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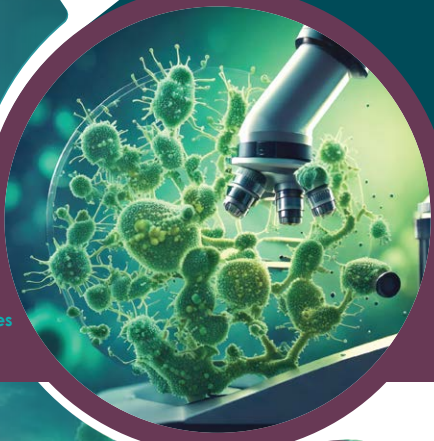

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 9th UAE International Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance (ICAMR 2026).

Over the years, ICAMR has brought together healthcare professionals, researchers, and experts with a shared interest in addressing one of the most important challenges facing healthcare today. This year's conference will once again provide an opportunity to learn from one another, exchange experiences, and discuss the latest developments in antimicrobial resistance.

Organized by the National Antimicrobial Resistance Committee in the UAE, ICAMR 2026 will feature a comprehensive scientific program covering microbiology, infectious diseases, infection prevention and control, antimicrobial stewardship, and emerging challenges in antimicrobial resistance.

Beyond the scientific program, the conference is also an opportunity to meet colleagues, reconnect with peers, and build new professional relationships. We hope the discussions and experiences shared during the conference will be valuable to your work and contribute to our ongoing efforts to tackle antimicrobial resistance.

We look forward to welcoming you to ICAMR 2026 and hope you will have an enjoyable and rewarding conference.



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Agenda

DAY 1 - Friday 18 September 2026

08:00 - 08:30 Registration

HALL A

08:30 - 10:00 Session 1: Antimicrobial Resistance

Chairs: Salma AlShamsi, Nehad Alshirawi

08:30 - 08:50	Antimicrobial Resistance in the GCC: Regional Trends, Clinical Impact, & Stewardship Responses: How the GCC Is Shaping a Regional Model	Jameela Alsalman
08:50 - 09:10	Shared Resistance Gene Pools, Distinct Ecological Compartments A One Health Genomic Perspective	Sima Tokajian
09:10 - 09:30	Antimicrobial resistance in humanitarian settings: field realities evidence and adapted solutions	Krystel Moussally
09:30 - 09:50	IPC in health emergencies - preparedness & response	Mahmoud Hamouda

09:50 - 10:00 Panel Discussion

10:00 - 10:15 Opening Ceremony

10:15 - 10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 - 12:15 Session 2: Infection Prevention and Control

Chairs: Hajar Ali Aldhanhani, Fatima Al Memari

10:45 - 11:05	Biofilms and their role in antimicrobial resistance	Phillip Norville
11:05 - 11:25	Infection control for Carbapenem Resistant Enterobacterales: facts and controversies	Souha S. Kanj
11:25 - 11:45	Leadership in IPC: Safety Culture and Human Factors	Majid Al Shamrani
11:45 - 12:05	How animal wisdom can inform human practices in infection prevention	Elias Tannous

12:05 - 12:15 Panel Discussion

HALL A

12:15 - 12:45	**Industry Symposium 1**	Pfizer
	Advancing the management of resistant gram negative infections: where do ceftazidime-Avibectam and aztreonam avibactam fit?	Souha S. Kanj
12:45 - 14:00	**Friday Prayer & Lunch Break**	
14:00 - 14:30	**Industry Symposium 3**	ARCERA
	Rethinking Carbapenem Use in Antimicrobial Stewardship: Are They the Best Choice for Every Patient?	Alex Soriano Ahmad Subhi
14:30 - 16:00	**Session 3: Infection Prevention and Control**	
	Chairs: Huda Al Hosani, Elias Tannous	
14:30 - 14:50	Global perspectives in hand hygiene	Ermira Tartari
14:50 - 15:10	Turning Compliance Fatigue into Sustainable IPC: Human-Centered Infection Prevention in Action	Abeer Rajeh Khalil
15:10 - 15:30	Is MDRO Screening Really Required? Evidence, Ethics, and Economics	Hajar Ali Aldhanhani
15:30 - 15:50	Prevention of Ventilator Associated Pneumonia	Nehad Alshirawi
15:50 - 16:00	**Panel Discussion**	

HALL C - Industry Workshop

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11:00 - 12:00	Every Line. Every Incision. Every Patient. Strategies for CLABSI and SSI Prevention	Radwan Abujoudeh Rahma Jabbes

HALL B

10:45 - 12:15	**Session 4: Antimicrobial Stewardship**	
	Chairs: Duaa Salem Jawhar, Sameera Al Johani	
10:45 - 11:05	**Antifungal Resistant Fungi in a One-Health Context: Global Challenges and Perspectives**	**Rajeev Soman**
11:05 - 11:25	**Closteroides Difficile: A regional perspective**	**Layla Al-Dabal**
11:25 - 11:45	**De-escalation of antibiotics: When, How and Why it fails?**	**Ahmad Subhi**
11:45 - 12:05	**Infectious Diseases in a Warming World: New Pathogens, New Patterns, New Risks**	**Jameela Alsalman**
12:05 - 12:15	**Panel Discussion**	
12:15 - 12:45	**Industry Symposium 2**	mundipharma
	Invasive Candidiasis Management: Treatment Strategies & Case Discussions	**Jehad Abdalla**
	Chair: Ahmad Subhi	
12:45 - 14:00	**Friday Prayer & Lunch Break**	
14:00 - 14:30	**Industry Symposium 4**	GSK
	Invasive Meningococcal Disease One enemy with different faces, Complete protection is the only solution	**Nehad Alshirawi**
14:30 - 16:00	**Session 5: Antimicrobial Stewardship**	
	Chairs: Ahmad Subhi, Layla Al-Dabal	
14:30 - 14:50	**Physicians as economist,Value based medicine in pediatrics ID practice**	**Huda AlDhanhani**
14:50 - 15:10	**Antimicrobial Stewardship Center of Excellence: A Journey Toward Best-in-Class Stewardship**	**Rania El Lababidi**
15:10 - 15:30	**The power of vaccines in fighting AMR**	**Jehad Abdalla**
15:30 - 15:50	**Diagnostic Stewardship; from overuse to optimal use**	**Sameera Al Johani**
15:50 - 16:00	**Panel Discussion**	

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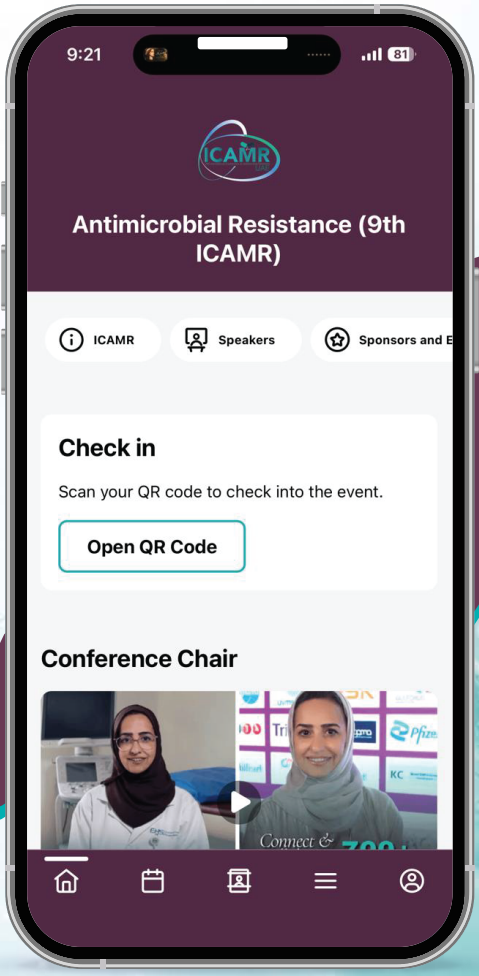

DAY 2 - Saturday 19 September 2026

08:00 - 08:30 Registration

HALL A

08:30 - 10:00 Session 6: Antimicrobial Resistance

Chairs: Adnan Alatoom, Huda ALDhanhani

08:30 - 08:50	Bacterial Resistance: The undeclared pandemic	Ashraf Elhoufy
08:50 - 09:10	Sterilization in humanitarian settings -IPC & AMR challenges and pathways to solutions	Mahmoud Hamouda
09:10 - 09:30	Interpreting AMR Evidence: Strengths, Limitations, and Implications for Antimicrobial Stewardship and Infection Prevention	Sima Tokajian
09:30 - 09:50	Two-year outcomes of the GCC Expert Hub in IPC and AMR	Majid Al Shamrani
09:50 - 10:00	Panel Discussion	

10:00 - 10:30 Industry Symposium 5 — MSD

Management of Gram-Negative Nosocomial Infections — Ahmad Subhi

10:30 - 10:45 Coffee Break

10:45- 12:30 Session 7: Antimicrobial Stewardship

Chairs: Ashraf Elhoufy, Dean Everett

10:45 - 11:05	Diagnostic and antimicrobial stewardship in the clinical Microbiology laboratory	Adnan Alatoom
11:05 - 11:25	Challenging cases in ID	Rajeev Soman
11:25 - 11:55	New Antibiotics, Same Old Problems	Ahmed Al Hammadi
11:55 - 12:15	From Blind Spots to Bright Spots: Revealing the Unturned Stones in Antimicrobial Stewardship	Ali Omrani
12:15 - 12:30	Panel Discussion	

12:30 - 13:00 Industry Symposium 6 — ARCERA LIFE SCIENCES

Navigating Evolving Gram-Negative Resistance: The Emerging Role of Cefepime/Enmetazobactam — Marco Falcone, Ali Omrani

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 - 16:00	**Session 8: Infection Prevention and Control**	
	Chairs: Dalia Hassan, Ajish Thankachan	
14:00 - 14:20	**Fungal versus bacterial outbreaks: are they really different?**	**Souha S. Kanj**
14:20 - 14:40	**Building a Culture of Safety: translating multimodal IPC strategies into sustainable improvement**	**Ermira Tartari**
14:40 - 15:00	**Exploring key multidrug resistant organisms and prevention strategies**	**Phillip Norville**
15:00 - 15:05	**Q&A**	
15:05 - 15:45	**Abstract Oral Presentation**	
	Chairs: Abeer Rajeh Khalil, Joseph Tannous	
15:05 - 15:15	**GENOMIC Surveillance of antibiotic resistance among pseudomonas aeruginosa clones from the UAE**	**Zainab Makhlouf**
15:15 - 15:25	**From Risk to Resilience: A Multifaceted Approach That Halved Dialysis Catheter–Associated Bloodstream Infections Across Ten Outpatient Haemodialysis Centres**	**Ajish K. Thankachan**
15:25 - 15:35	**Leveraging Artificial Intelligence to Uncover the Genetic Determinants of Antimicrobial Resistance in Clinical Isolates from The UAE**	**Maitha AlShamsi**
15:35 - 15:45	**Using PDCA- based quality improvement to reduce needle stick injuries in a tertiary healthcare facility**	**Sony Antony**
15:45 -16:15	**Closing Ceremony**	

HALL C - Scientific Workshops

08:30 -10:30	**WHONET Workshop**	**Pramod R. Chhabrani**
10:45 - 12:45	**Water Infection Control Risk Assessment (WICRA) Workshop**	**Ajish Thankachan**

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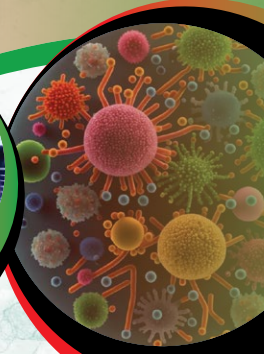

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