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Welcome Message



Dear Colleagues,

It is our pleasure to invite you to the **2nd Annual Meeting of Emirates Clinical Chemistry Society (ECCS)**, taking place on **20–21 November 2026** at Le Méridien Dubai Hotel.

Organized by the **Emirates Clinical Chemistry Society** and held under the auspices of the **International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC)**, this distinguished scientific meeting continues to serve as a leading regional platform dedicated to advancing clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine. It brings together an esteemed group of clinicians, laboratory professionals, researchers, and industry experts to exchange knowledge, share best practices, and explore the latest scientific and technological advancements shaping the future of diagnostics.

Building on the strong success and scientific impact of its inaugural edition, the 2026 meeting aims to further strengthen collaboration across disciplines and promote innovation in laboratory-driven healthcare. The program has been carefully designed to provide a balanced and comprehensive scientific experience over two engaging days.

Day One will be dedicated to updates in clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine, featuring in-depth discussions on recent scientific breakthroughs, emerging diagnostic technologies, quality improvement strategies, and evolving laboratory practices that continue to enhance patient care and clinical decision-making.

Day Two will feature a focused and high-level symposium in collaboration with the IFCC Cardio-Impact Working Group, titled "Prevention and Early Detection of Cardiovascular Diseases: From Risk Assessment to Personalized Action." This special session will highlight the critical role of laboratory medicine in cardiovascular risk stratification, early diagnosis, and the development of personalized preventive strategies that support improved long-term patient outcomes.

The meeting will also provide an important opportunity for professional networking and interdisciplinary collaboration, fostering meaningful dialogue between regional and international experts. Through keynote lectures, panel discussions, and interactive scientific sessions, participants will gain valuable insights into current challenges and future directions in laboratory medicine.

Set in Dubai, a global hub for healthcare innovation and scientific collaboration, the meeting reflects the city's growing role as an international destination for world-class medical conferences that foster knowledge exchange and interdisciplinary partnerships.

We warmly encourage your participation in this important scientific gathering and look forward to your valuable contributions to the discussions that will help shape the future of clinical laboratory practice and healthcare innovation.

Warm regards,

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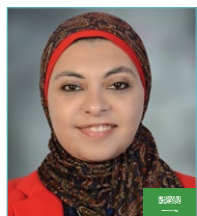
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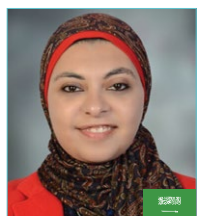
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Conference Objectives

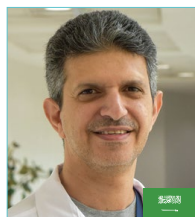
- Advance knowledge in clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine to support improved patient care and clinical decision-making
- Highlight recent scientific breakthroughs and emerging innovations in diagnostic technologies and laboratory practices
- Bridge the gap between traditional risk assessment and tailored, actionable prevention strategies in cardiovascular diseases
- Discuss quality improvement, standardization, and best practices in laboratory operations and diagnostic services
- Explore evolving challenges and future directions in laboratory medicine within modern healthcare systems
- Emphasize the role of laboratory diagnostics in supporting precision medicine and personalized healthcare approaches
- Promote collaboration between clinicians, laboratory professionals, researchers, and industry experts under the international guidelines
- Facilitate exchange of scientific knowledge through keynote lectures, panel discussions, and interactive sessions
- Strengthen regional and international scientific networking to foster innovation and interdisciplinary collaboration in laboratory medicine

Who Should Attend?

The conference welcomes the following individuals:

- Pathologists
- Laboratory Scientists and Technologists
- Cardiologists, Internal Medicine Physicians / Internists, Family Medicine Physicians, General Practitioners (GPs), Obstetricians & Gynecologists, Endocrinologists and Clinical Pharmacists
- 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.

Speakers



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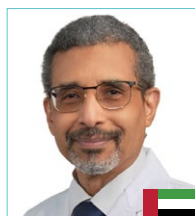
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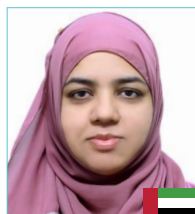
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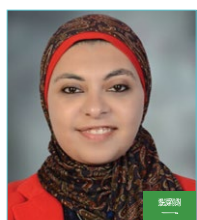
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Scientific Agenda

Day 1 | November 20, 2026

08:00 – 08:50 Registration & Welcome Coffee

08:50 – 09:00 Opening Remarks

Session 1: Advances in Maternal-Fetal and Neonatal Diagnostics

Moderator:

09:00 – 09:20 Clinical Needs and Challenges of Pregnancy Reference Intervals
Prof. Anwar Borai, KSA

09:20 – 09:40 Serum Biomarker Testing for Suspected Hypertensive Disorders of Pregnancy
Dr. Fayha Salah Ahmed, UAE

09:40 – 10:00 From PKU to Genome Sequencing: The Journey of Newborn Screening
Dr. Azza Attia, UAE

10:00 – 10:15 Panel Discussion

10:15 – 10:45 Official Inauguration

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee Break

Session 2: The Transplant Journey and the Role of Clinical Laboratories

Moderator:

11:00 – 11:20 Infections in transplant patients and the role of the microbiology laboratory
Dr. Adnan AlAtoom, UAE

11:20 – 11:40 The Laboratory Role in Pre-Transplant Screening
Dr. Gehad Elghazali, UAE

11:40 – 12:00 Post-Transplant Monitoring of Immunosuppressive Drugs
Dr. Sandra El Hajj, UAE

12:00 – 12:20 HAYAT UAE Organ Donation - Lab Metrics Guiding the Organ Allocation and Transplant
Dr. Maria Gomez, UAE

12:20 – 12:35 Panel Discussion

12:35 – 13:50 Prayer & Lunch Break | Poster Viewing

Session 3: The Role of Biomarkers in Gastrointestinal Disorders

Moderator:

13:50 – 14:10 Biomarkers in Inflammatory Bowel Disease: A Practical Guide
Dr. Myrna Germanos, Lebanon

14:10 – 14:30 Fecal Calprotectin in Gastrointestinal Disease
Dr. Mohamedi Begum, UAE

14:30 – 14:50 Biomarkers for Diagnosis of Celiac Disease
Dr. Rania Bedair, UAE

14:50 – 15:05 Panel Discussion

15:05 – 15:15 Coffee Break

Session 4: Equation or Direct Assays: The Ongoing Challenge in Laboratory Medicine

Moderator:

15:15 – 15:35 Retiring Friedewald: Modern LDL-C Equations Outperform Both the Friedewald Equation and Direct Assays
Dr. Mohammad Imteyaz Ahmad, UAE

15:35 – 15:55 Choosing the Right Free Testosterone Assay
Dr. Shiefa Sequeria, UAE

15:55 – 16:15 Beyond Race: The New GFR Equations and Their Impact on Patient Care
Dr. Sherif Mofeed, UAE

16:15 – 16:25 Panel Discussion

Session 5: The Evolution of Innovation in Clinical Laboratories

Moderator:

16:25 – 16:45 The Exposome Revolution, Redefining Health Beyond the Genome
Prof. Bernard Gouget, France

16:45 – 17:05 Transforming Healthcare through Environmental Intelligence
Prof. James H. Nichols, USA

17:05 – 17:25 Next-generation sequencing (NGS) as a Ground-Breaking Innovation in Clinical Laboratories
Dr. Hemad Yasaei, UAE

17:25 – 17:35 Panel Discussion

End of Day 1

Scientific Agenda

Day 2 | November 21, 2026

08:25 – 09:20 Registration & Welcome Coffee

09:20 – 09:30 Opening Remarks

Session 1: Cardiovascular Risk Assessment and Early Detection

Moderator:

09:30 – 09:55 Cardiovascular Diseases: A Rising Global Burden and for the UAE
Dr. Hani Sabbour, UAE

09:55 – 10:20 Lipoprotein(a) and Cardiovascular Risk Prevention, from Screening Strategies to Clinical Implementation
Dr. Shereen Amer, USA

10:20 – 10:45 Diabetes and Early Detection of Heart Failure, with a Focus on Biomarkers and Integrated Care Pathways
Prof. Damien Gruson, Belgium

10:45 – 11:00 Panel Discussion

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break

Session 2: Precision Cardiovascular Diagnostics: From Biology to Biomarkers

Moderator:

11:15 – 11:40 Women's Cardiovascular Biology, highlighting Biological Differences and their Impact on Cardiovascular Diagnosis and Risk Assessment
Dr. Dima Quraini, UAE

11:40 – 12:05 The Role of Emerging and established Biomarkers in Cardiovascular Prevention and Early Disease Detection
Dr. Ola Elgaddar, KSA

12:05 – 12:30 Troponin Testing: Current State of the art, Opportunities, and Clinical Challenges
Dr. Deepa Vijay Kumar Mittal Rao, UAE

12:30 – 12:45 Panel Discussion

12:45 – 13:05 Symposium 1: From Diagnosis to Prevention: Leveraging High-Sensitivity Troponin I in Apparently Healthy Populations
Dr. Yuthika Naidoo, South Africa

13:05 – 13:25 Symposium 2

13:25 – 13:45 Symposium 3

13:45 – 14:45 Prayer and Lunch Break

Session 3: Advancing Cardiovascular Prevention: Emerging Technologies and Integrated Care

Moderator:

14:45 – 15:10 Metabolomics and Lipidomics for Advanced Cardiovascular Risk Stratification
Dr. Elie Fux, Germany

15:10 – 15:35 Cardiovascular kidney metabolic syndrome: Targeting under recognised risk
Dr. Wasan Al Taie, UAE

15:35 – 16:00 Continuous education and collaborative practices between laboratory professionals and healthcare providers
Dr. Pradeep Dabla, India

16:00 – 16:25 Technologies and accessibility: new frontiers for cardiovascular prevention, including innovative diagnostics, POCT, and system-level approaches
Prof. Sanja Stankovic, Serbia

16:25 – 16:40 Panel Discussion

16:40 Networking Reception | End of Conference

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