

# The Best of Critical Care Congress - Middle East

15 - 16 November 2025  
ADNEC Centre, Abu Dhabi, UAE

## DAY 1 – Saturday, 15 November 2025

08:00-08:55	Registration
08:55-09:00	Welcome and Introduction

### PLENARY SESSION 1 - Setting the Stage

09:00-09:30	Where Standards Meet Innovation: Redefining Critical Care in 2025	Dr. Jose L. Diaz-Gomez, USA
09:30-10:00	Traumatic brain injury – Contemporary care	Dr. Jose Pascual, USA
10:00-10:30	Biomarker in critical care	Dr. Sandra Kane-Gill, USA
10:30-10:45	Official Inauguration Ceremony	
10:45-11:00	Parallel Session Preparation Break   Exhibition Visit & Networking	

### PARALLEL SESSION 2

TRACK 1 - ADULT Sepsis, Shock & Hemodynamics Moderator: Dr. Ahmed Taha, UAE		TRACK 2 - PEDIATRIC Announcement of the Novel Phoenix Pediatric Sepsis Criteria Moderator: Dr. Sameh Rabie Elsayed Ismail, KSA	
11:00-11:20	Precision Diagnostics for Sepsis: The Time Is Now  Speaker: Dr. Gloria Vega, USA	11:00-11:20	Criteria for Pediatric Sepsis: A Historic Perspective Provided by Systematic Review  Speaker: Dr. Mohammed Hassan Abdelsamad, UAE:
11:20-11:40	AI at the Bedside: Shaping the Future of Critical Care  Speaker: Dr. Lama Hisham Nazer, Jordan	11:20-11:40	Criteria for Pediatric Sepsis: A Historic Perspective Provided by Systematic Review  Speaker: Dr. Mohammed Hassan Abdelsamad, UAE
11:40-12:00	Hemodynamic Monitoring & POCUS: VExUS and Beyond  Speaker: Dr. Michael Lanspa, USA	11:40-12:00	Development and Validation of the Phoenix Pediatric Sepsis Criteria Speaker: Dr Jihad Zahraa, UAE
12:00-12:20	RV Failure in the ICU: Recognition & Advanced Management  Speaker: Dr. Ahmed Taha, UAE	12:00-12:20  Stakeholder Consensus and Controversies in Development of the New Phoenix Pediatric Sepsis Criteria (10mins)  Speaker: Dr. Sameh Rabie Elsayed Ismail, KSA	
12:20-12:40	Vasoplegia Syndrome: Pathophysiology, Diagnosis, and Rescue Therapies  Speaker: Dr. Amr Abuelala		

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12:40-13:00	
PA Catheters- Are They Still Relevant? Pros & Cons	
Speaker: Dr. Tarig Omer, UAE	
13:00-13:10	Panel Discussion
13:10-14:30	Lunch Break

## PARALLEL SESSION 3

TRACK 1 - ADULT Respiratory Failure & ARDS Moderator: Dr. Jihad Mallat, UAE		TRACK 2 - PEDIATRIC Controversies in the Delivery of Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy in Children Moderator: Dr Kesava Ramakrishnan, UAE	
14:30-14:50	Recent Updates in ARDS: Trials to Bedside  Speaker: Dr. Fadi Hamid, UAE	14:30-14:50	Anticoagulation in CKRT: Are We Spoiled for Choices?  Speaker: Dr Akash Deep, UK (Virtual)
14:50-15:10	Mechanical Ventilation Troubleshooting: Avoiding Desynchrony  Speaker: Dr. Jihad Mallat, UAE	14:50-15:10	Liberation From CRRT: Is It an Art or a Science?  Speaker: Dr Prabh Nayak, Qatar
15:10-15:30	CT Chest Differentials for Intensivists – Beyond Pneumonia  Speaker: Dr. Isabil, USA	15:10-15:30	Are There Any Quality Indicators That Can Be Used to Assess the Efficiency of the CKRT Program?  Speaker: Dr Kesava Ramakrishnan, UAE
15:30-15:45	Panel Discussion		
15:45-16:00	Break   Exhibition Visit & Networking		

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## PARALLEL SESSION 4

TRACK 1 - ADULT Kidneys, Fluids & Nutrition Moderator: Dr. Sherin Hassib, UAE		TRACK 2 - PEDIATRIC General Topic Moderator: Prof. Arun Bansal, India	
16:00-16:30  Fluid Responsiveness: Dynamic Indices & Their Pitfalls  Speaker: Dr. Yasser Tolba, MD		16:00-16:20  Mining for Innovation in Our Own Institutions: Harnessing the Wisdom of Expert Teams  Speaker: Dr. James Thomas, USA	
16:30-17:00  Obstetric hemorrhage & coagulopathy — viscoelastic, targeted resuscitation, reversal strategies.  Speaker: Prof. Safaa Helal, MD		16:20-16:40  Making Obstacles Opportunities: Framing an Academic Career in Pediatric Oncology Critical Care Medicine  Speaker: Dr. Saleh Bhar, USA	
17:00-17:30  Protein & Energy in the Critically Ill: Early TPN & Trophic Feeding  Speaker: Dr. Sherin Hassib, UAE		16:40-17:00  Multimodal Neuromonitoring in Pediatric Neurocritical Care: Current Perspectives  Speaker: Prof. Arun Bansal, India	
17:30-18:00  CRRT Timing: Early vs Late – The Ongoing Debate  Speaker: Dr. Michael Connor, USA			
18:00-18:15	Panel Discussion		
18:15	End of Day 1		

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## DAY 2 – Sunday, 16 November 2025

08:00-08:30	Registration	
08:30-08:45	Welcome and Introduction	Master of Ceremony

### PLENARY SESSION 6

08:45-09:15	Precision diagnostics for sepsis and other syndromic diseases	Dr. Tamas Szakmany, UK
09:15-09:45	Fluid Management in the Critically Ill: Changing Paradigms	Dr. Michael Connor, UAE
09:45-10:15	Applying dynamic parameters to predict hemodynamic response to volume expansion	Dr. Michael Lanspa, USA
10:15-10:30	Parallel Session Preparation Break   Exhibition Visit & Networking	

### PARALLEL SESSION 7

TRACK 1 - ADULT Brain & Behavior in the ICU Moderator: Yasser Zaghloul, UAE		TRACK 2 – PEDIATRIC Cardiac Critical Care Moderator: Dr. Ben Griffiths, UAE	
10:30-11:00	Delirium in the ICU: Prevention & Management in 2025  Speaker: Dr. Mohamed Algasmj, USA	10:30-10:50	Recognition and Stabilization of infant with congenital heart disease Speaker: Dr. Naga Kishore, UAE
11:00-11:30	Neuro-ICU Multimodality Monitoring & Advanced Sedation Choices  Speaker: Dr. Hussam Elkembergi, UAE	10:50-11:10	Post op Fluid - don't blame the intensivist Speaker: Dr. Ben Griffiths, UAE
11:30-12:00	Balancing bleeding and thrombosis in critically ill patient  Speaker: Dr. Bassam Attallah, UAE	11:10-11:30	Navigating the Heart: Understanding Pediatric Cardiac Intensive Care Speaker: Dr. Judit Till, UAE
12:00-12:20	Dose true RSI with neuromuscular blocker decrease complication  Speaker: Yasser Zaghloul, UAE	11:30-11:50	Percutaneous ECMO cannulation in neonates and children Speaker: Dr. Crawford Fulton, UAE
12:20-12:30	Panel Discussion		
12:30-14:00	Lunch Break		

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## PARALLEL SESSION 8

TRACK 1 - ADULT Liver Failure, Coagulation & Blood Products Moderator: Dr. med. Fuat H. Saner, KSA		TRACK 2 - PEDIATRIC Moderator: Dr Kesava Ramakrishnan, UAE	
14:00-14:20  Liver Failure, Coagulation & Blood Products Speaker: Dr. Ahmed Mukhtar, Egypt		14:00-14:20  Pediatric Cardiac Critical Care as a specialty - Shifting the paradigm Speaker: Dr. Prabh Nayak, Qatar	
14:20-14:40  Bridging the Gap: Managing Hepatopulmonary Syndrome Before and After Liver Transplantation  Speaker: Dr. Khalid Ismail, UAE		14:20-14:40  Post op arrhythmia management Speaker: Dr Kesava Ramakrishnan, UAE	
14:40-15:00  When Shock Mimics Sepsis: The Cirrhotic Patient in the ICU  Speaker: Dr. med. Fuat H. Saner, KSA		14:40-15:00  Crashing infant - cardiac perspective Speaker: Dr. Vijai Williams, UAE	
15:00-15:20  Death by 100 equations  Speaker: Dr. Wasim Elnakidi, UAE			
15:20-15:40  Microcirculation, and Organ Support: The Next Era of Post-Liver Transplant Critical Care  Speaker: Dr. med. Fuat H. Saner, KSA			
15:40-15:50	Panel Discussion		
15:50-16:00	Break   Exhibition Visit & Networking		

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## PARALLEL SESSION 9

TRACK 1 - ADULT ICU Quality & Bundles Moderator: Dr. Ihab Ahmed, UAE		TRACK 2 - PEDIATRIC Respiratory ECMO in Children Moderator: Dr. Matteo DiNardo, Italy	
16:00-16:20  Critical Care Liberation: Optimizing Recovery Through the ABCDEF Framework  Speaker: Reem Alfalasy, UAE		16:00-16:20  VV ECMO - where are we now in the UAE?  Speaker: Dr. Ben Griffiths, UAE	
16:20-16:40  ICU Quality & Bundles  Speaker: Dr. Sandra Kane-Gill, USA		16:20-16:40  Role of ECMO in Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Speaker: Dr. Naga Kishore, UAE	
16:40-17:00  Awake ECMO and Mobilization During ECMO  Speaker: Dr. Ihab ahmed, UAE		16:40-17:00  Sedation for respiratory ECMO Speaker: Dr Matteo DiNardo, Italy	
17:00-17:45	Panel Discussion - Controversies & Future Directions in Critical Care		All Faculty
17:45-18:00	Key Takeaways & Closing Remarks		
18:00	End of Conference		