

# 2<sup>nd</sup> EMIRATES PEDIATRIC BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT CONGRESS (EPBMTC)

21-22 October, 2023 - Grand Hyatt Hotel, Abu Dhabi, UAE

"International get-together of Pediatric BMT physicians  
to celebrate the success of saving children globally"

## POST EVENT REPORT 2023





Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the organizing and scientific committee, we humbly express our utmost appreciation to H.E Shaikh Nahayan Mabarak Al Nahayan for bestowing his gracious presence upon our BMT Congress inauguration. We would also like to extend our gratitude to all our esteemed speakers, participants, sponsors, and supporting organizations who have contributed to the resounding success of the **2nd Emirates Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplant Congress**. This momentous event took place from 21-22 October, 2023 at the prestigious Grand Hayatt Hotel in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

The Scientific Program offered a remarkable array of educational sessions and symposia focused on the current practices and challenges of Pediatric Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation (HSCT) and Cell Therapy. The inaugural edition proved to be an enlightening and empowering experience, introducing new ideas and the latest innovations within healthcare in the Middle East, the surrounding region and all over the world.

We are proud to announce that this program was organized in collaboration with esteemed institutions such as Burjeel Medical City, Cincinnati Children's, Nationwide Children's, The University of Chicago Medicine, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, An & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, Koc Healthcare, SJD Sant Joan de Deu Barcelona Children's Hospital, Fortis, Children Hospital of Los Angeles, Children's National, NH Narayana Health, Phoenix Children's. This unique partnership provided an unparalleled opportunity to engage with renowned world-class speakers and specialists, who generously shared their expertise on the most pertinent topics in Bone Marrow Transplantation practices.

A total of 71 national and internationally-recognized leaders and experts from prominent medical institutes worldwide in the field of Pediatric Hematology & Oncology were actively involved, offering their insights and guidance on recent advancements in basic science, translational medicine, and clinical trials within this critical area. We also extend our gratitude to Abu Dhabi Convention & Exhibition Bureau and Abu Dhabi Culture and Tourism Department (DCT) for their unwavering support throughout this significant meeting.

The program embraced an interdisciplinary approach, incorporating special lectures, debates, and interactive techniques to explore the controversial, the forthcoming, and the exciting aspects of Bone Marrow Transplantation. Our distinguished faculty of speakers imparted their pioneering research, approaches, and best practices, thereby raising awareness and fostering the development of the most effective strategies.

Once again, we express our sincerest appreciation to all those who contributed to the resounding success of the 2nd Emirates Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplant Congress. Your unwavering support and invaluable contributions have truly made a difference in advancing the field and improving patient outcomes.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Abiddeen".

**Dr. Zainul Aabideen FRCPCH, CCT**  
Conference Chairman  
Chairman Organising Committee & Scientific Committee  
Head of Pediatric Hematology, Oncology & BMT  
Burjeel Medical City, Abu Dhabi, UAE

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rupert Handgretinger".

**Prof. Rupert Handgretinger**  
Conference Co-Chair  
Co-Chairman Organising & Scientific Committee  
Head Paediatric Haematology, Oncology & BMT  
Stem Cell Clinic, Abu Dhabi, UAE

**551**  
Total Attendees

**458**  
Delegates

**73**  
Faculties

**20**  
Abstract Presenters

**8**  
Sessions

**38**  
Lectures

**15**  
European CME credits (ECMEC@s)

**21**  
Sponsors



## WHY DELEGATES ATTEND BMT CONFERENCE

**92%**

Keep up to date to the latest trend on BMT

**91%**

of the delegates rated the speakers as excellent

**89%**

Meet industry colleagues

**90%**

Establish new contacts and collaborations

## DELEGATES FEEDBACK

**93%**

of the delegates attended the conference to learn about the latest advancements in BMT

**90%**

of the delegates said the subjects covered within the agenda were excellent

**88%**

of the delegates said that they will attend the conference again in 2024

**97%**

of the delegates attended to earn CME credits to renew their professional licenses

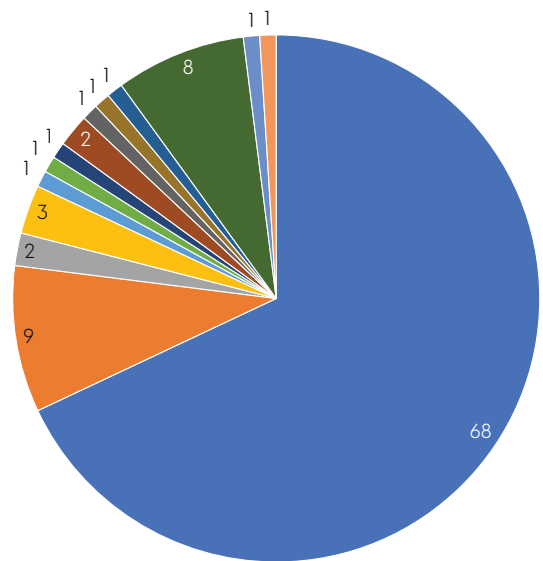
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PARTICIPATED COUNTRIES



ATTENDEES BY SPECIALITY

- 68% · Pediatric Hematologist - Oncologist, BMT Physicians
- 9% · General Pediatricians & Pediatric Sub-Specialities
- 2% · General Practitioner
- 3% · Surgeons
- 1% · Hematopathologist
- 1% · Immunologist
- 1% · Internal Medicine
- 2% · Obstetrician and Gynecologist
- 1% · Pathologists
- 1% · Radiologists
- 1% · Physicians (other specialities)
- 8% · Pharmacists
- 1% · Nurses
- 1% · Allied Health



FACULTIES BY REGION

EUROPE

UK	4
Italy	3
Spain	2
Netherlands	1

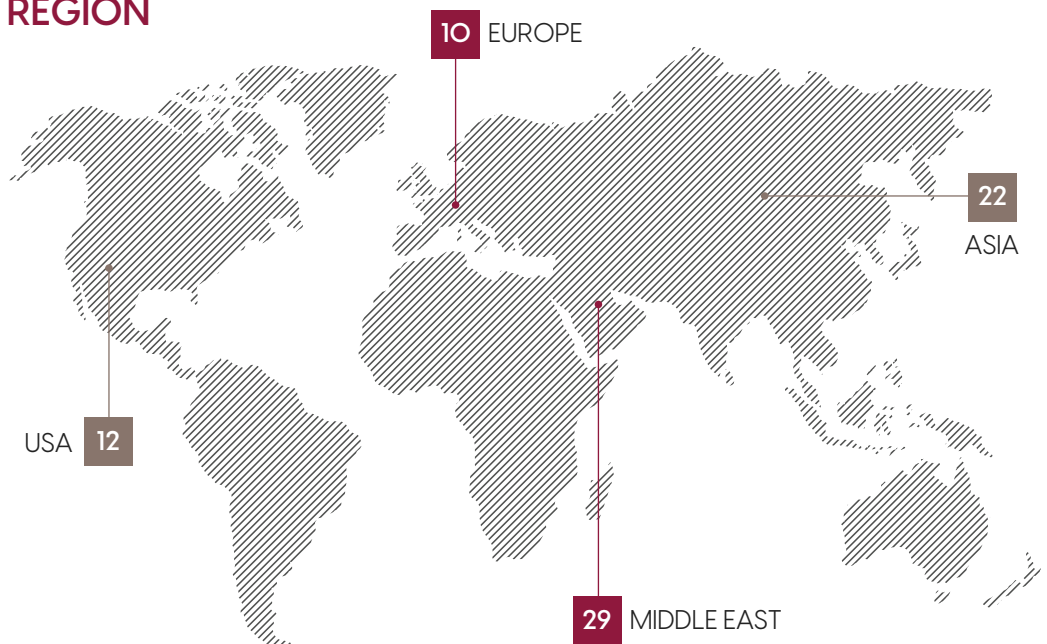
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UAE	17
KSA	4
Egypt	3
Jordan	1
Oman	3
Kuwait	1

ASIA

India	11
Pakistan	3
Bangladesh	2
Russia	1
Turkey	4
Singapore	1

USA	12
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# SPEAKERS



**Dr. Timothy Olson**

USA



**Dr. Alix Seif**

USA



**Dr. Michael Grimley**

USA



**Dr. Christopher Towe**

USA



**Dr. Mary Slatter**

UK



**Dr. Anant Vatsayan**

USA



**Dr. Sonali Chaudhury**

USA



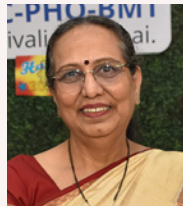
**Dr. Rawad Rihani**

Jordan

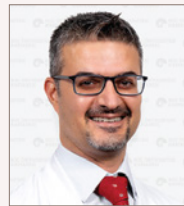


**Prof. Andrew Gennery**

UK



**Prof. Mamta Vijay Manglani**, India



**Prof. Fatih Erbey**

Turkey



**Dr. Lawrence Faulkner**

Italy



**Dr. Fulvio Porta**

Italy



**Dr. Hemalatha Rangarajan**, US



**Dr. Zainul Aabideen**

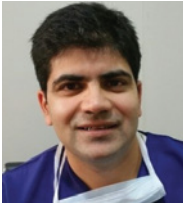
UAE



**Prof. Rupert Handgretinger**, UAE



# SPEAKERS



**Dr. Sunil Bhat**  
India



**Dr. Arjan Cornelis Lankester**, The Netherlands



**Prof. James LaBelle**  
USA



**Prof. Ceyhun Bozkurt**  
Turkey



**Gizem Zengin Ersoy**  
Turkey



**Dr. Vikas Dua**  
India



**Dr. Zohreh Nademi**  
UK



**Dr. Rolla Abu-Arja**  
USA



**Dr. Gaurav Kharya**  
India



**Dr. Hussien Abdelgawad**, USA



**Dr. Laia Alsina Manrique de Lara**, Spain



**Dr. Montserrat Rovira Tarrats**, Spain



**Dr. Kesava Ananth Ramakrishnan**, UAE



**Dr. Mohammad Fahed Abdullah**, UAE



**Dr. Yasser Ahmed Wali**  
Oman



**Dr. Amro El-Saddik**  
UAE



**Dr. Hani Humad**  
UAE



**Dr. Biju George**  
UAE



**Dr. Emily Hsieh**  
USA



# MODERATORS



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**Dr. Naser Al Zien**  
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**Dr. Saqib Hussain Ansari**, Pakistan



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Qatar



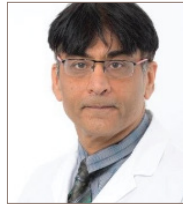
**Dr. Alaa Elhaddad**  
Egypt



## MODERATORS



**Dr. Rajesh Phatak**  
UAE



**Dr. Muhammad Faisal Khanani**, UAE



**Dr. Anjan Madasu**  
UAE



## ABSTRACT PRESENTERS



**Dr. Asghar Ali**  
Pakistan



**Dr. Rajat Bhattacharyya**  
India



**Dr. Rhea Daruvala**  
India



**Dr. Rubiya Nadaf**  
UK



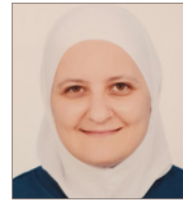
**Dr. Salma Almohammed**  
KSA



**Prof. Hanafy Ahmed Hafez**, Egypt



**Ms. Svetlana Glushkova**, Russia



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Oman



**Dr. Ghaleb Elyamany**  
KSA



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Egypt



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**Dr. Sunil Bhat**  
India





# ABSTRACT PRESENTERS



**Dr. Aswathi Raj**  
India



**Ms. Swetha Kannan**  
UAE



**Dr. Mehmet Koussa**  
Turkey



**Dr. Manasa Kakunje**  
India



**Dr. Kesavan Iyer**  
India



**Dr. Syed Ibrahim Bukhari**, Pakistan



**Dr. Tania Sultana**  
Bangladesh



**Dr. Stefano Rossi**  
Italy





## EXHIBITION SUMMARY

2nd EMIRATES PEDIATRIC BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT CONGRESS (EPBMTc) 2023 Hosted by Leading Companies from the Industry.

There is no other show in the region which brings together as many industry experts to show case and discuss the latest development in the field of bone marrow transplant.



### EXHIBITORS FEEDBACK

**96%** of the exhibitors described the overall quality of the event as excellent

**90%** of the exhibitors said the event was an effective marketing tool for their company

**97%** of the exhibitors said the event was a unique platform to do business within the healthcare sector

**93%** of the exhibitors said the quality of business visitors was excellent

**92%** of the exhibitors booked their stands for next year



## WHY EXHIBITORS CHOSE THIS CONFERENCE

91%

Create the brand awareness of company

88%

Seek immediate business

85%

Seek potential clients

90%

Establish brand

86%

Meet existing clients or partners



## MARKETING & SOCIAL MEDIA

The 2nd EMIRATES PEDIATRIC BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT CONGRESS (EPBMTC) has a very comprehensive year-round marketing campaign, designed to generate awareness, which includes content email marketing campaigns, social media, direct marketing, PR activities, newsletter, SMS marketing, and outdoor. We have an extensive database of more than 250,000 local, regional, & international healthcare professionals.

20,562

LinkedIn Followers



6,800

Facebook Followers



24

Sponsors & Exhibitors



## 2nd EMIRATES PEDIATRIC BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT CONGRESS



7,310

People networking online



30

Media Partners



250,000

Our Data Base

## TESTIMONIALS

Very well organized, nice topics, excellent speakers, fruitful discussions  
**Dr. Mahmoud Alraddadi**, Prince Sultan Armed Forces Hospital,  
Medina, KSA

It was a great event including organization, scientific subjects and ability  
to gather colleagues from all over the world.  
**Dr. Naser Al Zien**, Sheikh Khalifa Medical City, Abu Dhabi, UAE

The event left an indelible mark on my professional and personal life, and I am genuinely thankful for the opportunity to have been a part of it. The esteemed speakers and experts not only shared their wealth of knowledge but also ignited a passion for continual learning and improvement in the field. The knowledge gained, the connections made, and the inspiration received will undoubtedly shape my professional journey in the years to come. My sincere appreciation goes to the organizing committee, speakers, sponsors, and fellow attendees for contributing to the success of this remarkable event.  
**Dr. Syed Ibrahim Bukhari**, Fellow, Aga Khan University, Karachi, Pakistan

It was very friendly and warm environment that every  
body were be able to contact each other.  
**Prof. Ceyhun Bozkurt**,  
Istinye University School of Medicine, Turkey

BMT conference was excellent & Lot of useful new  
information, Faculty from over were fantastic  
**Dr. Sunil Natha Jondhale**, Associate Professor,  
AllMS Raipur, India

What an eye opening experience. The experience of countries with different economies has made me realise that  
there is hope for Africa in terms of having a thriving immunotherapy programme  
**Dr. Portia Zimasa Nandipha Sigidle**, Paediatric Oncology fellow, Wits Donald Gordon Mediclinic, South Africa

I really enjoyed attending the 2nd Emirates Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplant Congress 2023. This Congress  
provided an overview on how the pediatric bone marrow transplant services started initially in Abu Dhabi and how  
much it has expanded and developed in just a short time. Well done!  
**Dr. Shenaz Said Khan**, Haematopathologist Hospital Tunku Azizah KL, Malaysia

Very well organized, nice topics and excellent speakers, fruitful discussion. Thank you Dr Abdeen and organizers  
Special to Mr. Fred for his extremely helpful and prompt response.  
**Dr. Tahani Elfadul**, Pediatrics hematology oncology & bone marrow transplant, king faisal, specialist, jeddah, KSA

I had an unexpected and very profound experience participating in the 2nd Emirates Pediatric Bone Marrow  
Transplant Congress (EPBMTC) 2023. We were invited to the congress as we started a collaborative effort to launch  
allo BMT in Uzbekistan by Dr. Laurence from C2C. I listened to almost all the lectures on the launch, organization,  
procedure, and treatment of complications of allo BMT. I started to implement the acquired knowledge and  
experience in my department.  
**Dr. Khilola Rustamova**, MD, PhD, National Children's Medical Center, Uzbekistan

I really enjoyed the versatility of the new knowledge  
on protocols delivered in the presentations  
**Dr. Roueida Matta**, GP, Al Mazroui Clinic, UAE

The congress presented very well, presentors are  
expert on their field.  
**Mr. Arthur Abapo**, Registered Nurse,  
Sheikh Shakbout Medical City, UAE

It was a one-of-a-kind experience that added so much information to me - Personally, I am so grateful that I had the  
chance to attend such a congress and looking forward to attending future ones for sure.  
**Mr. Hesham Ramadan**, Pharmacist - DOH Abu Dhabi, UAE

It was really a well-organized programme where the team really get time to discuss their concerns and clarify their  
doubts.  
**Ms. Francy Jerry**, Sheikh Khalifa Medical City, Abu Dhabi, UAE



## TESTIMONIALS

The meeting was an exciting and useful event. It provide useful roadmap and dos and donts in transplantation for beginners in the field. For the veterans in the field it provides most recent update delivered by international experts in the field. The program was well conducted and superbly chaired. Thee topics were arranged and grouped very suitably and were well covered. It gives me great pleasure and satisfaction for me to attend the meeting. A million thanks to the organisers. I look forward to attend further EPBMTC in near future

**Prof. Wan Ariffin Bin Abdullah**, Professor of Paediatrics, Faculty of Medicine, MAHSA University, Malaysia

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Coming from a developing country where pediatric BMT is costly, this EPBMTC has widened my scope which definitely will improve our delivery to patients. Seeing pediatric transplanter all over the world inspires me to do more in the Philippines and serve more patients with the latest development and practical applications in pediatric BMT.

**Dr. Loralyn Mae Lagaya-Arañas**, Pediatric Hematologist, BMT, St. Luke's Medical Center, Philippines

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This is a great experience to attend such a enriched updated scientific conference. Actually, it was a great opportunity to exchange information , thoughts and different opinions.

**Dr. Zannat Ara**, Pediatric Hematologist and Oncologist, Bangladesh

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It was great learning experience with inputs from different clinical set-ups and interactive sessions. The congress was wonderfully organised till the last minute.

**Dr. Ngangbam Sonamani**, Consultant, American Oncology Institute, India

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It was a great event that adds to my knowledge as a pharmacist and also I was given a chance to know some of the professionals and companies in my field of expertise.

**Mr. Raymond Bonifacio**, Pharmacist, Sheikh Khalifa Medical City, UAE

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Excellent meeting broadly covering emergent topics in pediatric BMT. Nice to network with colleagues from the GCC countries and beyond.

**Dr. Mario Otto**, Division Chief - Hematology & Oncology, Phoenix Children's Hospital, USA

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Hospitality was excellent, academically, it was well thought of topics and excellent speakers who were experts in their fields

**Dr. Patricia Sebastian**, Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology Christian Medical college, Vellore, India

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It was a great experience for me to all the other Transplant physicians. The activities were amazing, I personally learned a lot

**Dr. Asghar Ali**, Registrar, Armed Forces Bone Marrow Transplant Centre Rawalpindi, Pakistan

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Very good opportunity to share experiences and insights regarding pediatric SCT between different schools

**Dr. Hanafy Hafez**, National Cancer Institute, Cairo University, Egypt

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Excellent as expected looking forward to the 3rd.

**Dr. Masoud Jafar Hassan**, Medical Evaluator IPCC /DOH Abu Dhabi, UAE

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Every thing caught my interest and it's so fulfilling to widen my information in terms of the context

**Ms. Karen Lorica**, Sheikh Khalifa Medical City, Abu Dhabi, UAE

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The event was well organized & got to build relationship with the sponsors

**Ms. Gina Madi**, Lab Assistant - HCT, UAE

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## UAE aims to be a leader in improving children's health, says Sheikh Nahyan

Minister for Tolerance and Co-existence inaugurates the second Emirates Paediatric Bone Marrow Transplant Congress in Abu Dhabi



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The UAE is committed to the promotion of excellent health and advanced medical practice, Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister for Tolerance and Co-existence, said after inaugurating the second Emirates Paediatric Bone Marrow Transplant Congress in Abu Dhabi.

The two-day congress, hosted by Burjeel Medical City in association with global partners and the Mena Conference, brought together hundreds of leading local and international experts from 23 countries to celebrate the success of saving the lives of children. Top doctors discussed the advancements, innovative techniques, and best practices in paediatric haematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) and cell therapy.

Under the leadership of President His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the UAE has emerged as an international centre of excellence for health care, Sheikh Nahyan noted in his address.

"With the strong leadership and support of His Highness the President, our goal is a health care system that is responsive to the needs of individuals and the community at large. And in the context of this Congress, our goal is to be leaders in improving children's health. We are moving forward with ambitious plans to strengthen medical services available to children," said Sheikh Nahyan, who is also the patron of the conference.

### 30 life-saving procedures

Sheikh Nahyan praised the efforts of Dr Shamsheer Vayalil, founder and chairman of Burjeel Holdings, in setting up a world-class paediatric bone marrow transplant centre in Abu Dhabi.

"This centre will help to expand access to excellent child medical care, to promote high-quality services, and encourage partnerships with leading medical centres around the world," Sheikh Nahyan underlined.

The centre, which was opened last year in Burjeel Medical City, has led to the UAE's first bone marrow transplant from a donor to a child. Since then, 30 lifesaving BMTs have been performed for children suffering from various blood disorders, including leukaemia, with zero mortality. These procedures have benefitted children from India, Pakistan, Jordan, Egypt, Iraq, Syria, Morocco, Libya, Afghanistan, Algeria, Nigeria, and Sudan.

Dr Shamsheer, in his address, pointed out that under the guidance of Sheikh Mohamed, and with the support of the authorities like the Department of Health - Abu Dhabi (DoH - Abu Dhabi), the number of paediatric BMTs performed in the UAE is increasing yearly.

"Encouraged by their support, we are investing heavily in the development of acute and complex paediatric services. Now, children with cancers and other blood disorders have access to life-saving treatments in our own country. This congress is an opportunity to reflect on the amazing work that is being done around the world and here in Abu Dhabi and will see experts from across disciplines come together to engage in an informative dialogue about the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead."



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Prof. Rupert Handgretinger, consultant, paediatric haematology oncology and BMT, and conference co-chair, added: "It is our aim to create an environment that encourages active participation, engagement, and the sharing of expertise among all attendees. Let us collectively work towards improving child health in the UAE and the region."



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## MEDIA

## الإمارات اليوم

## مؤتمر دولي: نجاح 30 جراحة لزراعة نخاع العظم للأطفال بأبوظبي



التاريخ: 21 أكتوبر 2023

المصدر: دبي، الإمارات اليوم

إنطلق اليوم السبت، مؤتمر الإمارات الثاني لزراعة نخاع العظم للأطفال، الذي تستمر فعالياته في أبوظبي على مدى يومين وتستضيفه مدينة برجل الطبية، بمشاركة أكثر من 550 متخصص في أورام وأمراض الدم لدى الأطفال من 23 دولة منها السعودية والولايات المتحدة الأمريكية وبريطانيا والهند، فيما يأتي المؤتمر تحت شعار (اللقاء الدولي لأطباء زراعة نخاع العظم للأطفال للاحتفال بنجاح إنقاذ حياة الأطفال على مستوى العالم).

وقال الشيخ نهيان بن مبارك آل نهيان وزير التسامح والتعايش خلال كلمته الافتتاحية: "إن تنظيم مثل هذه المؤتمرات المهمة يؤكد على التزام دولة الإمارات بتحسين جودة الرعاية الصحية في دولتنا وحول العالم، ويعكس دورنا المحوري في استقطاب الأحداث المهمة، إن الممارسات الطبية عالية الجودة باتت مسعى عالمي للجهات الصحية، وأصبح الابتكار الطبي الناجح يتجاوز الحدود الجغرافية، نحن في دولة الإمارات نلتزم بتعزيز الرعاية الصحية المتميزة والمتقدمة وذلك برعاية صاحب السمو الشيخ محمد بن زايد آل نهيان رئيس الدولة الذي برزت دولة الإمارات في ظل دعمه كمركز عالمي للتميز في مجال الرعاية الصحية عالمية المستوى، وبهذا الدعم نسعى لإنشاء نظام رعاية صحية ذكي يستجيب لاحتياجات الأفراد".

وأضاف: "في هذا المؤتمر نسعى لأن نكون قادة في تحسين صحة الأطفال وأن نمضي قدماً في خلق خطط طموحة لتعزيز الخدمات الطبية للأطفال والتأهيل منها بشكل خاص، حيث أثبتت الأبحاث أن زراعة نخاع العظم يعتبر من العلاجات الناجحة التي أثبتت كفاءتها مؤخراً ما يعكس الأمل في وجود الشفاء التام من سرطانات وأورام الأطفال، لذلك نسعى لتبني هذه العلاجات وتبادل المعرفة الطبية بها وبحث أفضل النتائج ودعم التكنولوجيا المتطورة لتحديثها، ما يدعم المرضى وعائلاتهم ويحقق أعلى درجات الرضا، إن العلاجات الرائدة التي يقدمها الخبراء للأطفال المصابين بالسرطان واضطرابات الدم في دولة الإمارات ملهمة، كما أصبحت الجهود التي تبذلها الدولة في تطوير زراعة نخاع العظام للأطفال جلية واضحة للجميع، ومن خلال التعاون بين القطاعين العام والخاص، نركز على تحسين الوصول إلى رعاية عالية الجودة لزراعة نخاع العظم في دولة الإمارات".

ويعتبر المؤتمر، الذي تم إطلاق النسخة الأولى منه بعد إجراء أول زراعة نخاع العظم للأطفال في دولة الإمارات في عام 2022، فرصة متميزة تتيح تبادل الخبرات لمعارفهم وخبراتهم، كما يؤكد على أهمية إمارة أبوظبي كخاضعة للفعاليات الطبية المهمة عالمياً، ويعكس وجهات نظر قيمة حول التطورات والتقنيات المبتكرة وأفضل الممارسات في زراعة الخلايا الجذعية المكونة للدم لدى الأطفال (HSCT) والعلاج بالخلايا، فيما يقدم المؤتمر ساعات تدريب طبي معتمدة من دائرة الصحة في أبوظبي.

وناقش المتخصصون خلال جلسات المؤتمر، العلاجات الحديثة والجينية لمرضى التلاسيميا وفقر الدم المنجلي وسرطان الدم الليمفاوي الحاد، وكيفية الحفاظ على الجهاز المناعي لمرضى زراعة نخاع العظم ووقايتهم من العدوى والممارسات الطبية الصحيحة لتطبيق ذلك، والية زراعة نخاع العظم من الخلايا المتطابقة تطابق كلي أو جزئي، ودور العناية المركزة في رعاية مرضى زراعة نخاع العظم وأحدث البروتوكولات. تم خلال فعاليات اليوم الأول استعراض التجربة الإماراتية الناجحة لزراعة نخاع العظم للأطفال وكان ذلك من خلال عرض تجارب الأطفال الناجحين من أمراض الدم المستعصية عبر تقنية زراعة الخلايا الجذعية من نخاع العظم والتي تم إجرائها في أبوظبي.



## انطلاق مؤتمر الإمارات الثاني لزراعة نخاع العظم للأطفال بمشاركة 550 مختصاً من 23 دولة

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أبوظبي في 21 أكتوبر /وام/ انطلق اليوم مؤتمر الإمارات الثاني لزراعة نخاع العظم للأطفال الذي تستمر فعالياته في أبوظبي على مدى يومين وتستضيفه مدينة برجبل الطبية تحت شعار "اللواء الدولي لطبباء زراعة نخاع العظم للأطفال للاحتفال بنجاح إنقاذ حياة الأطفال على مستوى العالم".

يشارك في المؤتمر الذي انطلق تحت رعاية وحضور معالي الشيخ نهيان بن مبارك آل نهيان وزير التسامح والتعايش أكثر من 550 مختص في أورام وأمراض الدم لدى الأطفال من 23 دولة منها السعودية والولايات المتحدة الأمريكية وبريطانيا والهند.

وقال معالي الشيخ نهيان بن مبارك آل نهيان إن تنظيم مثل هذه المؤتمرات المهمة يؤكد على التزام دولة الإمارات بتحسين جودة الرعاية الصحية في دولتنا وجول العالم ويعكس دورنا المحوري في استقطاب الأحداث المهمة، إن الممارسات الطبية عالية الجودة باتت تسعى عالمي للجهات الصحية وأصبح الابتكار الطبي الناجح يتجاوز الحدود الجغرافية نحن في دولة الإمارات نلتزم بتعزيز الرعاية الصحية المتميزة والمتقدمة، وذلك برعاية صاحب السمو الشيخ محمد بن زايد آل نهيان رئيس الدولة "حفظه الله" الذي برزت دولة الإمارات في ظل دعمه كمرکز عالمي للتميز في مجال الرعاية الصحية عالمية المستوى وبهذا الدعم تسعى لإنشاء نظام رعاية صحية ذكي يستجيب لاحتياجات الأفراد".

وأضاف: في هذا المؤتمر نسعى لأن تكون قادة في تحسين صحة الأطفال وأن نمضي قدماً في خلق خطط طموحة لتعزيز الخدمات الطبية للأطفال والنادرة منها بشكل خاص، حيث أثبتت الأبحاث أن زراعة نخاع العظم يعتبر من العلاجات الناجحة التي أثبتت كفاءتها مؤخراً ما يعكس الأمل في وجود الشفاء التام من سرطانات وأورام الأطفال، لذلك نسعى لتبني هذه العلاجات وتبادل المعرفة الطبية بها وبحث أفضل النتائج ودمج التكنولوجيا المتطورة لتحديثها ما يدعم المرضى وعائلاتهم ويحقق أعلى درجات الرضا، إن العلاجات الرائدة التي يقدمها الخبراء للأطفال المصابين بالسرطان واضطرابات الدم في دولة الإمارات ملهمة، كما أصبحت الجهود التي تبذلها الدولة في تطوير زراعة نخاع العظام للأطفال جلية واضحة للجميع ومن خلال التعاون بين القطاعين العام والخاص نركز على تحسين الوصول إلى رعاية عالية الجودة لزراعة نخاع العظم في دولة الإمارات".

ويعتبر المؤتمر فرصة متميزة تتيح تبادل الخبرات لمعارفهم وخبراتهم كما يؤكد على أهمية إمارة أبوظبي كحاضنة للفعاليات الطبية المهمة عالمياً ويعكس وجهات نظر قيمة حول التطورات والتقنيات المبتكرة وأفضل الممارسات في زراعة الخلايا الجذعية المكونة للدم لدى الأطفال (HSCT) والعلاج بالخلايا فيما يقدم المؤتمر ساعات تدريب طبي معتمدة من دائرة الصحة في أبوظبي.

وتناقش المتخصصون خلال جلسات اليوم الأول للمؤتمر العلاجات الحديثة والجينية لمرضى التلاسيميا ومقر الدم المنجلي وسرطان الدم الليمفاوي الحاد وكيفية الحفاظ على الجهاز المناعي لمرضى زراعة نخاع العظم ووقايتهم من العدوى والممارسات الطبية الصحيحة لتطبيق ذلك وآلية زراعة نخاع العظم من الخلايا المتطابقة تطابق كلي أو جزئي ودور العناية المركزة في رعاية مرضى زراعة نخاع العظم وأحدث البروتوكولات.

واستعرض المؤتمر التجربة الإماراتية الناجحة لزراعة نخاع العظم للأطفال، من خلال عرض تجارب الأطفال الناجين من أمراض الدم المستعصية عبر تقنية زراعة الخلايا الجذعية من نخاع العظم والتي تم إجرائها في مدينة برجبل الطبية المستشفى الوحيد الذي يوفر هذا العلاج للأطفال في الدولة حيث تم إتمام العلاج بنجاح لـ 30 طفلاً.

وقال الدكتور شمشير فاباليل مؤسس ورئيس برجبل القابضة إن المؤتمر يشكل فرصة للتأمل في التطور الهائل الذي وصل له القطاع الصحي والتخصصات النادرة حول العالم وهنا في أبوظبي وسيشهد تجمع الخبراء من مختلف التخصصات للمشاركة في حوار غني بالمعلومات حول التحديات والفرص التي تنتظرنا في هذا القطاع الحيوي.

ومن جانبه قال الدكتور زين العايدين استشاري ورئيس قسم أمراض الدم والأورام وزراعة النخاع العظمي للأطفال ورئيس المؤتمر: "من الريادة في أول زراعة نخاع العظم للأطفال في دولة الإمارات إلى إجراء عمليات زراعة الأعضاء المنقذة للحياة نحن ملتزمون بشيء ودعم الأطفال الذين يعانون من الأمراض المستعصية ستساعدنا مشاركة معرفتنا وخبرتنا التي نسوق بتبادلها مع خبراء من جميع أنحاء العالم وجمع الأفكار على تطوير رعاية زراعة الأعضاء للأطفال وسيدعم المتحدثون المتميزون لدينا وجهات نظر قيمة حول التطورات والتقنيات المبتكرة وأفضل الممارسات في مجال علاج سرطان الخلايا الجذعية لدى الأطفال والعلاج بالخلايا".

وبدوره قال البروفيسور روبرت هاندجريتير استشاري طب أورام الدم لدى الأطفال وزراعة النخاع العظمي ورئيس المشارك للمؤتمر إن هدفنا هو خلق بيئة تشجع على المشاركة والنشطة والمشاركة وتبادل الخبرات بين جميع الحضور والعمل بشكل جماعي من أجل تحسين صحة الأطفال في دولة الإمارات والمنطقة.

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## 2nd Emirates Paediatric Bone Marrow Transplant Congress kicks off

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ABU DHABI, 21st October, 2023 (WAM) -- The UAE is committed to the promotion of excellent health and advanced medical practice, said Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister of Tolerance and Coexistence.

He made this statement after inaugurating the second edition of the two-day Emirates Paediatric Bone Marrow Transplant Congress hosted by Burjeel Medical City in association with global partners and the MENA Conference, which began here on Saturday.

"With the strong leadership and support of President His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, we are moving forward with ambitious plans to strengthen medical services available to children. Your initiative to establish a world-class Paediatric Bone Marrow Transplant Centre is certainly an embodiment of those goals and aspirations. This Centre will help to expand access to excellent child medical care, to promote high-quality services, and encourage partnerships with leading medical centres around the world," the Minister, who is also the patron of the conference, said.

The theme of the congress is 'International Get-Together of Paediatric BMT Physicians to Celebrate the Success of Saving Children Globally'. Delegates of the congress, attended by physicians from more than 23 countries, will provide valuable perspectives on the advancements, innovative techniques, and best practices in Paediatric Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation (HSCT) and Cell Therapy. The congress, which was launched after the first Paediatric BMT in the UAE that took place in 2022, is being attended by 550 local and international delegates.

Supported by the UAE's advanced healthcare infrastructure and inspired by the vision to turn Abu Dhabi into a life sciences hub, Burjeel Medical City set up a comprehensive bone marrow transplant centre in 2022, where the first bone marrow transplant from a donor to a child took place. Since then, the flagship facility under Burjeel Holdings has performed 30 consecutive BMTs for children suffering from various blood disorders, including leukaemia, with zero mortality. These procedures have benefitted children from India, Pakistan, Jordan, Egypt, Iraq, Syria, Morocco,

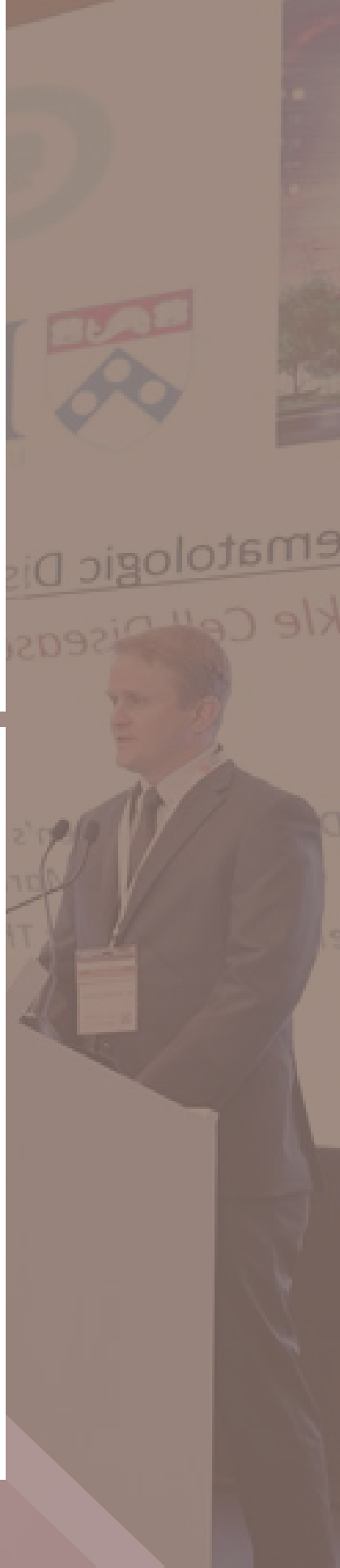
Libya, Afghanistan, Algeria, Nigeria, and Sudan, cementing the UAE's position as a global healthcare destination.

Dr. Shamsheer Vayalil, Founder and Chairman of Burjeel Holdings, said, "The number of Paediatric BMTs performed in the UAE is increasing yearly, and children with cancers and other blood disorders have access to life-saving treatments in our own country. Encouraged by their support, we are investing heavily in the development of acute and complex Paediatric services. This congress is an opportunity to reflect on the amazing work that is being done around the world and here in Abu Dhabi and will see experts from across disciplines come together to engage in an informative dialogue about the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead."

Dr. Zainul Aabideen, Consultant and Head of Paediatric Hematology, Oncology and BMT and Conference Chair, said, "From pioneering the first allogeneic Paediatric BMT in the UAE to performing life-saving transplants, we are dedicated to healing and supporting children with devastating diseases. We believe sharing our knowledge and experience with experts from around the world and gathering insights will help us advance Paediatric transplantation care together. Our distinguished speakers will provide valuable perspectives on the advancements, innovative techniques, and best practices in Paediatric HSCT and Cell Therapy."

Prof. Rupert Handgretinger, Consultant, Paediatric Hematology Oncology and BMT, and Conference Co-Chair, said, "It is our aim to create an environment that encourages active participation, engagement, and the sharing of expertise among all attendees. Let us collectively work towards improving child health in the UAE and the region."

The two-day conference will conclude on Sunday.



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