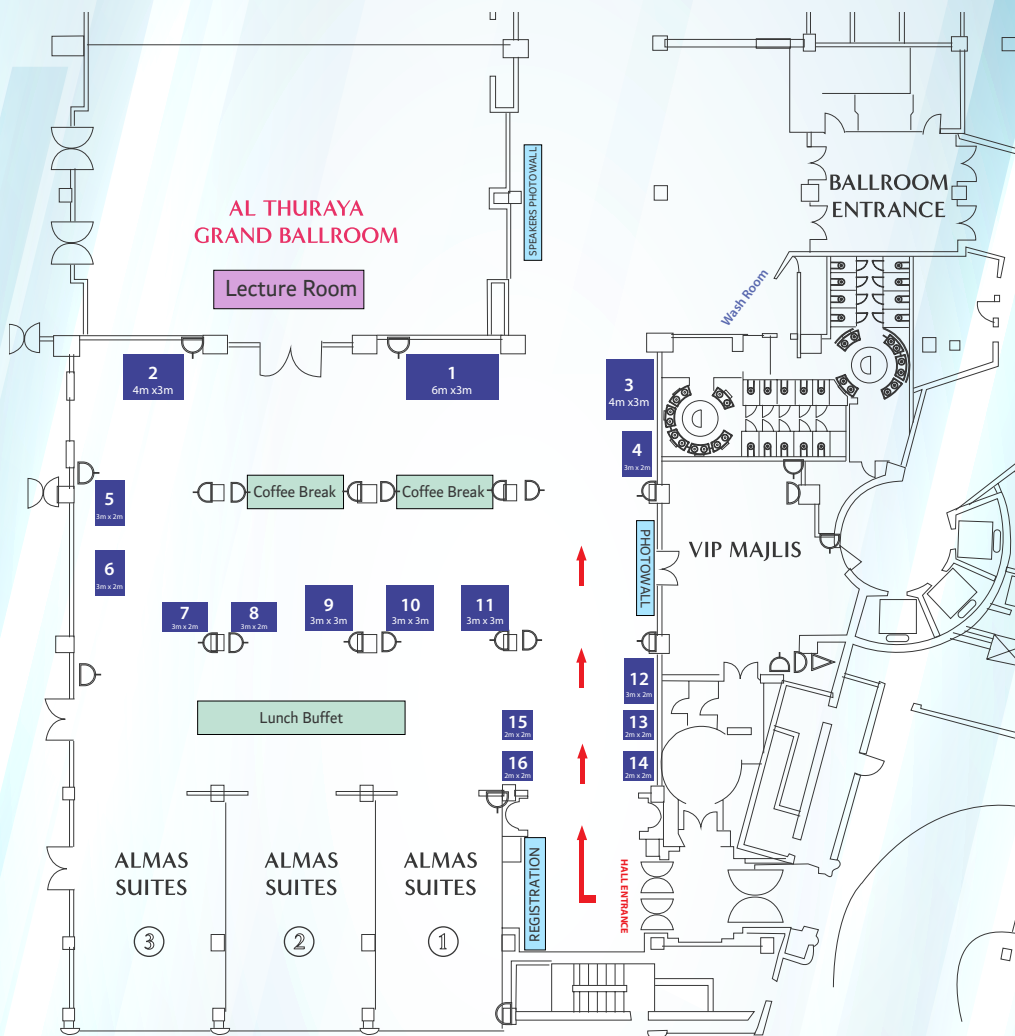
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