


# Agenda

**DAY 1 - Friday**

**10 April 2026**

08:00 - 08:30	Registration	
08:30 - 10:00	Session 1: Antimicrobial Resistance	<b>HALL A</b>
	<b>Chairs: Ahmad Lutfi Subhi, Nehad Alshirawi</b>	
08:30 - 08:50	Two-year outcomes of the GCC Expert Hub in IPC and AMR	Majid Al Shamrani
08:50 - 09:10	The End of IPC	Andreas Voss
09:10 - 09:30	AMR in One Health partnerships	Jomana Musmar
09:30 - 09:50	Antimicrobial Resistance in the GCC: Regional Trends, Clinical Impact, and Stewardship Responses: How the GCC Is Shaping a Regional Model	Jameela Alsalman
09:50 - 10:00	Panel Discussion	

10:00 - 10:15		Opening Ceremony
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10:15 - 10:45	Coffee Break
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**HALL A - Infection Control**

**HALL B - Antimicrobial Stewardship**

10:45 - 12:15	Session 2: Infection Prevention and Control	<b>Chairs: Hajer Ali AIDhanhani, Fatema Saeed</b>
10:45 - 11:05	Turning Compliance Fatigue into Sustainable IPC: Human-Centered Infection Prevention in Action	Abeer Rajeh Khalil
11:05 - 11:25	Infection control for Carbapenem Resistant Enterobacteriales: 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

10:45 - 12:15	Session 4: Antimicrobial Stewardship	<b>Chairs: Rania Ellababidi, Sameera Al Johani</b>
10:45 - 11:05	Antifungal Resistant Fungi in a One-Health Context: Global Challenges and Perspectives	Rajeev Soman
11:05 - 11:25	TBC	Jehad Abdalla
11:25 - 11:45	De-escalation of antibiotics: When, How and Why it fails?	Ahmad Lutfi Subhi
11:45 - 12:05	Physicians as economist, Value based medicine in pediatrics ID practice	Huda Aldhanhani

12:05 - 12:15	Panel Discussion
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12:15 - 12:45	Industry Symposium 1
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12:45 - 14:00	Friday Prayer & Lunch Break
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14:00 - 15:30	Session 3: Infection Prevention and Control	<b>Chairs: Huda Al Hosani, Elias Tannous</b>
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14:00 - 15:30	Session 5: Antimicrobial Stewardship	<b>Chairs: Moeena Zain, Salma AlShamsi</b>
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14:00 - 14:20	Prevention of Surgical Site Infections: Challenging current WHO guidelines	Andreas Widmer
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14:00 - 14:20	Infectious Diseases in a Warming World: New Pathogens, New Patterns, New Risks	Jameela Alsalman
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14:20 - 14:40	If it works, why aren't we doing it? The psychology and politics of IPC implementation	Martin Kiernan
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14:20 - 14:40	Antimicrobial Stewardship Center of Excellence: A Journey Toward Best-in-Class Stewardship	Rania El Lababidi
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14:40 - 15:00	Fungal versus bacterial outbreaks: are they really different?	Souha S. Kanj
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14:40 - 15:00	Closteroides Difficile: A regional perspective	Layla Al-Dabal
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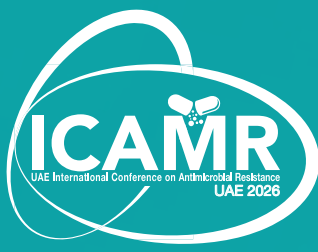
15:00 - 15:20	TBC	Nehad Alshirawi
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15:00 - 15:20	Diagnostic Stewardship; from overuse to optimal use	Sameera Al Johani
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15:20 - 15:30	Panel Discussion
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# Agenda

## DAY 2 - Saturday

11 April 2026

08:00 - 08:30 Registration

### 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 Challenges and Research Priorities to Combat AMR: Showcasing MSF Missions as Models for Antibiotic Stewardship

Rami Malaeb

09:10 - 09:30 Impact of Handhygiene and Environmental cleaning on the emergence of antimicrobial resistance

Andreas Widmer

09:30 - 09:50 Vaccines as a Weapon Against Antibiotic/Antimicrobial Resistance

Jomana Musmar

09:50 - 10:00 Panel Discussion

10:00 - 10:30 Industry Symposium 3

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 TBC

Marco Falcone

12:15 - 12:30 Panel Discussion

12:30 - 13:00 Industry Symposium 4

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 Routine Use of Next Generation Sequencing for Multidrug-resistant Organisms in Infection Prevention and Control

Andreas Voss

14:20 - 14:40 Chlorine vs. 'modern' disinfectants

Martin Kiernan

14:40 - 15:00 Is MDRO Screening Really Required? Evidence, Ethics, and Economics

Hajer ALDhanhani

15:00 - 15:05 Q&A

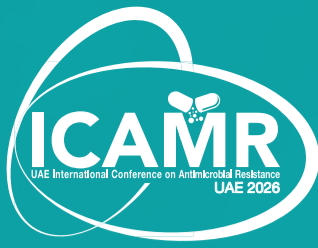
15:05 - 16:00 Abstract Oral Presentation

**Chairs: Abeer Rajeh Khalil, Joseph Tannous**

16:00 - 16:30 Closing Ceremony

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## Workshops

DAY 2 - Saturday

11 April 2026

### Workshop

08:30 - 10:30  
WHONET Workshop

Pramod Chhabrani

### Workshop

10:45 - 12:45  
Water Infection Control Risk Assessment (WICRA) Workshop

Ajish Thankachan