Conference Program

Day 1: Tuesday - September 22, 2026

(Venue: *National Theater - Mukalla*)

Time	Event
09:00 - 13:00	**Workshop on endoscopic sterilization**
Tuesday *22th September 2026* 20:00 - 21:30	**Opening Ceremony**
	End of the Opening Ceremony Day 1: September 22, 2026

Day 2: Wednesday – 23 September 2026 - (Venue: Bin Mahfouz Towers - Mukalla)

Time	Topic		Speaker
Session 1:	***The Keynote Session***		
Moderators:	**Prof. Ali Batarfi | Dr. Abdulhakim Altamimi | Dr. Abdullah Bin Nabhan | Dr. Faiz Altamimi**		
08:30 - 08:50	**Keynote:**	**Patient safety in gastroenterology**	**Dr. Omer Balfaqih *(Yemen)***
08:50 - 09:10	**Keynote:**	**The GI health care in the Arab World: challenges & opportunities**	**Prof. Ibrahim Mostafa *(Egypt)***
09:10 - 09:30	**Keynote:**	**How to improve biliary cannulation in 2026?**	**Prof. Pierre Deprez *(Belgium)***
09:30 - 09:40	**Panel Discussion**		**The panel**
Session 2	***Upper GI Disorders***		
Moderators:	**Prof. Fahmi Aram | Dr. Abdulaziz Lahmadi | Dr. Mohammed Belaswad**		
09:40 - 9:55	**Updates in esophageal motility disorders: Tools for assessment**		**Dr. Ehab Abu Farhaneh *(KSA)***
9:55 - 10:10	**Approach to dysphagia**		**Dr. Salem Basalameh *(KSA)***
10:10 - 10:25	**Overdiagnosis of H. Pylori**		**Prof. Nabeel Messan (*Yemen*)**
10:25 - 10:40	**Management of Refractory H. Pylori**		**Dr. Fahad Alsohaibani *(KSA)***
10:40 - 10:55	**Panel Discussion**		**The panel**
10:55 - 11:10	**Coffee break**		

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Session 3	***GI Bleeding Session***	
Moderators:	**Dr. Omer Balfaqih | Dr. Omar Banafe | Dr. Ahmed Alhabshi** **Online: Dr. Mugahed Alwalani | Dr. Mustafa Al-Habshi**	
11:10 - 11:25	**Updates on the management of variceal bleeding**	**Dr. Salem Thaniah *(KSA)***
11:25 - 11:40	**Obscure GI Bleeding: can you find the source?**	**Dr. Ali Bashaib (*KSA*)**
11:40 - 11:55	**Panel Discussion**	**The panel**
Session 4	***Pancreatic & Advanced GI intervention***	
Moderators:	**Prof. Wadee Bin Ghoth | Prof. Abdulkhaliq Bin Nheed | Prof. Jamal Bahbarah** **Dr. Hassan Al-Shatri | Dr. Fawaz Emran**	
11:55 – 12:10	**Acute pancreatitis & comprehensive evidence-based diagnosis**	**Dr. Abdulla Aljabri *(KSA)***
12:10 - 12:25	**Basics of third space endoscopy;**	**Dr Shaima Alkhooly (*Egypt*)**
12:25 - 12:40	**EUS guided RFA of pancreatic neoplasms**	**Prof Husain Okasha *(Egypt)***
12:40 - 12:55	**Role of interventional radiology in management of HCC.**	**Dr Omar Alshabeby *(Yemen)***
12:55 - 13:10	**Panel Discussion**	**The panel**
13:10 - 14:10	**Prayer and Lunch Break**	

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Session 5	***Hepatology***	
Moderators:	**Prof. Salem Bin Selm | Dr. Hassan M. Aljefri | Dr. Hussein Alghazali** **Online: Prof. Mohammed Noaman | Dr. Saeed Baoum**	
14:10 - 14:25	**The MASH/MASLD: The New Frontier in Therapy.**	**Prof. Khaled Al Swat** ***(KSA)***
14:25 - 14:40	**Hepatitis "B & C" treatment, where we stand?**	**Dr. Abdulla Alkhathlan** ***(KSA)***
14:40 - 14:55	**Autoimmune hepatitis: an overview**	**Dr. Ahmed Aleid** ***(KSA)***
14:55 - 15:10	**Panel Discussion**	**The panel**
Session 6	***Obesity Session***	
Moderators:	**Dr. Burkan Shaif | Dr. Abdulmonem Al-Aqel | Dr. Khaild Aljaidi** **Online: Dr. Mohamed Al-Dhefri**	
15: 10 - 15:25	**Gastrointestinal (GI) Metabolic Surgery**	**Dr. Fawaz Emran** ***(Yemen)***
15:25 - 15:40	**Endoscopic management of bariatric complications**	**Dr Khaled Bamakhramh** ***(UAE)***
15:40 - 15:50	**Panel Discussion**	
		End of the Conference Day 2: September 23, 2026

Day 3: Thursday 24th September 2026 - (Venue: Bin Mahfouz Towers -Mukalla)

Time	Topic	Speaker
Session 1:	***Lower GI session***	
Moderators:	**Dr. Yasser Baashin | Dr. Faisal Bawazir | Dr. Adel Jawad | Dr. Mohammed Barabaa** **Online: Dr. Mujahid Alwalani | Dr. Ali Hood Basaib**	
08:30 - 08:45	**IBS: an overview**	**Dr Mohammed Alsulaimi (*KSA*)**
08:45 - 09:00	**Latest update on IBD: Drug Sequencing**	**Prof. Nahla Azzam (KSA)**
09:00 - 09:15	**MIS & Robotic Colorectal Resection**	**Dr Mohamed Alyami (*KSA*)**
09:15 - 9:30	**Panel Discussion**	**The panel**
Session 2	***Future prospective in GI Medicine***	
Moderators:	**Prof. Hussein Bakatheer | Prof. Ahmed Alhadad | Dr. Sarah Alsumhi** **Online: Dr. Hussein Bahartha | Dr. Hamdi Alhakemi**	
09:30 - 9:45	**Artificial intelligence in endoscopy: beyond polyp detection**	**Prof Pradeep Bhandari (*UK*)**
9:45 - 10:00	**Gut microbiome engineering with probiotics: current trends and future directions**	**Prof Majid Almadhi (*KSA*)**
10:00 - 10:10	**Panel Discussion**	**The panel**
10:10 - 10:25	**Coffee break**	

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Session 3	***GI Oncology***	
Moderators	**Prof. Salah Bin Ziad | Dr. Mohammed Baamer | Dr. Waleed Kaleem | Dr. Zaki Sanon | Dr. Mohammed Baqais - Online: Dr. Khaled Bamakhramah**	
10:25 - 10:40	**Colorectal cancer screening updates**	**Dr. Samer Jebrin *(Jordon)***
10:40 - 10:55	**Tips and tricks for difficult polypectomy**	**Dr. Rasheed AlKhairi *(KSA)***
10:55 - 11:10	**The impact of multidisciplinary tumor board (MDT) on GI cancer**	**Prof Ahmed Badheeb *(KSA)***
11:10 - 11:25	**Panel Discussion**	**The panel**
Session 4	***Hepatobiliary***	
Moderators:	**Prof. Nabeel Mussian | Dr. Omar Banafa | Dr. Ahmed Alhabshi | Online: Dr. Omar Bahdelah | Dr. Ahmed Bashmeilah | Dr. Salem Bawazir | Dr. Jamilah Al-Rabiee**	
11:25 - 11:40	**Approach to obstructive malignant jaundice**	**Dr Abed Alehibi *(KSA)***
11:40 - 11:55	**Liver cirrhosis: management updates**	**Dr Waleed Heba *(KSA)***
11:55 - 12:10	**Update on LDLT, early experience in Yemen**	**Dr. Hussam Suliman *(Egypt)***
12:10 - 12:25	**Acute liver Failure management**	**Dr. Ibrahim Al Rajahi *(KSA)***
12:25 – 12:40	**Panel Discussion**	**The panel**
12:40 - 13:40	**Prayer and Lunch Break**	

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Session 5	***GI surgery***	
Moderators:	**Dr. Qasim Al-Yahir | Dr. Adel Jawad | Dr. Khalid Mahareq | Dr. Mohamed Hzmi - Online: Dr. Fahad Bamahriz**	
13:40 – 13:55	**Optimizing Pediatric Gastrointestinal Surgical Care in Low-Resource Settings: Challenges, Multidisciplinary Strategies, and Practical Solutions**	**Dr. Mohammed Rabea Balaswad *(Yemen)***
13:55 – 14:10	**When abdominal mass tells a story: rare pediatric abdominal cases solved through teamwork and clinical collaboration.**	**Dr. Hassan M. Aljefri (Yemen)**
14:10 - 14:25	**Laparoscopic Surgery in management GERD and Hiatal Hernia**	**Dr. Burkan Nasr Rashed Shaif *(Yemen)***
14:25 - 14:40	**Contemporary Surgical Paradigms of Rectal Cancer Management: Toward Precision Pelvic Surgery, Organ Preservation, and Functional Recovery**	**Dr. Waheeb Radman Al-Kubati *(Yemen)***
14:40 - 14:55	**Panel Discussion**	**The panel**
Session 6	***GI care in Yemen***	
Moderators:	**Prof. Ali Batarfi | Dr. Ahmed Bin Noiser | Dr. Amira Bafadhel Online: Prof. Ahmed Badheeb | Dr. Salem Thaniah**	
14:55 - 15:10	**The GI endoscopic units in Yemen: Unmet needs.**	**Dr. Omer Balfaqih (*Yemen*)**
15:10 - 15:25	**The GI training programs in Yemen: where we stand?**	**Dr Abdulhakim Altamimi (*Yemen*)**
15:25 - 15:40	**Khat (Catha Edulis) and the Gastrointestinal Tract**	**Dr Mohammed Awadh Bajbeer (*KSA*)**
15:40 - 15:55	**Panel Discussion**	**The panel**
15:55 - 16:05	**Wrap up and closing session**	
16:05 - 16:10	**Group Photo**	

End of the Conference Day 3: September 24, 2026