



# AGENDA

## ACC MIDDLE EAST 2025 TOGETHER WITH 16TH EMIRATES CARDIAC SOCIETY CONFERENCE

### AGENDA | FRIDAY, 3 OCTOBER



8:30 - 9:20

#### BREAKOUT SESSIONS

##### HEART FAILURE AND CARDIOMYOPATHIES

###### Demystifying the THICK Heart

*Al Ras 2*

Chairs: Nadya Al  
Matrooshi (UAE) and  
Gurusher Panjrath (USA)

Panelists: Firas Al  
Badarin (UAE), Feras  
Bader (UAE), and  
Mohamed El-Harari  
(UAE)

###### Case Presentation: HCM With LV Outflow Obstruction

Rami Bani Ata (UAE)

###### Panel Discussion With Audience Question and Answer

###### Case Presentation: ATTR Cardiomyopathy

Noha Abou Khater  
(UAE)

###### Panel Discussion With Audience Question and Answer

###### Case Presentation: Cardiac Sarcoidosis

Fatemeh Mohammad  
(UAE)

###### Panel Discussion With Audience Question and Answer

##### INTERVENTIONS AND ISCHEMIC HEART DISEASES

###### Is It Shocking? Best Practices For STEMI With and Without Cardiogenic Shock

*Al Ras 3*

Chairs: Mohammed  
Balghith (KSA) and  
Abdullah Shehab (UAE)

Panelists: Abdul Majeed  
Alzubaidi (UAE), Mousa  
Akbar (Kuwait), and  
Seema Nour (UAE)

###### Overview

Ann Gage (USA)

###### Case Presentation: STEMI

Hadi Abu-Hantash  
(Jordan)

###### Case Presentation: STEMI With Cardiogenic Shock

Wail Alkashkari (KSA)

###### Panel Discussion With Audience Question and Answer

##### MULTIMODAL IMAGING

###### Multimodality Imaging and the Management of Atrial Fibrillation

*Al Baraha 1*

Chairs: Bashaer  
Gheyath (UAE) and  
Dima Quraini (UAE)

Panelists: Ahmed  
Aljizeeri (KSA), Paul  
Cremer (USA), and  
Mario Njeim (UAE)

###### Case Presentation: Atrial Fibrillation and High Risk Bleed

Ahmed Aljizeeri (KSA)

###### Fundamental Role of Echocardiography in Patients With Atrial Fibrillation

Mohammed Khalil  
(UAE)

###### Amyloid and Atrial Fibrillation: Not a Rare Combination

Wael Jaber (USA)

###### Pre, Peri and Post Procedure Imaging For Left Atrial Appendage Occlusion Devices

Rasha Bazari (KSA)

###### Panel Discussion With Audience Question and Answer

##### INTERACTIVE RESEARCH WORKSHOP

*Al Amwaj*

*Part 1: 8:30 - 9:25*

Chairs: Rasha Al-Lamee  
(UK) and Christopher  
Kramer (USA)

Panelist and Activity  
Facilitators: Andrea  
Russo (USA), Amanda  
Vest (USA), Wael  
AlMahmeed (UAE), and  
Hassan El-Tamimi (UAE)

###### Introduction and Demystifying the Peer Review Process

Rasha Al-Lamee (UK)

###### Breakout Activity: Small Group Discussion

###### Manuscript Preparation and Authorship

Christopher Kramer  
(USA)

###### Breakout Activity: Writing Exercise

##### VALVULAR DISEASES AND STRUCTURAL INTERVENTIONS

###### On-Call With the Experts

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9:30 - 10:20

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

### CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE PREVENTION

**Accurate Early CV Risk Assessment: The Holy Grail of Prevention**

*Al Ras 2*

Chairs: Hassan El-Tamimi (UAE) and Muhammad Hafizullah (Pakistan)

Panelists: Latifa Al Ketbi (UAE), Waleed Farag (UAE), and Mohamed Moselhy Salah (UAE)

**What's New in Imaging For CV Risk Stratification**

Eugenia Gianos (USA)

**Utilizing Biomarkers and Approaches That are Taken in Middle East**

Hani Sabbour (UAE)

**Roundtable Discussion on Practical Risk Assessment: Scores, Biomarker Tests or Imaging - What is the Best Way to Assess CV Risk in the Region?**

Omar Al Hariri (UAE) and Mahmoud Hassanein (UAE)

**Panel Discussion With Audience Question and Answer**

### MULTIMODAL IMAGING

**The Multimodality Imaging Approach in Special Populations**

*Al Ras 3*

Chairs: Usama Albastaki (UAE) and Safaa Almohdar (UAE)

Panelists: Bashaer Gheyath (UAE), Joao Cavalcante (USA), and Paul Cremer (USA)

**Case Presentation: Myocarditis**

Yasmeen Hanfi (KSA)

**Myocarditis and Pericarditis**

Bashaer Gheyath (UAE)

**Case Presentation: Sarcoidosis**

Syed Jamal (UAE)

**Sarcoidosis**

Joao Cavalcante (USA)

**Case Presentation: Endocarditis**

Many Agarwal (UAE)

**Multimodality Imaging For Infectious Endocarditis**

Paul Cremer (USA)

**Panel Discussion With Audience Question and Answer**

### VALVULAR DISEASES AND STRUCTURAL INTERVENTIONS

**Mitral Valve Disease in the 21st Century**

*Al Baraha 1*

Chairs: Mohammed Khalil (UAE) and Nicole Bhawe (USA)

Panelists: Gurusher Panjath (USA), and Dima Quraini (UAE)

**Case Presentation: Calcific Mitral Valve Disease**

Aiman Smer (UAE)

**Calcific Mitral Valve Disease: To Intervene or Not to Intervene**

Emad Hakemi (UAE)

**Mitral Valve Prolapse**

Zakariya Albinmoussa (KSA)

**Intervening on Secondary MR: A Review of the Evidence**

Emad Hakemi (UAE)

**Panel Discussion With Audience Question and Answer**

### INTERACTIVE RESEARCH WORKSHOP CONT.

*Al Amwaj*

*Part 2: 9:30 - 10:20*

**Selecting the Right Journal and Submission Strategies**

Rasha Al-Lamee (UK)

**Responding to Reviewer Comments**

Christopher Kramer (USA)

**Breakout Activity: Peer Feedback Practice**

**Panel Question and Answer**

### SPECIAL TOPICS

**On-Call With the Experts  
ACC Presidential Team  
ACC Booth**

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10:30 - 11:00

## SPONSORED SYMPOSIA

Sponsored Symposium hosted by Novartis

*Al Ras 2*

11:00 - 11:20

## EXPO BREAK

Visit the Expo and Posters



## AGENDA | FRIDAY, 3 OCTOBER

**11:20 - 12:20**

### PLENARY

#### CONFERENCE WELCOME

*AI Ras 2 & 3*

Presenters: Juwairia Alali (UAE), Wael Jaber (USA), Christopher Kramer (USA), Gurusher Panjrath (USA), and Abdullah Shehab (UAE)

#### OPENING PLENARY

##### Cardio AI: Redefining CV Care With AI

Chairs: Juwairia Alali (UAE) and Wael Jaber (USA)

Panelists: Omar Alfalasi (UAE), Yacine Hadjiat (UAE), and Gurusher Panjrath (USA)

##### How the ACC is Preparing Itself and Its Membership For the Evolution in Digital Health and AI

Christopher Kramer (USA)

##### AI in Cardiac Imaging: Is it Ready For Primetime?

Paul Cremer (USA)

Panel Discussion With Audience Question and Answer

**12:30 - 13:00**

### SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM

Sponsored Lunch Symposium hosted by Novo Nordisk

*AI Ras 2 & 3*

**13:00 - 14:10**

### FRIDAY PRAYERS



# AGENDA | FRIDAY, 3 OCTOBER

14:10 - 15:00

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

### HEART FAILURE AND CARDIOMYOPATHIES

**Heart Failure With Reduced Ejection Fraction: Overcoming Barriers For Improving Outcomes**

*Al Ras 2*

Chairs: Feras Bader (UAE) and Amanda Vest (USA)

Panelists: Bassam Atallah (UAE), Nooshin Bazargani (UAE), and Gurusher Panjraht (USA)

**Case Presentation: Newly Diagnosed HFrEF Presenting to the ED**

Medhat Soliman (UAE)

**Consensus Based Management of Hospitalized Patient and Transition of Care**

Ismail Raslan (KSA)

**Pushing the Limits With GDMT: What the Guidelines Say**

Amanda Vest (USA)

**Keeping Gender Differences in Mind When Managing HF**

Dima Quraini (UAE)

**Panel Discussion With Audience Question and Answer**

### INTERVENTIONS AND ISCHEMIC HEART DISEASES

**The Latest and Greatest in Chronic Coronary Syndromes: What Do the Experts Think?**

*Al Ras 3*

Chairs: Eisa Aldhaheri (UAE) and Ali El Sayed (Lebanon)

Panelists: Wael Abu Shoka (UAE), Fawaz Almutairi (KSA), and Khalid Bin Thani (Bahrain)

#### Overview

Mirvat Alasnag (KSA)

**Case Presentation: Stable Angina**

Mousa Akbar (Kuwait)

**Case Presentation: Microvascular Dysfunction**

Ashraf Alazzoni (UAE)

**Case Presentation: Mixed Epicardial Microcirculation Lesions**

Ronney Shantouf (UAE)

**Panel Discussion With Audience Question and Answer**

### CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIAS

**Does Early Rhythm Control With Catheter Ablation Benefit All Patients with AFib?**

*Al Baraha 1*

Chairs: Salem Alkaabi (UAE) and Andrea Russo (USA)

Panelists: Omer Elhag (UAE), Mohamed Aljaabari (UAE), and Mohamed Magdy Abbas (UAE)

#### Pre-Debate Poll

Andrea Russo (USA)

**Debate Pro: Early Rhythm Control With Catheter Ablation**

DOES Benefit All Patients With AFib

Mario Njeim (UAE)

**Debate Con: Early Rhythm Control With Catheter Ablation**

DOES NOT Benefit All Patients with AFib

Mohamed Aljaabari (UAE)

**Pro Rebuttal**

Mario Njeim (UAE)

**Con Rebuttal**

Mohamed Aljaabari (UAE)

**Post-Debate Poll**

Andrea Russo (USA)

**Panel Discussion With Audience Question and Answer**

### ORAL ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS Multimodal Imaging and AI

*Al Amwaj*

Chairs: Juwairia Alali (UAE) and Paul Cremer (USA)

Panelist: Saif-El-Dean Tawfik Abdel-Rahman (UAE)

**Efficacy of Multimodal Imaging in Detecting Early Cardiomyopathy in Middle Eastern Populations: A 2024 Update**

Muhammad Ali Makhdoom (UAE)

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#### Discussion

**Advancing ASCVD Risk Stratification Using AI-Driven Retinal Screening at Gluecare Health**

Idalys Mercedes Roman (UAE)

#### Discussion

**Cardiac Dimensions in Emirati Males: Rethinking Western Reference Norms Through Indexing**

Adil Jumani (UAE)

#### Discussion

**Use of CINEECG to Predict Response of Left Bundle Branch Pacing**

Habib Khan (Canada)

#### Discussion

### CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE PREVENTION

**On-Call With the Experts**

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15:50 - 16:40

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

### CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIAS

**Catheter Ablation: The First Line of Treatment For Rhythm Disturbance**

*Al Ras 2*

Chairs: Omar Alfalasi (UAE) and Andrea Russo (USA)

Panelists: Marta Acena Ramos (UAE), Salem Alkaabi (UAE), and Jayakeerthi Rao (UAE)

**Case Presentation: Patient Presenting With Recurrent PSVT**  
Fereidoon Shafiei (UAE)

**Case Presentation: Asymptomatic Patient With WPW Pattern**  
Mohamed Magdy Abbas (UAE)

**Case Presentation: Patient Presenting With Idiopathic Ventricular Tachycardia**  
Mohamed Aljaabari (UAE)

**Case Presentation: Patient Presenting With Frequent PVCs**  
Fereidoon Shafiei (UAE)

**Panel Discussion With Audience Question and Answer**

### MULTIMODAL IMAGING

**Routine Viability Imaging in Ischemic Cardiomyopathy**

*Al Ras 3*

Chairs: Mirvat Alasnag (KSA) and Paul Cremer (USA)

Panelists: Saif-El-Dean Abdel-Rahman (UAE), Mitesh Badiwala (UAE), and Mohammad Zaidan (UAE)

**Case Presentation**  
Nouha Azaza (UAE)

**Pre-Debate Poll: Ischemic Viability Evaluation Before Revascularization**

**Debate Pro: Imager**  
Firas Al Badarin (UAE)

**Debate Con: Interventionalist**  
Mohammed Balghith (KSA)

**Debate Pro Rebuttal**  
Firas Al Badarin (UAE)

**Debate Con Rebuttal**  
Mohammed Balghith (KSA)

**Post-Debate Poll and Panel Discussion**

### VALVULAR DISEASES AND STRUCTURAL INTERVENTIONS

**Aortic Valve Disease: A Lifelong Journey**

*Al Baraha 1*

Chairs: Arif Al-Nooryani (UAE) and Nicole Bhavé (USA)

Panelists: Fawaz Almutairi (KSA), Gopal Bhatnagar (UAE), and Ann Gage (USA)

**Pearls and Pitfalls:**

**Aortic Stenosis Assessment**  
Nicole Bhavé (USA)

**Lifetime Management of Aortic Valve Disease: SAVR vs. TAVR**  
Emad Hakemi (UAE)

**Case Presentation: Young Patient With Severe AR**  
Tilal Alnour (UAE)

**Contemporary Evaluation and Management of Aortic Regurgitation**  
Bashaer Gheyath (UAE)

**Panel Discussion With Audience Question and Answer**

### CHALLENGING CASE DISCUSSIONS

**Interventions and Ischemic Heart Diseases and Valvular Diseases and Structural Interventions**

*Al Amwaj*

Chairs: Joao Cavalcante (USA) and Abdullah Shehab (UAE)

Panelists: Rasha Al-Lamee (UK) and Zakariya Albinmoussa (KSA)

**The Giant Coronary Aneurysm That Vanished Unmasking Critical LAD Stenosis After Twelve Years of Silence**  
Ege Alp Dagdeviren (Turkey)

**Discussion and Case Conclusion**

**Unusual Aortic Valve in Pregnancy: A Hidden Congenital Lesion - A Case Report of Aortic Chordae Tendineae Strands**  
Dahoumane Zahra Anais (Algeria)

**Discussion and Case Conclusion**

**Unmasking Previously Undiagnosed Obstructive Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Following Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement for Severe Aortic Stenosis**  
Willette Valjean Go (Philippines)

**Discussion and Case Conclusion**

### HEART FAILURE AND CARDIOMYOPATHIES

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**16:50 - 17:20**

## SPONSORED SYMPOSIA

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*Al Ras 3*

**17:20 - 17:40**

## EXPO BREAK

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### CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIAS

**Interactive Learning Board: "Name That Rhythm!"**

*Al Amwaj*

Andrea Russo (USA)

Stop by and try out our new Interactive Learning Board. Think you can spot the rhythm? Join an expert as you work through real tracings and test your skills in arrhythmia recognition.

### CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE PREVENTION

**Interactive Learning Board: "Prevention in Action"**

*Al Amwaj*

Elijah Ogola (Kenya)

Stop by and try out our new Interactive Learning Board. Join us for fast-paced prevention cases - can you choose the right next step to keep your patients healthier, longer?

**17:40 - 18:30**

## PLENARY

**Barriers and Strategies to Overcome Equitable Delivery of Cardiovascular Care**

*Al Ras 2*

Chairs: Nooshin Bazargani (UAE) and Wael Jaber (USA)

Panelists: Mirvat Alasnag (KSA) and Mohammed Kurdi (KSA)

**Equitable Access to CV Care in the U.S.**

Cathleen Biga (USA)

**Equitable Access to CV Care in the UAE**

Aseel Allush (UAE)

**Panel Discussion With Audience Question and Answer**

**18:40 - 19:30**

## PLENARY

**FIT Jeopardy: The Classic Game Show With a FIT Twist!**

*Al Ras 3*

Host: Aiman Smer (UAE)

Judges: Benny Levenson (Germany) and Christopher Kramer (USA)

Teams: United Arab Emirates, Pakistan, Egypt

**18:40 - 20:30**

## SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM

**Health Workforce Capacity Development Through Tech Innovation**

Sponsored Symposium hosted by NCD Academy

*Al Baraha 1*

Panelists: Nahida Nayaz Ahmed (UAE), Mohamed Magdy (UAE), and Mohamed Abdulrazaq Nasaif (UAE)

**Introduction and Welcome Remarks**

Cathie Biga (USA) and Nicole Bhavé (USA)

**Panel Discussion: Meeting the Challenge of Health Workforce Capacity Development Through Tech Innovation**

**Keynote**

Yacine Hadjiat (UAE)

**Panel Discussion With Audience Question and Answer**



# AGENDA | SATURDAY, 4 OCTOBER

8:30 - 9:20

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

### CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE PREVENTION

#### Uncharted Areas For Prevention: Beyond ASCVD

*Al Ras 2*

Chairs: Hassan El-Tamimi (UAE) and Abdullah Shehab (UAE)

Panelists: Pam Taub (USA), Waleed Kadro (UAE), and Sherif Bakir (UAE)

#### New Areas For Prevention: CKM, Heart Failure, Renal Disease, Liver Disease and Atrial Fibrillation

Pam Taub (USA)

#### Focus on Inflammation, Anti-Inflammatory Therapies and Cardio-Rheumatology

Eugenia Gianos (USA)

#### What's New in Hypertension

Mohammed Kurdi (KSA)

#### What's New on the Horizon For Prevention

Hosam Zaky (UAE)

#### Panel Discussion With Audience Question and Answer

### HEART FAILURE AND CARDIOMYOPATHIES

#### The HFpEF: A Paradigm Shift

*Al Ras 3*

Chairs: Gurusher Panjrath (USA) and Nadya Al Matrooshi (UAE)

Panelists: Hussam Ghalib (UAE), Ziad Sadik (UAE), and Amanda Vest (USA)

#### Case Presentation: HFpEF Presenting to the HF Clinic

Mo'ath Bani Ali (UAE)

#### HFpEF Phenotypes: Diagnostic Uncertainties and Scores

Ismail Raslan (KSA)

#### Guideline Based Management of HFpEF

Gurusher Panjrath (USA)

#### Emerging Therapies For HFpEF: Where Do We Stand?

Mohamed El-Harari (UAE)

#### Panel Discussion With Audience Question and Answer

### VALVULAR DISEASES AND STRUCTURAL INTERVENTIONS

#### To Cut or Not to Cut? Complex Multivalve Debate

*Al Baraha 1*

Chairs: Juwairia Alali (UAE) and Mohammed Balghith (KSA)

Panelists: Nicole Bhavé (USA) and Ann Gage (USA)

#### Case Presentation: Older Patient With Mitral Valve Prolapse, Mitral Regurgitation and Tricuspid Regurgitation

Amrith Agrawal (UAE)

#### Pre-Debate Poll: Surgical vs. Percutaneous

#### Debate Pro: Percutaneous Approach

Emad Hakemi (UAE)

#### Debate Con: Surgical Approach

Mitesh Badiwala (UAE)

#### Percutaneous Rebuttal

Emad Hakemi (UAE)

#### Surgical Rebuttal

Mitesh Badiwala (UAE)

#### Post-Debate Poll and Panel Discussion

### CHALLENGING CASE DISCUSSIONS

#### Multimodal Imaging

*Al Amwaj*

Chairs: Joao Cavalcante (USA) and Wael Jaber (USA)

Panelist: Bashaer Gheyath (UAE)

#### Cor Triatriatum Sinister: A Multimodal Diagnostic Approach

Samuel Bencosme (Dominican Republic)

#### Discussion and Case Conclusion

#### Cardiac Metastasis Mimicking STEMI

Anna Gvozdeva (Russia)

#### Discussion and Case Conclusion

#### Diagnostic Value of Serial Cardiac MRI and FDG-PET in Cardiac Sarcoidosis

Zenab Laiq (USA)

#### Discussion and Case Conclusion

#### Primary Cardiac Ewing Sarcoma: Diagnosis and the Role of Multimodality Imaging

Nizar Mullali Mohamed Kunhi (India)

#### Discussion and Case Conclusion

### CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIAS

#### On-Call With the Experts

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9:30 - 10:00

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*Al Ras 3*

10:00 - 10:20

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### HEART FAILURE AND CARDIOMYOPATHIES

#### Interactive Learning Board: "Heart Failure Look-Alikes"

*Al Amwaj*

Magdy Abdelhamid (Egypt)

Stop by and try out our new Interactive Learning Board. Not all heart failure looks the same - step up to the board and see if you can make the right call.

### INTERVENTIONS AND ISCHEMIC HEART DISEASES

#### Interactive Learning Board: "Intervention Decisions - What Would You Do?"

*Al Amwaj*

Benny J. Levenson (Germany)

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# AGENDA | SATURDAY, 4 OCTOBER

10:20 - 11:10

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

### CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE PREVENTION

#### Risk Factors in Cardiovascular Disease

*AI Ras 2*

Chairs: Elijah Ogola (Kenya) and Hani Sabbour (UAE)

Panelists: Anwar Al Zaaby (UAE) and Farhana Bin Lootah (UAE)

#### Case Presentation

Ahmed Gabroun (UAE)

#### Overview of CKM

Eugenia Gianos (USA)

#### Intersection of Obesity With CV Risk Management

Hussien Heshmat Kassem (UAE)

#### Lifestyle Management and Trends in the Middle East

Ghazi Radaideh (UAE)

#### Panel Discussion With Audience Question and Answer

### INTERVENTIONS AND ISCHEMIC HEART DISEASES

#### Hot Topics in CTO and Calcification

*AI Ras 3*

Chairs: Eisa Aldhaheri (UAE) and Muzaffer Degertekin (Turkey)

Panelists: Jasem Al Hashmi (UAE) and Abdulla Alnaeemi (UAE)

#### CTO: Invasive Evaluation and Suitability For Revascularization

Georgios Sianos (UAE)

#### CTO: Role of Calcification and Imaging

Muzaffer Degertekin (Turkey)

#### Case Presentation: Antegrade CTO

Ronney Shantouf (UAE)

#### Case Presentation: Retrograde CTO

Ahmed Khashaba (UAE)

#### Case Presentation: Calcified Bifurcation Lesion

Mohammed Kurdi (KSA)

#### Panel Discussion With Audience Question and Answer

### CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIAS

#### Rapid Fire Cases: Name That Rhythm

*AI Baraha 1*

Chairs: Salem Alkaabi (UAE) and Sana Al-Khatib (USA)

Panelist: Mohammed Aljaabari (UAE)

ECG Presenters: Moutaz El Kadri (UAE), Marwan Refaat (Lebanon), and Andrea Russo (USA)

### SPECIAL TOPICS

#### AI in Multimodal Imaging

*AI Amwaj*

Chair: Wael Jaber (USA)

Panelists: Juwairia Alali (UAE), Joao Cavalcante (USA), and Paul Cremer (USA)

### SPECIAL TOPICS

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11:20 - 11:50

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*AI Ras 2*

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*AI Ras 3*



## AGENDA | SATURDAY, 4 OCTOBER

**12:00 - 12:50**

### PLENARY

**Weight and Obesity Management: A Critical Pillar in Cardiovascular Health in the Middle East**

*Al Ras 2*

Chairs: Juwairia Alali (UAE) and Abdullah Shehab (UAE)

Panelists: Abeer AlTeneiji (UAE), Hani Sabbour (UAE), and Pam Taub (USA)

**Obesity Management**

Sara Gaafar Suliman (UAE)

**Obesity Management as a Treatment For Heart Failure**

Gurusher Panjra (USA)

**Role of Professional Societies and Influencing Healthcare Policies**

Cathleen Biga (USA)

**Panel Discussion With Audience Question and Answer**

**13:00 - 13:30**

### SPONSORED SYMPOSIA

**Sponsored Lunch Symposium hosted by Novartis**

*Al Ras 2*

**13:40 - 14:10**

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**Sponsored Symposium hosted by Amgen**

*Al Ras 2*

**Sponsored Symposium hosted by Novo Nordisk**

*Al Ras 3*



# AGENDA | SATURDAY, 4 OCTOBER

14:20 - 15:10

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

### CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE PREVENTION

**Lipid Management in High-Risk Populations: A Comprehensive Evidence-Based Approach**

*Al Ras 2*

Chairs: Wael Al Mahmeed (UAE) and Nooshin Bazargani (UAE)

Panelists: Juwairia Alali (UAE), Nada Bin Hareez (UAE), and Eugenia Gianos (USA)

**Case Presentation**  
Ahmed Gabroun (UAE)

**Tackling Inertia in LDL Management Including Social Media Issues That Prevent LDL Optimization in the Middle East**  
Hani Sabbour (UAE)

**Risk Enhancers: Current Landscape of LDL Management, Triglycerides**  
Omar Al Hariri (UAE)

**Residual Risk and LPA**  
Pam Taub (USA)

**Panel Discussion With Audience Question and Answer**

### MULTIMODAL IMAGING

**Role of Imaging in Commonly Encountered Dilemmas**

*Al Ras 3*

Chairs: Ann Gage (USA) and Yasmeen Hanfi (KSA)

Panelists: Many Agarwal (UAE), Firas Al Badarin (UAE), and Safaa Almohdar (UAE)

**Case Presentation: Middle-Aged Female Presenting With Chest Pain and Dyspnea and Negative Anatomic Work Up**  
Alaa Saeid (UAE)

**Diagnosis of INOCA and ANOCA**  
Christopher Kramer (USA)

**Case Presentation: Male Patient With Prior History of Revascularization Presenting For Pre-Op Testing**  
Syed Jamal (UAE)

**Patient With Abnormal Preoperative MPI**  
Ahmed Aljizeeri (KSA)

**Case Presentation: Patient With Dyspnea and "Moderate AS" - is It Moderate?**  
Rasha Bazari (KSA)

**Aortic Stenosis Discordant Gradient Imaging to the Rescue**  
Joao Cavalcante (USA)

**Panel Discussion With Audience Question and Answer**

### SPECIAL TOPICS

**Adult Congenital Heart Disease: Current Status and Challenges**  
*Al Baraha 1*

Chairs: Ghadeera Almansoori (UAE) and Gurusher Panjrath (USA)

Panelists: Khaled Al-Tuwairqi (KSA) and Saleema Wani (UAE)

**Case Presentation: Heart Failure in ACHD**  
Ahmad Mesmar (UAE)

**Success With Failure in ACHD**  
Khaled Al-Tuwairqi (KSA)

**Case Presentation: Pregnancy in ACHD**  
Noha Abou Khater (UAE)

**Cardio-Obstetric Care in ACHD**  
Ghadeera Almansoori (UAE)

**Panel Discussion With Audience Question and Answer**

### CHALLENGING CASE DISCUSSIONS

**Cardiac Arrhythmias and Heart Failure and Cardiomyopathies**

*Al Amwaj*

Chairs: Sana Al-Khatib (USA) and Nadya Al Matrooshi (UAE)

Panelist: Magdy Abdelhamid (Egypt)

**When There Is No Way In: Two Technical Approaches to Pacemaker Implantation in Bilateral Subclavian Vein Occlusion - A Case Series**  
Tommy Daindes (Indonesia)

**Discussion and Case Conclusion**

**Unmasking Brugada Syndrom Post-Cardiac Arrest**  
Layan Sufian Aldib (Egypt)

**Discussion and Case Conclusion**

**Ten Years of Misdiagnosis: A Case of Chronic Constrictive Pericarditis Masquerading as Idiopathic Liver Cirrhosis**  
Yogeeswari Vellore Satyanarayanan (UAE)

**Discussion and Case Conclusion**

**Omalizumab as a Treatment of Endomyocardial Fibrosis in Hyper Eosinophilia Myocarditis**  
Omar Al-Assaf (UAE)

**Discussion and Case Conclusion**

### INTERVENTIONS AND ISCHEMIC HEART DISEASES

**On-Call With the Experts**

*ACC Booth*

Rasha Al-Lamee (UK)

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## AGENDA | SATURDAY, 4 OCTOBER

15:10 - 15:30

### EXPO BREAK

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#### MULTIMODAL IMAGING

##### Interactive Learning Board: "Image This"

*Al Amwaj*

Mohammed Khalil (UAE)

Stop by and try out our new Interactive Learning Board. Imaging can uncover the unexpected - think you can interpret these tough cases? Test yourself alongside the experts.

#### VALVULAR DISEASES AND STRUCTURAL INTERVENTIONS

##### Interactive Learning Board: "Valve Verdicts"

*Al Amwaj*

Mohammed A. Balghith (KSA)

Stop by and try out our new Interactive Learning Board. Valve cases aren't always straightforward. Can you choose the right strategy when the pressure's on?

15:30 - 16:00

### SPONSORED SYMPOSIA

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*Al Ras 2*



# AGENDA | SATURDAY, 4 OCTOBER

16:10 - 17:00

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

### CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIAS

**Crucial Diagnostic Tests For My Patient With Syncope**

*Al Ras 2*

Chairs: Salem Alkaabi (UAE) and Sana Al-Khatib (USA)

Panelists: Omar Alfalasi (UAE) and Mohamed Aljaabari (UAE)

**Classification and Clinical Features of Syncope: Nothing Beats History Taking!**

Khaled Awad (UAE)

**Case Presentation: Tilt Table Testing was Essential For Diagnosing My Patient's Syncope**

Fereidoon Shafiei (UAE)

**Case Presentation: EP Study was Essential For Diagnosing My Patient's Syncope**

Omer Elhag (UAE)

**Case Presentation: Consumer Based vs. Hospital Based - Prolonged ECG Monitoring was Essential For Diagnosing My Patient's Syncope**

Marta Acena Ramos (UAE)

**Panel Discussion With Audience Question and Answer**

### HEART FAILURE AND CARDIOMYOPATHIES

**When GDMT is Not Enough!**

*Al Ras 3*

Chairs: Magdy Abdelhamid (Egypt) and Nadya Al Matrooshi (UAE)

Panelists: Amanda Vest (USA), Mitesh Badiwala (UAE), and Feras Bader (UAE)

**Case Presentation: End-Stage HF in ICU**

Iman Hamour (UAE)

**Why are HF Patients Referred Late For Advanced Therapies?**

Amanda Vest (USA)

**LVAD: Advances in Management and Outcomes**

Mitesh Badiwala (UAE)

**Heart Transplant and Regional Perspectives**

Feras Bader (UAE)

**Panel Discussion With Audience Question and Answer**

### VALVULAR DISEASES AND STRUCTURAL INTERVENTIONS

**Quenching the Fever: Infectious and Inflammatory Valve Disease**

*Al Baraha 1*

Chairs: Juwairia Alali (UAE) and Nicole Bhawe (USA)

Panelists: Ahmed Bafadel (UAE), Pam Taub (USA), and Mohammed Khalil (UAE)

**Case Presentation: Rheumatic Disease**

Ban Ghafel (UAE)

**Panel Discussion: Potential Role of Percutaneous Therapies in Rheumatic Disease**

**Case Presentation: Native Valve**

Endocarditis  
Hind Kazim (UAE)

**Panel Discussion: Risks and Benefits of Surgery**

**Case Presentation: Prosthetic Valve Endocarditis in a Medically Complex Patient**

Salah Aldeen Roqia (UAE)

**Panel Discussion: Diagnostic Challenges and Risks Associated With Reoperating**

**Closing Remarks**

### ORAL ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS

**Interventions and Ischemic Heart Diseases and Valvular Diseases and Structural Interventions**

*Al Amwaj*

Chair: Ann Gage (USA)

Panelists: Hadi Abu Hantash (Jordan) and Mohammed Balghith (KSA)

**Associations Between Non-HDL Cholesterol Levels and Cardiovascular Risk Factors in Middle Eastern ASCVD Patients: A Cross-Sectional Analysis of Demographic, Lifestyle and Clinical Characteristics**  
Osama Alkouri (Jordan)

**Discussion**

**Trends of Rheumatic Heart Disease and Endocarditis Incidence in Africa**

Demeke Mekonnen Mengistie (Ethopia)

**Discussion**

**Left Ventricular Outflow Tract Geometry as a Predictor of Permanent Pacemaker Implantation After Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation Using the Evolut Series**

Mahmoud Abdelshafy (Egypt)

**Discussion**

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## AGENDA | SATURDAY, 4 OCTOBER

**17:10 - 18:00**

### PLENARY

**The Burden of Cardiovascular Disease in the Middle East: Tackling Risk Factors at the Root**

*Al Ras 2*

Chairs: Wael Al Mahmeed (UAE) and Cathleen Biga (USA)

Panelists: Pam Taub (USA) and Ghazi Radaideh (UAE)

**Lifestyle Interventions: From Urban Planning to Exercise**

Mahmoud Hassanein (UAE)

**Management Strategies: Lipids, Blood Pressure, Continuous Glucose Monitors**

Maryam Alsaeed (UAE)

**Panel Discussion With Audience Question and Answer**

**18:10 - 19:00**

### SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM

**Workshop Sponsored by Johnson & Johnson**

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**19:00 - 21:00**

### SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM

**Dinner Symposium hosted by Cleerly**

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# AGENDA | SUNDAY, 5 OCTOBER

9:00 - 9:50

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

### **CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIAS** **Heart Rhythm Management** **in Patients With Heart** **Failure**

*Al Ras 2*

Chairs: Mohamed Aljaabari (UAE) and Omer Elhag (UAE)

Panelists: Khaled Awad (UAE) and Ahmed El Damaty (Egypt)

**Case Presentation: Sarcoid**  
Ahmed El Damaty (Egypt)

**ICDs, Biventricular Pacing,**  
**Conduction System Pacing**  
**For Heart Failure: How Do I**  
**Choose?**

Sana Al-Khatib (USA)

**Managing AFib in Patients**  
**With Heart Failure: Tricks of**  
**the Trade**

Omar Alfalasi (UAE)

**Managing Ventricular**  
**Arrhythmias in Patients With**  
**Heart Failure: We Have Come**  
**A Long Way!**

Andrea Russo (USA)

**Panel Discussion With**  
**Audience Question and**  
**Answer**

### **INTERVENTIONS AND** **ISCHEMIC HEART DISEASES** **Unraveling the Complexities** **and Complications of PCI:** **A Case-Based Approach**

*Al Ras 3*

Chairs: Benny Levenson (Germany) and Abdullah Shehab (UAE)

Panelists: Khalid Bin Thani (Bahrain), Jamal Dabbas (Jordan), and Ann Gage (USA)

**Coronary Overview**

Mousa Akbar (Kuwait)

**Valve Overview**

Jamal Dabbas (Jordan)

**Case Presentation: Valve**  
**Dislodgement**

Wail Alkashkari (KSA)

**Panel Discussion With**  
**Audience Question and**  
**Answer**

**Case Presentation: Coronary**  
**Perforation**

Fabrizo Clementi (UAE)

**Panel Discussion With**  
**Audience Question and**  
**Answer**

**Case Presentation: Access**  
**Complications**

Mohammed Balghith (KSA)

**Panel Discussion With**  
**Audience Question and**  
**Answer**

### **MULTIMODAL IMAGING** **Novel Imaging Applications:** **Ready For Your Lab Today**

*Al Baraha 1*

Chairs: Juwairia Alali (UAE) and Firas Al Badarin (UAE)

Panelists: Safaa Almohdar (UAE), Dima Quraini, (UAE) and Hadi Skouri (UAE)

**Advances in Nuclear Imaging**  
**in 2025**

Ahmed Abuzaid (USA)

**What is the Role of Photon**  
**Counting CT in 2025?**

Paul Cremer (USA)

**Applications of 3D Echo and**  
**Strain in 2025**

Aiman Smer (UAE)

**Panel Discussion With Audience**  
**Question and Answer**

### **ORAL ABSTRACT** **PRESENTATIONS** **Cardiovascular Disease** **Prevention**

*Al Amwaj*

Chairs: Pam Taub (USA) and Hani Sabbour (UAE)

Panelists: Elijah Ogola (Kenya) and Muhammad Hafizullah (Pakistan)

**Epidemiological Transitions**  
**of Cardiovascular Disease**  
**Burden in the North Africa**  
**and Middle Eastern Region:**  
**Trends from 1990 to 2021**

Hardik Dineshbhai Desai (India)

**Discussion**

**Association Between**  
**Clonal Hematopoiesis of**  
**Indeterminate Potential**  
**and Risk of Venous**  
**Thromboembolism: A**  
**Systemic Review and Meta-**  
**Analysis**

Amir Nasrollahizadeh (Iran)

**Discussion**

**Glycemic Variability and**  
**Risk of Major Adverse**  
**Cardiovascular Events in**  
**Patients With Cardiovascular**  
**Disease: A Systemic Review**  
**and Meta-Analysis**

Reza Amani-Beni (Iran)

**Discussion**

**Clinical and Angiographic**  
**Correlation of Chronological**  
**Age and Vascular Age**  
**With Severity of Coronary**  
**Artery Disease in Patients**  
**Presenting With First Acute**  
**Myocardial Infarction**

Sunil Roy Thottuvelil Narayanan (India)

**Discussion**



# AGENDA | SUNDAY, 5 OCTOBER

10:00 - 10:50

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

### CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE PREVENTION

**Putting Prevention Into Practice: Case Based Discussions**

*Al Ras 2*

Chairs: Hani Sabbour (UAE) and Pam Taub (USA)

Panelists: Aftab Ahmad (UAE), Ahmed Gabroun (UAE), Eugenia Gianos (USA), and Seema Nour (UAE)

**Introduction**

**Case Presentation: Patient With CKD and HF**  
Mohammed Salah (UAE)

**Panel Discussion**

**Case Presentation: Patient With Autoimmune Disease and Gestational Diabetes**  
Amrish Agrawal (UAE)

**Panel Discussion**

**Case Presentation: Patient With Resistant Hypertension and Palpitations**  
Zoubia Fathima (UAE)

**Panel Discussion**

**Case Presentation: Patient With Diabetes, Obesity, Sedentary Lifestyle and Mildly Elevated NT-proBNP/ Mild Microalbuminuria**  
Faten Naji (UAE)

**Panel Discussion**

**Closing Remarks**

### HEART FAILURE AND CARDIOMYOPATHIES

**Challenging Cases For the Multidisciplinary Team**

*Al Ras 3*

Chairs: Feras Bader (UAE) and Gurusher Panjrath (USA)

Panelists: Rizwan Ahmed (UAE) and Ann Gage (USA)

**Case Presentation: HF With Advanced Renal Disease**

Hadi Skouri (UAE)

**Panel Discussion With Audience Question and Answer**

**Case Presentation: Acute MI With RV Failure**  
Adhba Saleh Almubarak (UAE)

**Panel Discussion With Audience Question and Answer**

**Case Presentation: Acute Chronic HF With Cardiogenic Shock (Role of Temporary Mechanical Support)**  
Ann Gage (USA)

**Panel Discussion With Audience Question and Answer**

### VALVULAR DISEASES AND STRUCTURAL INTERVENTIONS

**A Banner Decade For the Tricuspid Valve**

*Al Baraha 1*

Chairs: Ahmed Bafadel (UAE) and Wael Jaber (USA)

Panelists: Sana Al-Khatib (USA), Nicole Bhawe (USA), and Zakariya Albinmoussa (KSA)

**Approach to a Patient With Severe TR**

Ahmed Bafadel (UAE)

**Expert Consensus Decision Pathway: Percutaneous Tricuspid Intervention**  
Nicole Bhawe (USA)

**Device Lead Associated TR**  
Zakariya Albinmoussa (KSA)

**Panel Discussion With Audience Question and Answer**

### ORAL ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS

**Cardiac Arrhythmias and Heart Failure and Cardiomyopathies**

*Al Amwaj*

Chairs: Salem Alkaabi (UAE) and Amanda Vest (USA)

Panelists: Andrea Russo (USA) and Hussam Ghalib (UAE)

**SMARTPASS 2.0 in Subcutaneous Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator: T-Wave Oversensing No Longer the Primary Cause of Inappropriate Shocks**  
Christopher Monkhouse (United Kingdom)

**Discussion**

**Ramadan Fasting and Heart Rate Variability: A Window Into Autonomic Adaptation**  
Malak Benabdellah (Morocco)

**Discussion**

**GLP1-RAS Versus Bariatric Surgery in Patients With Obesity and Heart Failure With Preserved Ejection Fraction**  
Ramzi Ibrahim (USA)

**Discussion**

**Association Between Sacubitril/Valsartan and Risk of Dementia in Heart Failure Patients: A Systemic Review and Meta-Analysis**  
Rashad G. Mohamed (Egypt)

**Discussion**

10:50 - 11:10

## EXPO BREAK

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## AGENDA | SUNDAY, 5 OCTOBER

**11:10 - 12:00**

**PLENARY**

**Success and Challenges in Adopting the Guidelines**

*Al Ras 2*

Chairs: Joao Cavalcante (USA) and Marwan Refaat (Lebanon)

Panelists: Mohamed Aljaabari (UAE), Wael Al Mahmeed (UAE), and Abdullah Shehab (UAE)

**Perioperative Management**

Wael Jaber (USA)

**Appropriate Use Criteria For ICD Implementation**

Sana Al-Khatib (USA)

**PH Guidelines**

Hani Sabbour (UAE)

**Panel Discussion With Audience Question and Answer**

**12:10 - 12:40**

**Closing Ceremony and Convocation**

*Al Ras 2*

Presenters: Juwairia Alali (UAE), Cathleen Biga (USA), Wael Jaber (USA), Gurusher Panjraht (USA), and Abdullah Shehab (UAE)

**12:40 - 14:30**

**Lunch and Farewell**

*Al Baraha 3 & Promenade*