



The First Annual Meeting of the ECCS and the Digital Health & Laboratory Medicine Forum

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Welcome Message





Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to join us at the **The First annual Meeting of the ECCS and the Digital Health & Laboratory Medicine Forum**, organized by the Emirates Clinical Chemistry Society (ECCS) and held under the auspices of the **International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC)**. This highly anticipated event will take place on **October 17-18, 2025**, at Conrad Dubai, UAE.

This forum promises to be a landmark gathering, bringing together healthcare professionals, researchers, policymakers, and industry leaders from across the globe. The program is designed to spotlight groundbreaking innovations in digital health and laboratory medicine, with a focus on transforming chronic disease management. Through expert-led keynote presentations, engaging panel discussions, and interactive sessions, participants will explore the challenges, opportunities, and future trends shaping this dynamic field.

Your presence at this forum would be invaluable in enriching the discussions and advancing our shared commitment to healthcare innovation. We would be honored to welcome you as an attendee and greatly appreciate your support in making this event a success.

The forum offers a unique platform to foster meaningful exchanges of ideas, forge new collaborations, and gain critical insights into the latest advancements in digital health and laboratory medicine. It is an unparalleled opportunity to connect with leading experts and peers, while contributing to shaping the future of chronic disease management and improving patient outcomes worldwide.

We sincerely thank you for considering this opportunity and look forward to welcoming you to the Digital Health and Laboratory Medicine Forum 2025.

Together, we can pave the way for a healthier and more innovative future in healthcare.

Warm regards,

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Conference Objectives

- · Recognize the Current Implementation of Digital Health in Chronic Disease Management
- · Discuss Bridging the chasm between Al and clinical implementation in laboratory medicine
- · Integrate Data-Driven Healthcare Approaches
- · Address the Challenges of Digital Transformation in Healthcare
- · Review of Mobile Health Apps and Quality Analysis with Mobile App Rating Scale
- · Enhance Patient-Centered Care Through Digital Health
- · Evaluate the Future Trends and laboratory role in Digital and Mobile Health
- · Promote International Standards and Best Practices
- Engage with experts, researchers, and healthcare professionals to exchange knowledge, share experiences, and build collaborations that drive innovation in chronic disease management

Who Should Attend?

The conference welcomes the following individuals:

- · Pathologists
- · Laboratory Scientists and Technologists
- Physicians, clinicians, nurses, and other healthcare providers who work closely with pathologists and laboratory professionals in the diagnosis and management of patients.
- · Laboratory directors, laboratory managers and Lab supervisors
- · Quality assurance personnel
- · Fellows, residents and trainees pursuing careers in pathology and laboratory medicine.
- Policy Makers and Regulators involved in healthcare policy, regulation, and accreditation bodies responsible for setting standards and guidelines in pathology and laboratory medicine and other healthcare professionals interested in laboratory medicine.

Call for Abstracts - Scientific Posters

Deadline of Submission: **SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 (22:00 UAE/GST)**Notification of Accepted Abstracts: **SEPTEMBER 15, 2025**

Preliminary Agenda | The First ECCS Annual Meeting Day 1 | October 17, 2025 07:30 - 08:25 Registration & Welcome Coffee 08:25 - 08:30 Opening Remarks **PLENARY SESSION:** The Power of Big Data to Derive Common Reference Intervals across Populations 08:30 - 09:00 Prof. Khosrow Adeli, Canada **SYMPOSIUMS:** Specialized Testing and Emerging Technologies: Empowering Laboratory Diagnostic Service with Mass Spectrometry 09:00 - 09:30 Prof. Damien Gruson, Belgium Next-Generation Sequencing (NGS): Applications in genomics and personalized 09:30 - 10:00 medicine - Dr. Hemad Yasaei, UAE Liquid Biopsy: A Revolution in Cancer Diagnostics: Emerging biomarkers and 10:00 - 10:30 non-invasive techniques - Prof. Iman M. Talaat, UAE 10:30-11:00 Official Inauguration Coffee Break 11:00-11:15 Role of Laboratory Medicine in Health Equity: Redefining Reference Intervals for Eliminating Health Disparities 11:15 - 11:45 Dr. Anwar Alborai, KSA 11:45 - 12:15 Laboratory Tests Accessibility for Better Health Equity - Dr. Hady Elkhodary, UAE 12:15 - 12:45 The Role of Public Laboratories in Health Equity - Dr. Ola Elgaddar, UAE Lunch Break 12:45-14:00 Biomarkers for Neurological Disorders: Are We There Yet? Biomarkers of Alzheimer Disease and Neurological Disorders 14:00 - 14:30 Dr. Laila Abdelwareth, UAE The Role of Blood Biomarkers in Diagnosis and Management of Stroke 14:30 - 15:00 Dr. Shereen Atef 15:00 - 15:30 Biomarkers of parkinsonism Disease - Dr. Fayhaa Ahmed Coffee Break 15:30 - 15:45 **Unlocking the Power of Precision Medicine** The Role of Biomarkers in Personalized Medicine: Identifying and validating 15:45-16:15 predictive biomarkers - Dr. Swarup Shah, India 16:15-16:45 Pharmacogenomics and Personalized Medicine - Dr. James Donnelly, USA Biomarker testing in personalized cancer medicine - Dr. Basel Altrabulsi, UAE 16:45-17:15 **ROUND-TABLE (AFCB):**

Newborn screening: experiences in the Middle East and North Africa

Dr. Ali Alothaim, KSA Dr. Rania Bedair, UAE Dr. Adrian Glen Miller, UAE

17:15-18:00

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Day 2 | October 18, 2025

08:25 - 09:25	0	Registration & Welcome Coffee	
09:25 - 09:30		Opening Remarks	
09:30 - 10:00	•	Keynote Lecture: The Future of Digital Health in Chronic Diseases Management Prof. James Nichols, USA	
	•	SESSION 1: AI, Sensors, and Quality Control in Chronic Diseases Management	
10:00 - 10:30	•	Artificial Intelligence Pathology & Laboratory Medicine : Innovation, Impact, and the Future of Diagnostics - Dr. Laila AbdelWareth, UAE	
10:30 - 11:00	•	Integrating Sensors and Wearable Devices for Chronic Disease Monitoring Dr. Ola Elgaddar, UAE	
11:00 – 11:30	• _	Symposium (Abbott)	
11:30 - 11:45		Coffee Break	
	0	Session 2: Mobile Health and Patient Empowerment	
11:45 - 12:15	Ī	Enhancing Patient Empowerment through Digital Tools Dr. Mohaymen Abdelghany, UAE	
12:15 - 12:45		Applications of Artificial Intelligence in Alzheimer's disease: Insights for Early Diagnosis and Personalized Treatment Dr. Anirban Ganguly, India	
12:45 - 13:15	• _	Symposium (Siemens)	
13:15 - 14:00		Prayer & Networking Lunch	
	•	Session 3: Cardiovascular Diseases Management	
14:00 - 14:30	•	Innovations in Digital Health for Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Dr. Yazan Aljabery, UAE	
14:30 - 15:00	•	Point of Care Testing and Task Shifting in Cardiovascular Health Prof. Damien Gruson, Belgium	
15:00 - 15:30	•	Achieving Interoperability in Digital Health Systems Dr. Bernard Gouget, France	
15:30 - 15:45	•	Coffee Break	
	•	Session 4: Data Exchange and Interoperability in Digital Health	
15:45 – 16:15	•	Improving Outcomes with Digital Health in Chronic Disease Management Dr. Umar Ansari, UAE	
16:15 - 16:45	•	Mobile Health Technologies for Chronic Disease Prevention TBC - Snibe/Roche	
16:45 - 17:15	•	Powering Tomorrow's Healthcare: The Enablers That Matter Panel Discussion with speakers - moderator Dr. Bernard Gouget	
17:15 - 17:45	•	Summary of Key Takeaways	
17:45	•	Networking Reception End of Conference	

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