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EXCELLENCE & INNOVATION IN HEALTHCARE

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WELCOME MESSAGE



It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the 5th Manama health congress and expo held under the inspiring theme " Excellence and Innovation in Healthcare", This gathering brings together healthcare professionals, leaders, researchers, innovators, and change makers committed to shaping the future of healthcare.

Healthcare is changing quickly. Yet the true measure of progress remains simple: does it help hospitals care for people better, safer, and more effectively? deliver better, safer, more effective, and more patient - centered care ?

It is with this shared purpose that we welcome you to the 5th Manama Health Congress and Expo.

Our ambition for this edition is not simply to speak about innovation, but to examine what it means in the daily reality of hospitals. What is ready to be implemented today? Where is the evidence still incomplete? How can artificial intelligence strengthen healthcare professionals rather than distance them from their patients? And how can hospitals embrace digital transformation while protecting quality, safety, cybersecurity, and trust?

These are not questions for the future. Hospital leaders are already facing them.

This Congress brings together healthcare leaders, professionals, researchers, innovators, and international experts to share evidence, challenge assumptions, and connect innovation with the real needs of patients and health systems. Through its discussions, the program will explore how technology can improve hospital performance, strengthen resilience, support sustainability, and ultimately contribute to better care.

The partnership behind this Congress reflects our common belief that meaningful progress cannot be achieved by one institution, profession, or country alone. It requires open dialogue, shared experience, and the courage to turn ideas into action.

We hope every participant leaves Manama with more than information: with one valuable idea to implement, one new partnership to develop, and a renewed commitment to improving healthcare.

Welcome to the 5th Manama Health Congress and Expo. We look forward to shaping this journey together.

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5TH MANAMA HEALTH CONGRESS & EXPO
THEME: EXCELLENCE & INNOVATION IN HEALTHCARE
HOSTING THE ARAB HOSPITAL FEDERATION

DAY 1 · TUESDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2026
VENUE: ART HOTEL AMWAJ

10:30 - 11:00
CONVENTION CENTER

PRE CONFERENCE MEETING
HEALTH INSURANCE & HEALTHCARE DELIVERY:
UPDATE ON THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE IN BAHRAIN

DR. EBRAHIM ALNOWAKHTHA
SG-SCH

10:30 - 11:00
MAIN HALL

"CHOOSING THE RIGHT TARGET JOURNAL AND PUBLISHING IN A HIGH-IMPACT PUBLICATION."

PROFESSOR K. RAY CHAUDHURI
DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND ACADEMIA PROFESSOR AND NEUROLOGIST,
KINGS COLLEGE HOSPITAL

PROF. HAITHAM JAHRAMI
HEAD OF RESEARCH
GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS, BAHRAIN

12:00 - 13:00
MAIN HALL

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OPENING OF THE CONGRESS

ADDRESS OF H.E. DR. MARIAM AL JALAHMA
CEO - GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS BAHRAIN

ADDRESS OF H.E. MS. ALICE YAMMINE BOUEIZ
CEO - ARAB HOSPITALS FEDERATION

VIDEO

THE BAHRAINI GENOME PROJECT:
KEY NOTE SPEAKER
H.E. DR. JALEELA BINT ALSAYED JAWAD HASAN
MINISTER OF HEALTH

13:00 - 13:30
OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION

13:30 - 14:30
LUNCH

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PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

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CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

CONVENTION CENTER

15:00 - 17:00

ATHAR TALKS: FUTURE MAKERS

SPEAKER

PROF. OUDA AL-JAYOUSI
PROFESSOR OF INNOVATION POLICY
ARABIAN GULF UNIVERSITY (AGU)

DR. JAMEEL HASAN
QUALITY & ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR POLYTECHNIC BAHRAIN

DR. BUDOOR BUKHARI
SPECIALIST IN GIFTED EDUCATION
FORMER HEAD OF THE GIFTED STUDENTS CENTER, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

MOHAMMED BUALLAY
LEAD DATA ARCHITECT TAMKEEN

ABSTRACT

The workshop aims to empower young people by equipping them with the knowledge and digital tools necessary to keep pace with global transformations and to turn professional challenges into innovative opportunities that create a real, tangible impact within the government work environment.
This workshop reinforces the concept of innovative empowerment, aligning with government directives to build a knowledge-based economy driven by young national talent capable of achieving leadership and excellence, moving beyond traditional frameworks.

MAIN HALL

15:00 - 17:00

FROM CLINICAL CHALLENGE TO AI SOLUTION: IDENTIFYING OPPORTUNITIES AND CHOOSING THE RIGHT AI APPROACH IN HEALTHCARE
SPEAKER

DR. JAMAL HASHEM
LECTURER IN SURGERY & ACADEMIC DIRECTOR OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
RCSI MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF BAHRAIN

PROF. GHUFRAN JASSIM
PROFESSOR AND HEAD OF DEVELOPMENT OF FAMILY MEDICINE
RCSI MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF BAHRAIN

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The workshop aims to session will take a practical, clinician led approach to helping participants recognise opportunities where artificial intelligence can add value in healthcare, understand the different AI approaches available, and consider how an appropriate approach can be selected for a particular clinical challenge.

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DAY 2 · WEDNESDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2026
VENUE: ART HOTEL AMWAJ MAIN HALL

9:00 - 9:20

KEYNOTE SPEECH: "CAUSAL, INTERPRETABLE AND UNCERTAINTY-AWARE AI FOR HEALTH SYSTEMS"

SPEAKER
DR. DANILO SARTI
LECTURER IN AI AND ML FOR HEALTH SCIENCES AT THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND (RCSI)

9:20 - 9:40

OPENING KEYNOTE: FROM EVIDENCE TO ACTION:A REGIONAL AGENDA FOR RESPONSIBLE AI IN HOSPITALS
SPEAKER
DR. HAMID RAVAGHI
REGIONAL ADVISOR FOR HOSPITAL CARE AND MANAGEMENT - WHO/ EMRO

9:40-10:00

PROJECT KEYNOTE: AI IN HOSPITALS:
WHAT THE EVIDENCE SHOWS AND WHAT'S MISSING

DR. ALI EL HAJ
CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNANCE, LEADERSHIP & RESEARCH DIVISION- ARAB HOSPITALS FEDERATION

10:00-11:00

PANEL 1: AI AND THE HOSPITAL'S BOTTOM LINE: STAFFING, CAPACITY, PERFORMANCE

SPEAKER
MP. FADI ALAME
PRESIDENT -ARAB HOSPITALS FEDERATION
DR. FAWZIYA SHERIF
HEALTH SYSTEMS SPECIALIST WHO/ EMRO
DR. YOUSSEF BASSIM
CHAIRMAN OF DIGITAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION & AI DIVISION - ARAB HOSPITALS FEDERATION
PROF. NAJI ALAMEDDINE
DEPUTY HEAD OF SCHOOL OF MEDICINE RCSI - BAHRAIN

11:00 - 11:30

BREAK

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PANEL 2: DESIGNING FOR RISK: AI, CYBERSECURITY, AND THE RESILIENT HOSPITAL

DR. OSAMA SHAHEEN
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBER - ARAB HOSPITALS FEDERATION

DR. MIREILLE KHALIL
SENIOR PROJECTS OFFICER
ARAB HOSPITALS FEDERATION

BRIAN DE FRANCESCA
SPECIAL ENVOY FOR AI & SYNTHETIC WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
ARAB HOSPITALS FEDERATION

DR. BOUCHRA BOU ABBASS
HEALTH GOVERNANCE, QUALITY, ACCREDITATION AND PATIENT SAFETY EXPERT

DR. MAHMOOD ALSAEED
CONSULTANT GERIATRIC MEDICINE - AMANA HEALTHCARE

12:30 - 13:30

PANEL 3: THE GREEN HOSPITAL ISN'T OPTIONAL ANYMORE, AI MAKES IT POSSIBLE

DR. BASSAM KADDISSI
CHAIRMAN OF ARAB HEALTHCARE SUSTAINABILITY CENTER - ARAB HOSPITALS FEDERATION

DR. HAMID RAVAGHI
REGIONAL ADVISOR FOR HOSPITAL CARE AND MANAGEMENT - WHO/ EMRO

DR. SHERIFF SAHADLLA
GROUP CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER KIMSHEALTH

DR. GEORGE CHERIYAN
CORPORATE CEO AMERICAN MISSION HOSPITAL

13:30 - 14:00

CLOSING

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DAY 3 · THURSDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2026
VENUE: ART HOTEL AMWAJ MAIN HALL

9:30-10:00
THE FUTURE OF HEALTHCARE DATA ANALYTICS – WHEN AI BECOMES YOUR DECISION PARTNER

SPEAKER
DR. REMON SAWERIS
CEO EGYPTIAN HEALTH INFORMATICS ASSOCIATION EGYPT

10:00-10:30
EGYPT GENOME FROM DREAM TO REALTY
PROFESSOR KHALID AMER

10:30-11:00
REAL WORD IN HEMOGLOBINOPATHIES GENE THERAPIES
PROFESSOR TAREQ TAHA

11:00-11:30
AI IN DIAGNOSTICS & IMAGING

SPEAKER
DR. AHMED EL SERAFI
CEO OF THE INTERNATIONAL RADIOLOGY CENTER AND MERIDIAN HEALTHCARE, UAE

11:30-12:00
BREAK

12:00-12:30
INNOVATIVE USE OF AI TO PREDICT COMPLICATIONS AND PATIENT OUTCOMES: THE EXPERIENCE OF CHILDREN'S CANCER HOSPITAL EGYPT 57357

SPEAKER
DR. HISHAM MONEIB
PEDIATRIC HEMATOLOGY ONCOLOGY CONSULTANT AT CCHE 57357

12:30-13:00
GENOMICS, AI & THE RISE OF PRECISION HEALTHCARE
SPEAKER
DR. AMAL ELFATIH
SENIOR RESEARCH SPECIALIST, QATAR PRECISION HEALTH INSTITUTE

13:00-13:30
2026 GH INNOVATIVE PROJECTS
GOVERNMENT HOSPITLS TEAM

13:30-14:00
"DIGITAL TWINS, ROBOTICS & THE NEXT FRONTIER IN HEALTHCARE"

SPEAKER
MARK AMOUZGAR
CO-FOUNDER & CEO - MARCH HEALTH | 3X FOUNDER | TECHSTARS '24

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